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**AMENDED AND RESTATED  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
THE GAINESVILLE CHURCH, INC.**

SECRETARY OF STATE :  
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The undersigned, Steven R. Summers, President of THE GAINESVILLE CHURCH, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation (the "Corporation"), for and on behalf of the Corporation, hereby executes these Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation:

**ARTICLE FIRST:** The name of the Corporation is THE GAINESVILLE CHURCH, INC. (Florida Document #N99000003896).

**ARTICLE SECOND:** The amendment and restatement of the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation reflected herein was duly adopted by the Corporation by a proposal of a majority of the Board of Trustees of the Corporation and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Members of the Corporation at a joint meeting of the Members and the Board of Trustees held on the 3rd day of October, 2018, in accordance with section 617.1002 of the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act. The number of votes cast for the amendment and restatement was sufficient for approval.

**ARTICLE THIRD:** The effective date of these Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation shall be upon the filing thereof with the Florida Department of State.

**ARTICLE FOURTH:** Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1007 of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation shall provide as follows:

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the Corporation is THE GAINESVILLE CHURCH, INC. (the "Corporation"), a Florida not for profit corporation.

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSES**

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are:

Religious, educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding Section of any future United States Internal Revenue law), including the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

The Corporation shall promote, encourage, foster and engage in the dissemination of religious and moral teaching and instruction for the support of public and worldwide worship in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ as found in the Bible, through all legitimate means, by serving as a church (hereafter "Church"). In general, to do any and all acts and things, and to exercise any and all powers which now or hereafter are lawful for the Corporation to do or

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exercise under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida for the purpose of accomplishing any of the purposes of the Corporation.

The purposes for which this Corporation is organized shall be limited to those which are strictly charitable. In no event shall this Corporation engage in any activity which would be contrary to the purposes and activities: (1) permitted to be engaged in by any organization the activities of which are exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or (2) of a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder.

The Corporation shall not engage, nor shall any of its funds, property, or income be used, in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall the Corporation participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, nor shall the Corporation engage in subversive activities. The Corporation shall not conduct its business or affairs in such a manner as to discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, sex, or age.

The Corporation shall not be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on an unrelated trade or business as defined in Section 513 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder.

No compensation shall be paid to any Member, officer, Trustee, creator or organizer of the Corporation or substantial contributor to it except as a reasonable allowance for services actually rendered to or for the Corporation.

The Corporation is organized to serve public interests. Accordingly, it shall not be operated for the benefit of private interests.

It is the specific intention of the Corporation that the purposes and application of the Corporation be as broad as permitted by the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Section 617.0301, Florida Statutes, but only to the extent that the Corporation qualifies as a tax exempt organization within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) and Section 170 of the Code.

### **ARTICLE III - POWERS**

The Corporation shall have all the powers granted to not for profit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida which are necessary or convenient to effect any and all purposes for which the Corporation is organized. In no event, however, shall the Corporation have or exercise any power which would cause it not to qualify as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) or Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder; nor shall the Corporation engage directly or indirectly in any activity which would cause the loss of such qualification. No part of the assets or the net earnings, current or accumulated, of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private individual.

### **ARTICLE IV - MEMBERS**

Any individual may become a Member of the Corporation regardless of race or nationality. To attain membership an individual must subscribe to the teachings of the Bible in both form and practice. This includes believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, repenting of

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prior sins, being baptized into Christ and continuing to accept Jesus Christ as the Lord of one's life and being acknowledged by the Elders or Evangelists of the Church to be a Member of the Church or in the event no Elders or Evangelists exist, by a majority of the individuals who have been carried on the Church records as Members for at least one (1) year. Voting rights of Members shall be as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

A Member shall automatically cease to be a Member of the Corporation when he or she ceases to be actively involved in the work and worship of the Church for any reason, or if an individual is no longer recognized as a Member by the Elders or Evangelists, or in the event no Elders or Evangelists exist, by a majority of the individuals who have been shown on the Church records as Members for at least one (1) year.

#### **ARTICLE V - TERM OF EXISTENCE**

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### **ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS, TRUSTEES AND ELDERS**

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Elders of the Corporation, if the Corporation has selected Elders who are then serving. In the absence of Elders, the affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Trustees subject to the conditions set forth herein. The length of terms to be served, qualifications, number of Trustees and the manner of their election and removal shall be set forth in the Bylaws of this Corporation. The Elders shall be selected by a process as set forth in the Scriptures and established by the Evangelist and existing Elders, if any, or existing Board of Trustees. Elders may be removed as provided in the Scriptures.

