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NAME: GRACE PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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SUBJECT: GRACE PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.  
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We have received your document for GRACE PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. and the authorization to debit your account in the amount of \$. However, the document has not been filed and is being returned for the following:

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
GRACE PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH,  
A FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

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ARTICLE ONE

NAME

The name of the corporation is GRACE PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

ARTICLE TWO

DURATION

The term of existence of the Corporation is perpetual; and the corporate existence will commence upon the filing of these articles by the Department of State.

ARTICLE THREE

PURPOSE

The purpose for which the Corporation is organized is:

To exalt our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through obedience to His word and worship, and to evangelize the world through effective witness and support, and to edify fellow Believers, through fellowship and instruction, in Bradenton and beyond.

ARTICLE FOUR

CAPITAL STOCK

The corporation, a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, shall have no capital stock and no member shall have any right or title to any asset of the corporation.

ARTICLE FIVE

DIRECTORS

There shall be members of the initial Board of Directors of

the Corporation. The number of Directors shall not be less than four (4) nor more than ten (10). The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors until the first election thereof are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
REV. JOHNN J. SEARLES, JR.	1524-27th Ave. E. Bradenton, FL
SHERMAN DOZIER	1925 20th St. S. St. Petersburg, FL
ADRIENNE REDDICK	6037 34th St. W. Bradenton, FL
YVONNE BUNDRAGE	1002 110th St. E. Bradenton, FL

The manner in which the directors shall be elected or appointed is as stated in the by-laws.

#### ARTICLE SIX

#### REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The initial registered Office of the Corporation shall be located at 236 Dr. Martin Luther King Ave. W. Bradenton, Florida 34205. The initial registered agent of the Corporation at that address shall be JOHNN J. SEARLES, JR. The principal address is the same as the registered office.

#### ARTICLE SEVEN

#### MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have members. Membership is obtained by an affirmative vote of the Church. Persons eligible for presentation to the church for membership after examination by the pastor or the one serving in his stead, to determine their Christian experience are:

1. Those who confess Jesus Christ to be their savior and Lord;

2. Those coming, if previously immersed, by letter from another Baptist church (of like faith and order);

3. Those having previously been Baptists, properly immersed, but either because of inaccessibility of records or because of having belonged to a church of another denomination in the interim, by statement of faith.

4. Those coming by statement that they have previously accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and subsequently have been non-sacramentally immersed in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit authorized by a church of like faith and order, and who openly express a desire to join GRACE PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.; or

5. Those coming by statement of previous salvation experience and who are willing to be immersed or reimmersed.

Those persons joining under #1 or #5 become candidates for baptism. Once accepted and baptized, the new members enter into

the membership of the church.

## ARTICLE EIGHT

### EARNINGS

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, directors, 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 purpose as stated above. 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 any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) 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 law, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax law.

## ARTICLE NINE

### DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the members shall distribute the property of the Corporation to such other organization or organizations maintaining an objective similar to that set forth herein, which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

## ARTICLE TEN

### OFFICERS

The names and residence addresses of the initial officers of the corporation are:

NAME	ADDRESS
President - REV. JOHNN J. SEARLES, JR.	1524 27th Ave. E. Bradenton, Florida 34208

Vice President - SHERMAN DOZIER

1925 20th St. S.  
St. Petersburg, Florida

Treasurer - ADRIENNE REDDICK

6037 34th St. W.  
Bradenton, Florida 34210

Secretary - YVONNE BUNDRAGE

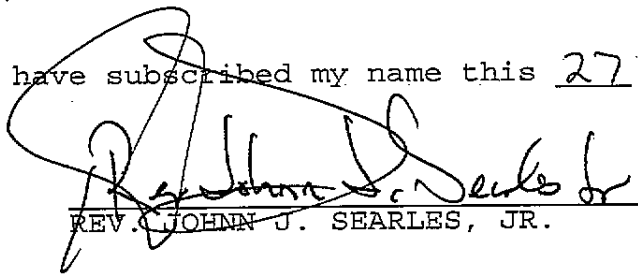
1002 110th St. E.  
Bradenton, Florida 34202

ARTICLE ELEVEN  
SUBSCRIBER

The name and residence address of the subscriber to these article of incorporation is:

REV. JOHNN J. SEARLES, JR., 1524 27th Ave. E. Bradenton, Florida 34208

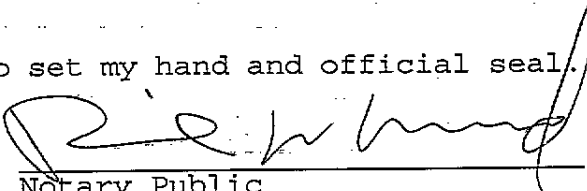
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name this 27 day of April, 1999.

  
REV. JOHNN J. SEARLES, JR.

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF MANATEE

On this 27 day of April, 1999, before me, the undersigned officer personally appeared REV. JOHNN J. SEARLES, JR., known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes stated therein. He is personally known to me or provided \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

  
Notary Public



RICHARD W. WOOD  
COMMISSION # CC 707430  
EXPIRES FEB 11, 2002  
BONDED THRU  
ATLANTIC BONDING CO., INC.

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF  
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 607.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the state of Florida, submits the following statement designating the registered office/registered agent, in the state of Florida.

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

1. The name of the corporation is: GRACE PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
CHURCH, INC.

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:  
JOHNN J SEARLES, JR.  
(Name)  
236 Dr. Martin Luther King Ave. W. Bradenton, FL 34205  
(P.O. Box NOT acceptable)  
(City/State/Zip)

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

JOHNN J. SEARLES, JR.

DATE

April 27, 1999

REGISTERED AGENT FILING FEE: \$35.00

DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, P.O. BOX 6327, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32314