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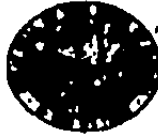
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF THE LEE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.**

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida applicable to corporations not for profit, and respectfully petition the Secretary of State for approval of such incorporation under the following proposed Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE I.**

**NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be LEE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., and its principal place of business and place of worship shall be at County Road 255N, Lee, Florida 32059.

**ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSES**

The general purpose and objects of this corporation shall be to conduct for religious worship and instruction, churches, schools, parsonages, and other institutions connected therewith of a religious, educational, charitable and benevolent character to the end that its own members and others may be generally instructed and guided concerning those articles of faith which are most surely held among Southern Missionary Baptist Churches and to advance spiritual growth and enlightenment, moral and personal purity among its own membership and the people of the community in which it is located; to promote home and foreign missions; and, to aid in the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth;

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also, to educate, prepare and ordain Christian men for the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and for the purpose of promoting the foregoing objects, this corporation shall have the right to acquire, either by gift or purchase, and to hold, own, sell, mortgage, or encumber in any manner, lease and improve real estate and personal property for itself and others, either as Trustee or otherwise.

This corporation shall issue no stock. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers or other private persons except that this 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 this article. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation. This corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, including the publishing or distribution of statements. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law, or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under §170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or

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the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law. On the dissolution of this corporation the board of directors shall dispose of all of the assets of this corporation exclusively for the purposes of this corporation in the manner or to the organization or organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes and that shall at the time qualify as exempt organizations under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of this corporation. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county where the principal office of this corporation is then located exclusively for the purposes or to the organizations that the court determines are organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes.

#### ARTICLE III.

##### USE OF INCOME

All revenue, profit, income and money received from the conduct of such business or enterprise is to be used and employed in religious, educational, charitable, benevolent and missionary work and not for the benefit of the members of said corporation, either individually or collectively.

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## ARTICLE IV.

POWERS

Said corporation is to have the power to do any and all things necessary or expedient for carrying out the said objects and purposes of the corporation and in general to possess all rights, privileges and immunities, and enjoy all the benefits granted to corporations of similar character under the law of the State of Florida.

## ARTICLE V.

RESTRICTIONS

The activities of the Church shall be limited to charitable, educational, philanthropic, and other purposes that permit a corporation to qualify as a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3), of the Internal Revenue Code as presently enacted, or might hereinafter be amended. Any activity in violation of such section of law is strictly prohibited.

## ARTICLE VI.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Every person who believes in repentance toward God, and faith in Jesus Christ, as Savior and Lord, and who is willing to confess to Him publicly as Lord and King and follow Him in baptism by immersion, and to observe the ordinances of Christ and to be governed by His Laws, is qualified and eligible for membership in this corporation.

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## ARTICLE VII

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

The manner of admission to membership in said corporation shall be by letter of dismission from other churches of like faith and order and by satisfactory statement of former membership in a Missionary Baptist Church, and profession of faith as hereinabove provided in Article VII, upon a majority vote of the membership of said corporation present at any meeting of said Church. The present membership of LEE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, not INCORPORATED, OF LEE, FLORIDA, and those hereafter admitted to membership, shall constitute the membership of this corporation.

## ARTICLE VIII

TERM OF EXISTENCE

The corporation shall have perpetual existence, and shall commence its corporate existence as of the date of the filing of these Articles.

## ARTICLE IX

NAME OF INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators of these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Felton Almand	Route 1, Box 185 Lee, Florida 32059
Edgar Barrs, Sr.	Off 255 North - Rutherford Road Post Office Box 33 Lee, Florida 32059

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Simon A. Kinsey, Jr.

206 North Main Street  
Post Office Box 9367  
Lee, Florida 32059

Joe Miller

Route 1, Box 50  
Lee, Florida 32059

Tom Moore

Route 1, Box 155  
Lee, Florida 32059

## ARTICLE X

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The election of Directors of the Corporation shall be stated in the By-Laws.

## ARTICLE XI

INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND RESIDENT AGENT

The initial registered office shall be County Road 255N, Post Office Box 9338, Lee, Florida 32059, and the initial resident agent of the corporation shall be SIMON A. KINSEY, JR., whose address is 206 North Main Street, Lee, Florida 32059.

## ARTICLE XII.

## BY-LAWS

The members of the Church shall have the right to make and adopt such By-Laws as they shall deem proper and advisable and such By-Laws shall be made, altered, or rescinded upon a majority vote of the members present and voting, at any regular or special business meeting of the Church called for that purpose.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said incorporators have hereunto  
set their hands and seals this 28 day of October, A. D. 1996.

Felton Almand  
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Route 1, Box 185  
Lee, Florida 32059

Edgar Barrs, Sr.  
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Off County Road 255N and  
Rutherford Road  
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Simon A. Kinsey, Jr.  
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Joe Miller  
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Route 1, Box 50  
Lee, Florida 32059

Tom Moore  
Tom Moore  
Route 1, Box 155  
Lee, Florida 32059

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF MADISON

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, an officer  
duly authorized in the State an County named above to take  
acknowledgments, personally appeared FELTON ALMAND, EDGAR BARRS,  
SR., SIMON A. KINSEY, JR., JOE MILLER, and TOM MOORE, personally  
known to me to be the persons described as the incorporators in,  
and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and  
acknowledged before me that they subscribed to these Articles of

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Incorporation, and who did not take an oath.

  
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Commission No.

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"OFFICIAL SEAL"  
Dana James  
My Commission Expires 8/18/2000  
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CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OR PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH FLA. STAT. 48.091, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

FIRST-- LEE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., TO ORGANIZE OR QUALIFY UNDER THE LAWS OF FLORIDA, WITH ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AT COUNTY ROAD 255N, LEE, Florida 32059, COUNTY OF MADISON, STATE OF FLORIDA, HAS NAMED SIMON A. KINSEY, JR., 206 NORTH MAIN STREET, LEE, COUNTY OF MADISON, STATE OF FLORIDA, AS ITS AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA.

Felton Almand  
Felton Almand, Incorporator

Edgar Barrs, Sr.  
Edgar Barrs, Sr., Incorporator

Simon A. Kinsey, Jr.  
Simon A. Kinsey, Jr., Incorporator

Joe Miller  
Joe Miller, Incorporator

Tom Moore  
Tom Moore, Incorporator

Dated: October 28, 1996

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.

Simon A. Kinsey, Jr.  
Simon A. Kinsey, Jr.  
Resident Agent

Dated: October 28, 1996

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