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Subject: FIRST COAST BIBLE CHAPEL

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for \$78.75.

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

niary profit The undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a Corporation not for pecuniary prof pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of such corporation:

#### ARTICLE I Name

The name of this Corporation is: "FIRST COAST BIBLE CHAPEL, INC" 1486 Winston Lane, Orange Park, Fla. 32073 ARTICLE II Office |

The principal office of business of the Corporation shall be the City of Orange Park in the county of Clay in the State of Florida, or at any other place designated from time to time by the Board of Trustees.

#### **ARTICLE III** Nature, Purpose, and Objectives of Corporation

This corporation is a non-profit, non-stock, religious corporation. It is empowered to conduct all legal activities consistent with its status as a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. The object and purpose for which this corporation is formed is to provide a church home for those who have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Savior according to the Scriptures, (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9; I Corinthians 1:18). This corporation shall have no denominational connections and at all times will strictly teach the Word of God as the Holy Spirit reveals it through the study of God's Word. No one will be barred from attending the meetings of the corporation for inability to contribute to same. Membership will consist of those who have, as above stated, accepted The Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and who are now gathering locally as such and known as Christians gathered in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Membership will be determined by the Board of Directors or the oversight by the testimony of the applicant adhering to the principles set forth in the New Testament teachings as to Salvation by Grace and Gathering in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The form of service and method of conducting the service shall be as determined by the Board of Directors or oversight. The corporation shall have the right and power to rent, lease, buy, own and deal in such real estate and personal property as may be appropriate for the conduct of said business of corporation. The enumeration of specific powers in this Article contained shall in no manner be held or construed to limit, abridge or detract from the general powers conferred upon corporations organized under Chapter 617 of the 1946 Code of Florida, and acts amendatory thereof.

#### ARTICLE IV Board of Trustees

The governing body of the corporation shall consist of a Board of Trustees of not less than three, nor more than seven members, with the original Board of Trustees to be elected at the first meeting of the incorporators, to serve for a period of one year. Each and every Trustee shall be a member of the Corporation, and if any Trustee shall cease to be a member of the Corporation he shall at once cease to be a Trustee. During each year, Trustees will be re-appointed, or removed, and additional Trustees appointed by the Elders of the Church.

Until the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees in 1999, the following are designated as Officers and Trustees of the corporation:

Andy Hamilton Orange Park, FL President
Dale Hamilton Orange Park, FL Treasurer
Greg Bloch Orange Park, FL Secretary

## ARTICLE V Power of the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees shall have the sole power of governing and managing the affairs of the corporation. In the management and control of the property, business and affairs of the corporation, the Board of Trustees is hereby vested with all of the powers possessed by the corporation itself, so far as the delegation of authority is not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Florida, or the corporation's continued status as a tax-exempt organization, or with the by-laws.

## ARTICLE VI Meetings of the Trustees

The Annual Meeting of the Members shall be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in January of each year, at the principal office of the Corporation in the City of Orange Park, Clay County, Florida. At such meetings, and at all other meetings of the members, each member may, in person or by proxy, cast one (1) vote. Special meetings of the members may be called by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors, or upon written request made either to the President or Secretary by more than one-half of the members. The Secretary shall give notice of any such special meeting by mailing to the last known post-office address of each member a notice specifying the date, place and hour thereof, at least five (5) days prior thereto.

Although the notice of the meeting should, when feasible, state the business to be transacted, the failure to so state shall not preclude the transaction of any business coming before the meeting.

### ARTICLE VII Meetings of the Trustees

A majority of the members of the Board of Trustees as constituted from time to time shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and no action shall be taken by the Board except by vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present or represented by proxy.

## ARTICLE VIII Officers and Duties

The Officers of the corporation shall be elected from members of the Board of Trustees and shall consist of a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting and serve until the next annual meeting, or until their successors are appointed and take office.

The President of the Board of Trustees shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall preside at all meetings, or shall designate a member of the Board to preside in his place. The President shall, unless some other person is duly authorized by vote of the Board of Trustees, sign all bonds, notes, deeds, mortgages, trust instruments, leases, and contracts of the corporation in the name of the corporation. He shall perform all duties incident to his office and others as directed by the Board.

The Secretary shall have the custody of all the records of the corporation, keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the Board of trustees, and perform all of the duties commonly incident to other powers, as the Board of Trustees shall designate. He shall sign his name in attestation to all of the documents of the corporation signed by the President.

The Treasurer shall have custody of the funds and securities of the corporation, receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the corporation from any source, and deposit all funds in the name of the corporation in such banks or other financial institutions as may be duly designated as depositories of the corporation by the Board of Trustees; in general perform all of the duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or the Board of Trustees.

# ARTICLE IX Replacement of Officers and Members of the Board of Trustees

In the event any officer or member of the Board of Trustees resigns, dies, or leaves the Board for any reason; he will be replaced at the next annual meeting by additional members appointed by the Elders. If insufficient members of the Board remain during any year to constitute a quorum, then the Elders may at their discretion, appoint at any time during the year an additional member or members of the Board of Trustees who will then take office at a special meeting called by the President of the Board.

#### ARTICLE X Membership

The members of the corporation shall be those persons who have received the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Savior, and who are in regular attendance at the meetings of the Church as determined by the Elders of the Church.

#### ARTICLE XI Amendments

Amendments to these Articles may be made from time to time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Trustees, except that no such amendment retroactive in effect shall impair the obligation of any existing contract.

# ARTICLE XII Private Liability

The private property of the Members shall be exempt from corporate liability and debts.

### ARTICLE XIII Dissolution of Corporation

In the event that this corporation should dissolve or be liquidated, after paying of making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purpose of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall a the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine.

# ARTICLE XIV Registered Agent/Incorporator

The name and address of the of the Incorporator/Registered Agent are:

I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities of Registered Agent.

Andre C Hamilton

Andy C. Hamilton 1486 Winston Lane

Orange Park, FL 32073

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Signature/Incorporator/Registered Agent

Date

8-23-98