

State of Florida



Department of State

I certify the attached is a true and correct copy of the complete file of NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST CHURCH, INCORPORATED OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, filed on March 11, 1963, as shown by the records of this office.

The document number of this corporation is 705306.

Given under my hand and the
Great Seal of the State of Florida
at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the
Second day of January, 2019



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Ken Detzner

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Secretary of State

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST CHURCH, INCORPORATED
OF
MIAMI, FLORIDA

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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:

APPROVED AND FILED
[Signature]

ARTICLE I.

NAME

The name of this corporation shall be

NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST CHURCH, INCORPORATED
OF MIAMI, FLORIDA

and its principal place of business and place of worship shall
be at 4600 N.W. 2nd Avenue, in the City of Miami, County of
Dade and State of Florida.

ARTICLE II.

PURPOSE

The general purposes and objects of this corporation



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shall be to conduct for religious worship and instruction, Churches, schools, parsonages, and other institutions connected therewith of a religious, educational, charity and benevolent character to the end that its own members and others may be generally instructed and guided in the worship of God through the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ; 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 the worship of God by the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ at home and abroad, trusting that as a result sinners shall be saved and believers edified; to establish Churches of like faith wheresoever the Lord shall lead; to promote home and foreign missions, and to aid in the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth; also, to educate, prepare and ordain Christian men for the ministry for 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, to incur indebtedness and to do any and all other things necessary to comply with the Articles of Faith and Church Covenant, which shall be adopted at the first regular business meeting.

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.

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.

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ARTICLE V.

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1, Part I: The membership shall consist of those who have professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour, give evidence of a new life in Him, have been scripturally baptized, and declare themselves in accord with the principles, practices and doctrines of this Church. Only active members fifteen (15) years of age or above shall be entitled to voting privileges in matters of Church business.

Section 1, Part II: An inactive membership roll shall be maintained to which the name of any member may be transferred by the ^{Pastor} Deacon Board where the member, by continued non-attendance and/or non-support, shows lack of interest in the objectives and/or work of the Church. Any such member may be restored to good standing and active membership by the Church after suitable examination by the Deacons as to his purpose and sincerity. Inactive members shall not be entitled to voting privileges in matters of Church business.

Section 2. Candidates for Membership: New members

ARTICLE VI.

TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE VII.

SUBSCRIBERS

The names and addresses of those subscribing to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
<u>A. C. Jolley</u>	<u>14833 N. Spur Dr.</u> Miami, Florida
<u>M. Hill</u>	<u>234 N.W. 44th</u> Miami, Florida
<u>C. C. ...</u>	<u>13105 N.E. 2nd Ave</u> Miami, Florida
<u>M. Johnson</u>	<u>26431 W. Flamingo Dr. Hollywood</u> Miami, Florida
<u>E. V. McKeehan</u>	<u>31 N.W. 58th St.</u> Miami, Florida
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all, being residents of Dade County, Florida.

ARTICLE VIII.

Finance Committee
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Finance Committee sitting as a Board of Trustees.

The Finance Committee shall consist of (3) Pastor, (2) one man elected from the membership at large, (3) Chairman of the Deacon Board, (4) Treasurer, and (5) Finance Secretary. The Finance Committee shall be empowered:

(a) To borrow such monies or funds as are necessary from time to time to carry out the objectives of the Church, subject always, however, to the direction and approval of the majority of the members present at any regular business meeting.

(b) To purchase, sell or otherwise dispose of all materials and equipment, except that without approval of the majority of members present at any regular business meeting, the Committee shall not purchase, sell or dispose of any materials or equipment in excess of One Thousand ^{250K} (~~\$1,000.00~~) Dollars in value.

(c) To care for all the property of the Church, and to do all things incidental to the maintenance and upkeep of said property, and to transact any other business of the Church that may be ordered or directed by a majority of the members present at a regular business meeting.

~~The regular meeting of the Finance Committee shall be every Wednesday night.~~

The present Finance Committee of New Testament Baptist Church of Miami, Florida and whose names are set forth herein shall constitute the Finance Committee and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected, and in accordance with their present terms, to-wit:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Rev. A. C. Janney	14833 N. Spar Drive Miami, Fla.
M. H. Hill	234 N.W. 4th Street Miami, Fla.
C. A. Mastin	13105 N.E. 2nd Avenue Miami, Fla.
M. O. Johnson	2643 W. Flamingo Dr.-West Hollywood Florida
E. V. McKeehan	31 N.W. 58th Street Miami, Fla.

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ARTICLE IX.

OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the Church shall consist of Pastor, Deacons, Finance Committee, Clerk, Financial Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected at the annual Church business meeting. Their term of office shall extend from their election until their successor has been elected and takes office. Other offices and officers may be added as needed. The method of election of all officers provided for herein and for all new officers that may be added from time to time, shall be set forth in the By-Laws, except where the method of election of any particular officers or officer is specifically provided for herein.

Section 2, Pastor: The Pastor shall be chosen for an indeterminate term or dismissed by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting at any business meeting, notice of which shall have been given publicly from the Church pulpit for two (2) successive Sundays preceeding. The Pastor's tenure of office may be terminated by the Pastor

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by giving written notice to the Clerk at least thirty (30) days preceding such intended termination.

Section 3, Deacons: The Church members shall elect Deacons. Three (3) the first year and four (4) the second, and so on alternately. They shall serve (2) years and shall not succeed themselves. It shall be the duties of the Deacons to (1) prepare the elements for and assist the Pastor in administering the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper. (2) Assist the Pastor in administering the Ordinance of baptism; and (3) with the Pastor have the oversight of the spiritual life of the Church, including necessary discipline of the membership.

Section 4, Clerk: The Clerk shall be elected from the membership of the Church, his/her duties shall be to keep a complete record of the business meetings of the Church, keep a register of all members, give notice of Church business meetings, and perform such particular duties as may be ordered by the Church. The term of office shall be one (1) year. The Clerk may succeed him or herself.

Section 5, Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be elected

from the membership of the Church. He shall receive and have custody of all monies of the Church received through all departments, applying such as directed by the Church. He shall make a full report of the finances, receipts and disbursements, annually and as required by the Church. The term of office shall be for one (1) year. He may succeed himself.

Section 6, Finance Secretary: The Finance Secretary shall assist the general Treasurer in the performance of his duties and shall act in the place of the Treasurer in the event of his inability or refusal to act. He shall be elected for a term of one (1) year from the membership of the Church. He may succeed himself.

Section 7: Officers of the Sunday School shall be appointed by the Pastor.

ARTICLE X.

FIRST OFFICERS

The names of the officers who are to manage all of the affairs of this corporation until the first election under these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

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1. Pastor:

Rev. A. C. Janney

2. Clerk:

Evelyn Fincher

3. Treasurer:

G. A. Mastin

4. Financial Secretary:

H. O. Johnson

5. Deacons:

(a) Chairman: M. H. Hill

(b) Deacon: Walter Kelly

(c) Deacon: W. J. Bomar

(d) Deacon: David Keating

(e) Deacon: James Marcum

(f) Deacon: Harold Frisch

(g) Deacon: Warren Snead

ARTICLE XI.

MEETINGS

The period at the commencement or the close of any regular service of the Church may be utilized for a general meeting of the membership of the Church corporation for receiving reports of the Committees and Departments of the Church, planning the program and activities of the Church and for transaction of such other business as may be proper, provided that notice thereof is given by announcement from the pulpit at the regular service of the Church next preceding the regular service in connection with which the said meeting is to be held or provided that notice

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thereof in writing is given in the Church bulletin distributed at the regular service next preceeding the regular service in connection with which the said meeting is to be held.

2. The annual business meeting of the membership of the Church shall be on the last Wednesday evening in the month of January of each year at which meeting annual reports shall be read. This meeting may be postponed or accelerated for a period not to exceed two weeks before or after the last Wednesday evening in the month of January by a majority vote of the membership of the Church present and voting at a meeting held in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph No. 1 of this Article, the said meeting being held at least two weeks prior to the aforesaid last Wednesday evening in the month of January or the day to which the annual business meeting of the membership of the Church is accelerated, whichever date occurs first.

3. All Church officers (except the Pastor) shall be elected at a duly called business meeting in the month of December of each year.

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 two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, at any business meeting of the Church called for that purpose.

ARTICLE XIII.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS AND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

1. The By-Laws of the Church and these Articles of Incorporation may be altered, changed, or amended by the members of the Church at any business meeting called for that purpose, provided that proper notice has been given as set forth in Article XI, Paragraph No. 1, and, provided also, that such proposed changes have been submitted to the Finance Committee for their consideration prior to bringing it to the Church for consideration. The Finance Committee may express approval or disapproval but final action thereon is subject to the vote of the membership of the Church. All such proposed alterations, changes, or amendments of the By-LAWS or Articles of Incorporation must receive the affirmative vote of two-thirds majority of the members present and voting at such meeting.

