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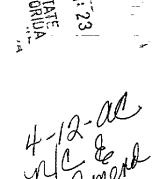
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# ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

to

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

Byrd Ministrie (present name)	s. Inc.	
(present name)		<u> </u>
Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida nonprofit corporation adopts the following articles of an	Statutes, the undersigned Fi endment to its articles of in	lorida scorporation
FIRST: Amendment(s) adopted: (INDICATE ARTICLE N	UMBER(S) BEING AMENDED	, ADDED OR
NAME - amended to MorningStar Chur	ch , Inc.	
PREAMBLE - amended		
ARTICLES - numbers 1,2,3,4, and	10 have been amended	
- former numbers 10, 11 a	nd 12 have become 11	, 12
and 13, respective	ly	
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President		DF ST
Title	March 28, 2000 B	
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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF MORNINGSTAR CHURCH, INC.

#### **PREAMBLE**

We hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of establishing and constituting a Christian Church in accordance with the laws of God and pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Statutes of the State of Florida relative to corporations not for profit. We publicly declare that we are a religious, non-profit organization, not being operated for financial gain or profit of any person or group, and that all net receipts of the aforementioned group shall be used only for religious, charitable, and educational purposes. As such, in covenant we hereby subscribe these Articles with the Secretary of State for the purpose of establishing this Corporation.

#### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Corporation is MorningStar Church, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II - TERMS OF EXISTENCE

This Corporation, beginning on October 29, 1999 as Byrd Ministries, Inc., is amended as MorningStar Church, Inc., on March 28, 2000, and thereafter shall exist perpetually.

#### ARTICLE III - PURPOSES

The purposes for which this Corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. Specifically this Corporation's purposes are:

- A. To worship the one true Jehovah God, exalting His Son and our Savior Jesus Christ through passionate, Bible-centered worship.
- B. To connect people in meaningful, life-giving relationships that cross all boundaries of race, class, denomination and background.
- C. To disseminate the Gospel of Jesus Christ, His unfailing love, and God's Holy Word, so that unbelievers may be evangelized, hurting people may find hope, and believers may mature in their Christian experience and be prepared for ministry. This will be accomplished through preaching, teaching, training, servant ministries, music, drama, and publishing and distributing Christian written and electronic media.
- D. To perform the ordinances of the Church, including water baptism for believers and the celebration of Holy Communion.

- E. To plan and establish churches, outreach missions, educational programs, and charitable enterprises.
- F. To license, ordain, and send forth Christian workers, ministers, teachers and missionaries.
- G. To conduct any and all lawful activity not specifically prohibited to nonprofit corporations by the laws of the State of Florida and to corporations exempt from Federal taxation.

<u> ARTICLE IV – PRINCIPAL OFFICE</u>

While the future principal office can be within or without the state of Florida (at the discretion of the Board of Directors), the initial principal office and mailing address of this Corporation are:

> MorningStar Church, Inc. 15809 Hound Horn Lane Tampa, FL 33624

# <u>ARTICLE V – REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE</u>

The official registered agent of this Corporation, along with his address, is:

Tony Byrd 15809 Hound Horn Lane Tampa, FL 33624

### <u>ARTICLE VI – FUNCTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ITS</u> **OFFICERS**

The affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors (at least 3 in number) who shall be elected annually by majority vote of the members of this Corporation at a duly called meeting as provided in the Bylaws. The Board of Directors will then out of its number elect officers who will hold the positions of President, Vice President and Secretary, as well as any other positions provided for in the Bylaws of this Corporation. The duties of the respective officers and the manner of filling a vacancy in any office of this Corporation shall be provided in the Bylaws.

Meetings of the Board of Directors for the purpose of conducting any business may be held within or without the state of Florida, providing a majority is present to provide a quorum.

This Corporation will indemnify the acts of directors and officers acting in their capacities as directors or officers.

Directors and officers of this Corporation may be removed, with or without cause, by the members at a meeting duly called in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

## ARTICLE VII – ORIGINAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The initial board of directors for this Corporation shall consist of six members whose names and addresses follow (officers are listed):

1. Tony Byrd, President

15809 Hound Horn Lane, Tampa, FL, 33624

2. Heather Byrd, Vice President

15809 Hound Horn Lane, Tampa, FL, 33624

3. Mona Coats, Secretary

2142 Redleaf Dr., Brandon, FL 33510

4. Kevin Coats

2142 Redleaf Dr., Brandon, FL, 33510

James Byrd

452 Greystone Lane, Douglasville, GA, 30134

6. Paul Valo

1612 Colleen Dr., Orlando, FL 32809

#### ARTICLE VIII - POWERS

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this Corporation will not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law of an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any other corresponding provisions of any future United States, Internal Revenue law. Further, this Corporation shall exercise corporate powers as set forth in Florida Statutes Not For Profit Corporation Act as it may exist from time to time.

#### ARTICLE IX – MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this Corporation shall be designated, qualified and empowered as follows:

- A. The initial Board of Directors shall comprise the initial membership.
- B. Additional members may be admitted in a non-discriminate manner by way of completing an application process and receiving a majority vote of the acting Board of Directors, provided each candidate for membership is:
  - 1. a professing, born again Christian;
  - 2. dedicated to the purposes of the Corporation;
  - 3. supportive of the Corporation and its purposes, as evidenced through faithful investment of his/her time, gifts and skills, and financial resources.

ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION

MorningStar Church, Inc. is organized pursuant to the General Non-Profit Corporation Laws of the state of Florida. All property of this church organization is irrevocably dedicated to religious and charitable purposes. Upon liquidation, dissolution or abandonment, after all financial liabilities have been paid in full, all the assets shall be distributed to an organization, foundation or fund, organized and operated for religious or charitable purposes and qualified for tax exemption purposes according to the National Tax Exemption Code.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

The Bylaws of this Corporation may be made, altered or rescinded from time to time in whole or in part by a majority vote of the Board of Directors in any meeting duly called and convened.

<u>ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION</u>

These Articles may be amended by resolution adopted by majority vote of the members of this Corporation in any meeting duly called or convened.

ARTICLE XIII - NAME AND ADDRESS OF INCORPORATOR

In witness whereof, the undersigned executes these amended Articles of Incorporation this 28 day of March 2000.

Tony Byrd 15809 Hound Horn Lane Tampa, FL 33524

#### NOTARIZATION

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2000, personally appeared TONY BYRD, to me personally known and by me known to be the person described in and who signed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and with oath acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal the date aforesaid.

Type of Identification

Notary Public, State of Florida

Printed Name

Commission No.

My Commission Expires:



Jefferson W. Craft
MY COMMISSION # CC663469 EXPIRES
July 14, 2001
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

#### REGISTERED AGENT'S AGREEMENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated Corporation, I hereby agree to act in this capacity at the address designated. Further, I agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

Gony Byrd, REGISTERED AGENT

Date: March 28, 2000