The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, one (1) or more Vice Presidents (if any), a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Board of Trustees may elect a Chairman of the Board of Trustees to preside at meetings if it deems fit to do so. The length of terms to be served, qualifications, manner of election and removal of officers shall be set forth in the Bylaws of this Corporation. Officers may be re-elected to serve subsequent terms.

#### **ARTICLE VII - NAMES OF OFFICERS**

The names of the officers who are to serve until the next election pursuant to the Bylaws of the Corporation are as follows:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Office</u></b>
Steven R. Summers	President
Hilton Soto	Vice President
Art Colson	Secretary
Alan Henry	Treasurer

#### **ARTICLE VIII - BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The number of persons constituting the current Board of Trustees shall be seven (7); provided, however, that the number of Trustees may expand as provided in the Corporation's Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3). The names and addresses of the persons elected to serve as Trustees until the next election pursuant to the Bylaws of the Corporation are as follows:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Steven R. Summers	2720 SW 2nd Avenue Gainesville, Florida 32607-3108
Art Colson	2720 SW 2nd Avenue Gainesville, Florida 32607-3108
Alan Henry	2720 SW 2nd Avenue Gainesville, Florida 32607-3108
Randy Scott	2720 SW 2nd Avenue Gainesville, Florida 32607-3108
Mark Sullivan	2720 SW 2nd Avenue Gainesville, Florida 32607-3108
Bob Cantway	2720 SW 2nd Avenue Gainesville, Florida 32607-3108
Hilton Soto	2720 SW 2nd Avenue Gainesville, Florida 32607-3108

#### **ARTICLE IX - BYLAWS**

The Bylaws of the Corporation shall be initially approved by majority vote of the Board of Trustees. Thereafter, the Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed, from time to time, in whole or in part, by majority vote of the Board of Trustees then in office subject to the approval of the Elders (or the Evangelist if there are no Elders). Any Bylaw provision that requires the vote of a larger proportion of, or all of, the Trustees than is otherwise required by the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, shall not be altered, amended, or repealed except by the greater vote.

#### **ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in the Articles of Incorporation or any amendment hereto. Said amendment shall be approved by majority vote of the Board of Trustees then in office subject to the approval of the Elders (or the Evangelist if there are no Elders). No amendment shall be allowed which would in any way jeopardize the Corporation's tax exemption under Section 501(c)(3) or Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder.

#### **ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION**

Upon the liquidation or dissolution of the Corporation, its assets, if any, remaining after payment (or provision for payment) of all liabilities of the Corporation, shall be distributed to any designated church of Christ or corporation that is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes and is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as hereafter amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be distributed by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is located to such organization or organizations as said Court

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shall determine. No part of the assets or the net earnings, current or accumulated, of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of a private individual.

**ARTICLE XII - REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The street address of the registered office of this Corporation is:

301 E. Pine Street, Suite 1400  
Orlando, Florida 32801

The name of the registered agent of this Corporation is:

William A. Boyles, Esq.

**ARTICLE XIII - CORPORATION'S PRINCIPAL OFFICE  
AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The principal office and mailing address of this Corporation is: 2720 SW 2nd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32607-3108.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2018.

  
Steven R. Summers, President

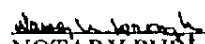
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The foregoing Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2018, by Steven R. Summers, President, ☐ who is personally known to me or ☒ who produced a Florida driver's license as identification and who did not take an oath.

(Affix Notary Seal)

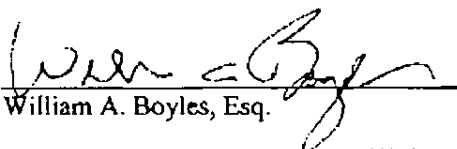


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**CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE AS REGISTERED AGENT**

The undersigned, having been named as Registered Agent and to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation at the place designated in the foregoing Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, hereby accepts this appointment as such Registered Agent and agrees to act in this capacity. The undersigned further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of the undersigned's duties. The undersigned further certifies that the undersigned is familiar with and accepts the obligations of such position as Registered Agent.

  
William A. Boyles, Esq.