TRANSMITTAL LETTER Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314 SUBJECT: Victory Baptist Church, Inc. of Lake Alfred, Florida (Proposed corporate name - must include suffix) Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for : \$131.25 \$122.50 **578.75** \$70.00 Filing Fee, Filing Fee Filing Fee Filing Fee Certified Copy & Certified Copy & Certificate & Certificate ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED FROM: C/O James P. Hawkins Name (Printed or typed) 202 Tradewind Court Address FL 33881 Winter Haven, City, State & Zip

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

Daytime Telephone number

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## **Articles of Incorporation**

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: Victory Baptist Church, Inc. of Lake Alfred, Florida.

## ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be: 365 West Terrace Reentle, Lake Alfred, Florida 33850. The mailing address for all legal correspondence shall be C/O James P. Hawkins P. O. Box 564 Lake Alfred, FL 33850-0564.

### ARTICLE III PURPOSE(S)

The specific purpose(s) for which this corporation is organized is (are): to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and to proclaim the truths of His Holy Word from the King James Bible. The general nature of the objectives and purposes of this corporation shall be to administrate a church composed of a body of believers in Jesus Christ, organized to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to teach the principals and precepts of Christianity as revealed in the authorized King James Bible.

## ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is stated in the official Church bylaws retained in the officials records of the church and held in the corporate business office.

## ARTICLE V CORPORATE POWERS

We believe that God ordained and created all authority and that every person is answerable to God and governed by His word. All corporate powers will be limited only by His divine will.

## <u>ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE</u>

The initial registered agent of this corporation shall be James P. Hawkins. The official church office shall be located at 365 West Terrace Avenue of Lake Alfred, Florida 33850.

# ARTICLE VII, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MEMBERSHIP, & BUSINESS AFFAIRS SECTION 1. INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. This corporation shall have four (4) directors initially. The number of directors may be increased from time to time, by the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three. The Board of Directors shall be members of the corporation. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected and hold office in accordance with the Bylaws. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors for the ensuing year, or until the first annual meeting of the corporation, are:

President/Director Pastor James P. Hawkins 202 Tradewind Court Winter Haven, FL 33881

Secretary/Director Florence A. Hawkins 202 Tradewind Circle Winter Haven, FL 33881 Vice-Pres./Director Bruce D. Lucas P. O. Box 564 Lake Alfred, FL 33850

Treasurer/Director
Mary E. Lucas
P. O. Box 564
Lake Alfred, FL 33850

### SECTION II PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office and notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### **SECTION 3 MEMBERSHIP**

The qualification for members and the manner of their admission to membership or termination of membership shall be regulated as specified in the Church Bylaws.

## SECTION 4 TRANSFERABILITY OF MEMBERSHIP

Members can be transferred from another Bible-believing church of like faith and practice, or other written statement of good standing from a prior church if the applicant has been baptized by immersion subsequent to a profession of faith.

## SECTION 5 DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

No person, firm or corporation shall ever receive any dividends or profits from the undertaking of this corporation and upon dissolution of this organization all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to organizations which have qualified for exemption under Section 501 c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code, or to the Federal government, or to a State or local government for a public purpose, and none of the assets will be distributed to any member, officer or trustee of this corporation. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court, or Court of General Jurisdiction, of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned subscribing incorporators, have hereunto set our hands and seals, this 18th day of October 1998, for the purpose of forming this Corporation Not For Profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

Pastor James P. Hawkins - Pres./Director

Bruce D. Lucas -Vice Pres./Director

State of Florida County of Polk

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 18th day of October 1998, by James P. Hawkins and Bruce D. Lucas who are personally known to me or have produced identification.

NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF FLORIDA RANDALL E. MIKELL COMMISSION # CC595467 EXPIRES 11-4-2000 BONDED THRU ASA 1-888-NOTARY1

Notary - State of Florida

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is:

James P. Hawkins 202 Tradewind Court Winter Haven, FL 33881

Signature / Incorporator

Date

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Signature / Registered Agent

Date

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