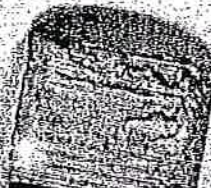
2. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, when approved by the Church, must also be forwarded to the Secretary of State of Florida and filed and approved by him before the same shall become effective.

to me known to be the Subscribers to the foregoing Articles
of Incorporation of NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST CHURCH, INCORPORATED,
OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, who, being by me first duly sworn,
acknowledge that they signed the same for the purposes
therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and seal in the City of Miami, County
of Dade, State of Florida, this 27 day of February
1963.

Lillian L. McCarty
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF FLORIDA AT LARGE

NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA AT LARGE
My Commission Expires ~~1963~~ EXPIRES JUNE 7, 1965
BONDED THROUGH FRED W. DIESELHORST



PROPOSED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST CHURCH, INCORPORATED
OF
MIAMI, FLORIDA

TO: HON. TOM ADA'S
SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

APPROVED AND FILED
John P. [Signature]
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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

We, the undersigned, hereby present a Certified Copy of the Charter of the New Testament Baptist Church, a non-profit corporation, approved by Hon. Marshan C. Wiseheart, Circuit Judge of the 11th Judicial Circuit in and for Dade County, Florida, on the 18th day of March, 1954.

We, likewise, present the following proposed Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of reincorporation, under the terms and provisions of Florida Statutes, Chapter 617, as amended by the Florida Legislature in 1959 under Chapter 59-427, and hereby accept the same.

We hereby certify that the issuance of these proposed Articles of Incorporation were duly authorized at a meeting of the Officers and Members of the New Testament Baptist Church, at its regular meeting held at New Testament Baptist Church, 4600 N.W. 2nd Avenue, Miami, Florida, the 20 day of February, 1963.

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DATED at Miami, Florida, this 27 day of

February, 1963.

A. P. Jarney
PASTOR

Miss Celia Fincher
CLERK



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Done

To: The Honorable Judges of the Circuit Court of the Eleventh
Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Dade County.

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, under the
following proposed Charter:

Article I.--Name.

The name of the corporation shall be "New Testament Baptist
Church," and it is to be located in Miami, Dade County, Florida.

Article II.--Object

Its object shall be to promote the worship of God by the
preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ at home and
abroad, trusting that as a result sinners shall be saved and
believers edified. To establish churches of like faith where so-
ever the Lord shall lead. To purchase, convey and mortgage real
or personal property, incur indebtedness and any other thing
necessary to comply with articles of faith and church covenant,
which shall be adopted at the first regular business meeting.

Article III.--Membership

Section 1, Part I: The membership shall consist of those who
have professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal
Savior, give evidence of a new life in Him, have been Scriptur-
ally baptized, and declare themselves in accord with the prin-
ciples, practices and doctrines of this church. Only active
members fifteen (15) years of age or above shall be entitled to
voting privileges in matters of church business.

Section 1, Part II: An inactive membership roll shall be
maintained to which the name of any member may be transferred by
the Deacon Board where the member, by continued non-attendance
and/or non-support, shows lack of interest in the objectives
and/or work of the church. Any such member may be restored to
good standing and active membership by the church after suitable
examination by the deacons as to his purpose and sincerity. In-
active members shall not be entitled to voting privileges in
matters of church business.

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Section 2, Candidates for Membership: New members may come into the church (1) by confession of faith and baptism, (2) by renewal of their covenant with the Lord (restoration) and (3) by letter from another church of like faith and order. Candidates may be presented to the church during any church service, and the acceptance of any candidate shall be by vote of the majority of members present. Where there is doubt as to spiritual intention, the candidate shall be questioned by the pastor and recommendation shall be made by the pastor to the church.

Section 3, Discipline: All matters of discipline of members shall be in the hands of the deacons and pastor, except that no one shall be expelled from the membership except by majority vote of the members present at a regular business meeting. All discipline shall be for the purpose of reclaiming the individual, expulsion coming only after all other measures have failed.

Article IV.--Term

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

Article V.--Subscribers

1. Joseph Marcum--682 N. W. 40th Street, Miami, Florida.
2. Thomas Hall--411 S. W. 18th Road, Miami, Florida.
3. Rev. A. C. Janney--1927 N. W. 20th Avenue, Miami, Florida.
4. Amos Davis--69 N. W. 45th Street, Miami, Florida.
5. Clifton Plummer--1076 N. W. 40th Street, Miami, Florida.

Article VI.--Officers

Section 1: The officers of the church shall consist of pastor, deacons, finance committee, clerk, financial secretary and treasurer. They shall be elected, after the first organizational meeting, at the annual church business meeting. Their term of office shall extend from their election until their successor has been elected and takes office, or as later stated in this charter. Other offices and officers may be added as needed. The method of election of all officers provided for herein and for all new officers that may be added from time to time, shall be set forth in the by-laws, except where the method of election of any particular officer or officers is specifically provided for herein.

