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Attention: Filing Section

In re: The Great Commission Baptist Church of Lakeland, Florida, Inc.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herein please find Articles of Incorporation for captioned church, together with Registered Agent form attached thereto and check in the sum of \$78.75 representing filing fee.

When said Articles have been filed, please furnish a certified copy thereof to the undersigned in the envelope provided.

Thank you.

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Enclosure

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

September 2, 1999

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SUBJECT: THE GREAT COMMISSION BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAKELAND,

FLORIDA, INC.

Ref. Number: W99000020381

We have received your document for THE GREAT COMMISSION BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 617.0803, Florida Statutes, requires that the board of directors never have fewer than three directors.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6927.

Letter Number: 999A00043755

Tracy Smith Document Specialist

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE GREAT COMMISSION BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAKELAND, FLOREDA, SNC.

(A Corporation Not For Profit)

We, the undersigned incorporators, all being of legal age and competent to contract, do hereby associate together for the purpose of organizing a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida and do hereby make, subscribe, acknowledge and file these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is: THE GREAT COMMISSION BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA, INC.

ARTICLE II

The purpose of this corporation is to proclaim to all peoples the good news that Christ is the way of salvation; to magnify God through the preaching and teaching of the Holy Bible; to promote individual and collective divine worship; to provide opportunities for training, service, fellowship and Christian growth; to administer the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper; to care for the physical and spiritual needs of persons; to strengthen and uphold the moral fiber of its members and society in general; and to subscribe to the doctrinal statement of The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE III

Every person who believes in repentance toward God and has faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and who is willing to confess Him publicly as Lord and King, to follow Him in baptism by immersion, and to observe the ordinances of Christ and be governed by His laws, is qualified and eligible for membership in said corporation. The manner of admission to membership in said corporation shall be by letter of recommendation from other churches of like faith and order, by profession of faith, or by

statement of faith as hereinbefore provided, and for baptism, according to the policies of said corporation, upon a favorable majority vote of the membership of said corporation present at any meeting of said Church. The present membership of The Great Commission Baptist Church of Lakeland, Florida (unincorporated) and those hereafter admitted to such membership shall constitute the membership of this corporation.

ARTICLE IV

The corporation shall have perpetual existence unless sooner dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE V

The Directors of the corporation shall be elected from and by the membership of the corporation (the church body). A simple majority is necessary to elect.

ARTICLE VI

All legal instruments of the corporation shall be signed by the President, sealed with the corporate seal and attested by the Secretary, or in such other manner as may be authorized by the Bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE VII

The names and addresses of the officers and directors, who are subject to the bylaws and these Articles of Incorporation, shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified, shall be:

EDWIN G. HOLTON 4480 Old Colony Road Mulberry, FL 33860

President and Director

GINA CARR 5409 Lake Luther Road Lakeland, FL 33805 Secretary/Treasurer and Director

DR. ROY V. LIBURD 738 Candyce Avenue Lakeland, FL 33805

Director

ARTICLE VIII

The original Bylaws of this corporation shall be made and adopted by the members by a majority vote thereof. Thereafter, the Articles of Incorporation may be amended and the Bylaws may be amended, changed, repealed, or enlarged by the members of the

corporation by a majority vote of the members present at any regular business meeting of the corporation, or at any special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE IX

The street address of the initial principal office of this corporation is 2120 Sylvester Road, Lakeland, Florida 33803, and the name of the initial Registered Agent of this corporation is EDWIN G. HOLTON, whose residence address is 4480 Old Colony Road, Mulberry, FL 33860.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned subscribing incorporators, have hereunto set our hands and seals this 23^{ch} day of August, 1999, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

Edwin G. Holton

Gina Carr

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF POLK

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 23 day of August, 1999, by EDWIN G. HOLTON, who is personally known to me or who has produced as identification.



Notary Public, State of Florida at Large

My Commission expires: 7-23-03

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF POLK

The foregoing ins	strument was	acknowled	lged before me	on this
23 ⁴ day of August, 19	999, by GINA	CARR, who	is personally	known to
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Notary Public, State of Florida at Large

My Commission expires: η-23-03

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CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 48.091, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

FIRST--THAT THE GREAT COMMISSION BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA, INC., DESIRING TO ORGANIZE OR QUALIFY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, WITH ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AT CITY OF LAKELAND, STATE OF FLORIDA, HAS NAMED EDWIN G. HOLTON, LOCATED AT 4480 OLD COLONY ROAD, CITY OF MULBERRY, STATE OF FLORIDA, AS ITS AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA.

SIGNATURE

Edwin G. Holton

(Corporate Officer)

TITLE

President

DATE

August <u>23</u>, 1999

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY, AND I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH, AND ACCEPT, THE OBLIGATIONS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 607.325.

SIGNATURE 9

Edwin G. Holton (Registered Agent)

DATE August <u>23</u>, 1999

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