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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

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### OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH OF JACKSON COUNTY, INC.

#### **ARTICLE I**

#### NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS OF CORPORATION

The name of the corporation is:

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH OF JACKSON COUNTY, INC.

ARTICLE II

**DURATION** 

The duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE III** 

#### **PURPOSES**

The purpose of the corporation is as follows:

- A. This corporation is not-for-profit corporation organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. It is not organized for the private gain of any person. The specific purposes of this corporation as operation of a Christian Church.
- B. The exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporation.
- C. Provided, however, that the corporation shall not engage in any action which is not permitted to be carried on by nonprofit corporations under the Internal Revenue Code and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directions, or officers; but the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation to these people for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its state purposes.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

A. <u>Membership Eligibility</u>. Membership in this body shall be open to all those who give evidence of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and who voluntarily subscribed to

its tenets of faith and agree to be governed by its constitution and by-laws as herein set forth.

- B. <u>Voting Membership</u>. All those who meet the scriptural standards for membership, whose names appeared on the original membership roll of the Church at the time the church was first organized, together with those names which shall be added from time to time, shall constitute the legal voting membership of the church, provided they are sixteen (16) years of age or over, that they regularly attend the means of grace and take part in agreement with our distinctive testimony.
- C. <u>Junior Membership</u>. There shall be a non-voting Junior Membership for young people under sixteen (16) years of age who give evidence of the New Birth, having received Christ as personal Savior, and who meet the qualifications for membership established by this body.
- D. <u>Inactive Membership</u>. Enrolled members who shall, without good cause, absent themselves from the services of the church for a period of three (3) consecutive months or more, and who cease to contribute of their means to its support, who may have fallen under condemnation through sinful or worldly practices, shall be considered as inactive members and shall lose their voting privileges until they are restored to the fellowship, their standing to be settled by the definite action of the body through its elected officers.
- E. <u>Honorary Members</u>. Honorary members shall consist of those members who have entered the ministry as Pastors, Evangelists, Missionaries, Religious Educators, or those serving in the Armed Services, which makes it impossible to serve as active members. Honorary membership recognition shall continue as long as the member maintains a consistent Christian life and remains sound in doctrine and maintains a cooperative attitude toward the Church. (Voting privilege may be granted at the discretion of the body.)
- F. <u>Associate Members</u>. The Board of Deacons shall be authorized to make provisions for associate (non-voting) members when such persons may have to be absent from their home church for prolonged periods of time such as attending college in the city where the church is located.

#### ARTICLE V

#### INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The initial registered agent is **JERRY CORBIN** and the initial registered office is 793 Fifth Street, Chipley, Florida 32428.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The initial Board of Directors shall have five (5) members whose names and addresses are:

ROY WEST 2497 DOTTIE WEST ROAD CHIPLEY, FLORIDA 32428

CECIL TAYLOR 442 PLEAS CIRCLE CHIPLEY, FLORIDA 32428

FRANCES McCLAIN 2125 GILBERT MILL ROAD COTTONDALE, FLORIDA 32431

HENRY BUTLER 1008 EAST JACKSON AVENUE CHIPLEY, FLORIDA 32428

JERRY CORBIN 793 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET CHIPLEY, FLORIDA 32428

The number of directors may be raised or lowered by amendment of the By-Laws but shall in no case be less than three (3). Further, the manner in which the Directors are elected or appointed may be provided for in the By-Laws. The Corporation's principal office is 1618 Palmview Road, Cottondale, Florida 32431.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### **OFFICERS**

The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer. Other officers may be provided for in the By-Laws. Each Officer shall be elected by the Board of Directors (and may be removed by the Board of Directors) at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the By-Laws.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **NONSTOCK BASIS**

The Corporation is organized (and shall be operated) on a nonstock basis within the meaning of the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, and shall not have the power to issue shares of any type or class of stock, but may issue membership certificates if so provided in the By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### **EARNINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF CORPORATION**

- A. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable 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 purposes set forth in Article III hereof.
- B. 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.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision 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 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- D. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE X

#### **DEDICATION OF ASSETS**

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious, educational, charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of the corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

#### **AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE**

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors and presented to a quorum of members for their vote in the manner set forth in the By-Laws of this corporation.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

#### INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation is **JERRY CORBIN**, 793  $5^{th}$  Street, Chipley, Florida 32428.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has signed these Articles of Incorporation on this 27th day of May, 1999.

JERRY CORBIN, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

BEFORE ME, personally appeared JERRY CORBIN, to me well known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged to and before me that he executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged to and before me that he executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this day of May, 1999.

My Commission Expires: My Commission Number:

Shawna Faison/Notary Public

## CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING RESIDENT AGENT AND FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS

That OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH OF JACKSON COUNTY, INC., desiring to organize as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office in the City of Chipley, County of Washington, Florida, has named JERRY CORBIN, located at 795 5th Street, City of Chipley, County of Washington, Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the nonprofit corporation named above, at the place designated in the certificate, I agree to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the statutory provisions relative to the maintenance of an office.

JERRY CORBIN, Register Agent

## STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

BEFORE ME, personally appeared JERRY CORBIN, to me well known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged to and before me that he executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this at day of May, 1999.

My Commission Expires:

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