Section 2, Pastor: The pastor shall be chosen for an indeterminate term or dismissed by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting at any business meeting, notice of which shall have been given publically from the church pulpit for two (2) successive Sundays preceding, except the first pastor shall be chosen at the first regular business meeting by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present. The pastor's tenure of office may be terminated by the pastor by giving written notice to the Clerk at least thirty (30) days preceding such intended termination.

Section 3, Deacons: The church members shall elect deacons. Three (3) the first year and four (4) the second and so on alternately. They shall serve two (2) years and shall not succeed themselves. It shall be the duties of the deacons to (1) prepare the elements for and assist in administering the Lord's Supper; (2) assist the pastor in administering the ordinance of baptism; and (3) with the pastor have the oversight of the spiritual life of the church including necessary discipline of the membership.

Section 4, Finance Committee: The finance committee shall consist of the pastor, one (1) man elected from the membership at large, the chairman of the deacon board, the treasurer and finance secretary. The finance committee shall be empowered to borrow such monies or funds as are necessary from time to time to carry out the objectives of the church, subject always, however, to the direction and approval of the majority of the members present at any regular business meeting. To purchase, sell or otherwise dispose of all materials and equipment, except that without the express will of the church members given by a majority vote at a regularly called business meeting, the committee shall not purchase, sell or dispose of any materials or equipment in excess of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars in value. To care for all the property of the church and to do all things incidental to the maintenance and upkeep of said property, and to transact any other business of the church that may be ordered or directed by a majority of the membership at a regular business meeting. The finance committee shall have no authority to lease,

mortgage, sell, convey or otherwise dispose of any church real property without the express will of the church, given by a majority vote at any regular business meeting.

Section 5, Clerk: The clerk shall be elected from the membership of the church, his/her duties shall be to keep a complete record of the business meetings of the church, keep a register of all members, give notice of church business meetings, and perform such particular duties as may be ordered by the church. The term of office shall be one (1) year. The clerk may succeed him or herself.

Section 6, Treasurer: The treasurer shall be elected from the membership of the church. He shall receive and have custody of all monies of the church received through all departments, applying such as directed by the church. He shall make a full report of the finances, receipts and disbursements, annually and as required by the church. The term of office shall be for one (1) year. He may succeed himself.

Section 7, Finance Secretary: The finance secretary shall assist the general treasurer in the performance of his duties and shall act in the place of the treasurer in the event of his inability, or refusal, to act. He shall be elected for a term of one (1) year from the membership of the church. He may succeed himself.

Section 8: Officers of the Sunday School shall be appointed by the pastor.

Article VII.--First Officers

The names of the officers who are to manage all the affairs until the first election under this charter are as follows:

1. Pastor
Rev. A. C. Janney
2. Clerk
Mary Ann Marcum
3. Treasurer
Logan Carter
4. Finance Secretary
Thomas Hall

5. Deacons

C. A. Plummer
James Marcum
Eveard Guthrie

6. Finance Committee

Rev. A. C. Janney
Logan Carter
Thomas Hall
Joe Marcum

Article VIII.--By-Laws

The by-laws of the corporation shall be made, altered, or rescinded upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any regularly scheduled business meeting of the corporation.

Article IX.--Indebtedness

The highest amount of indebtedness to which the church shall subject itself shall be one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars.

Article X.--Real Estate

The highest amount of real estate the corporation shall hold subject always to approval of the Circuit Judge shall be one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars.

Witness the hands and seals of the Incorporators at Miami, County of Dade, and State of Florida, this 18th day of March, 1954.

Joe Marcum (Seal)
Clifton Plummer (Seal)
Amos Davis (Seal)
Thomas Hall (Seal)
Rev. A. C. Janney (Seal)

STATE OF FLORIDA)
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COUNTY OF DADE)

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned au

tor, *Charles*, well known to be one of the

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March 1963
By *H. J. Reese* D.C.

October 23, 1956

AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST CHURCH.

ARTICLE IX.-- Indebtedness

The highest amount of indebtedness to which the church shall subject itself shall be one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars is hereby amended to read two hundred and fifty (\$250,000.00) dollars.

ARTICLE X.-- Real Estate

The highest amount of real estate the corporation shall hold subject always to approval of the Circuit Judge shall be one hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars is hereby amended to read Seven hundred and fifty thousand (\$750,000.00) dollars.

Passed by the church voted Oct. 24, 1956.

Rev. A. E. Jarney
Mary Ann Marcus

Mary Ann Marcus
Church Clerk

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County of _____
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approved -
Marshall C. [Signature]

By _____ D.C.