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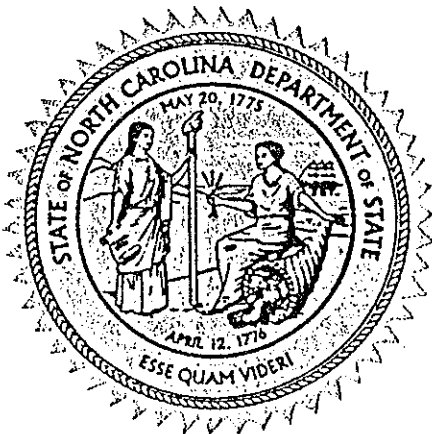
Department of The
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To all whom these presents shall come, Greetings:

I, **ELAINE F. MARSHALL**, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the following and hereto attached to be a true copy of

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH OF OAKBORO, N.C.**

the original of which was filed in this office on the 14th day of September, 1999.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the City of Raleigh, this 14th day of September, 1999.

Elaine F. Marshall

Secretary of State

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Articles of Incorporation
of
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Oakboro, N.C.

A NONPROFIT CORPORATION

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We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of eighteen or more, acting as incorporators for the purpose of creating a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina, as contained in Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, entitled "Nonprofit Corporation Act," and the several amendments thereto, do hereby set forth:

Article I - Name

The name of the corporation is Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Oakboro, N.C.

Article II - Duration

The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

Article III - Purposes

A. The purposes for which this corporation is organized are to operate and function as a church in all its religious, charitable and educational dimensions including but not limited to the following church's purposes:

1. To advance and promote the worship of God;
2. To engage in and promote the study of the Holy Scriptures;
3. To advance the gospel of Jesus Christ by preaching, evangelism, teaching and the administration of the ordinances of the church;
4. To create and enable Christian fellowship as a nurturing and discipling function of the church;
5. To promote the biblical principles of justice and righteousness in personal, social, community and national life;
6. To carry on the work of the church in all its spiritual, benevolent, educational, philanthropic, civil and social aspects and activities;
7. To promote the spiritual welfare of all persons and to disseminate the Word of God to the people of all nations through evangelistic, educational and charitable missions; and
8. To organize and maintain such ministries and divisions, including but not limited to, schools, day care centers, relief programs and social services and

other programs authorized by law which will promote and advance the religious purposes set forth herein.

- B. In furtherance of its purposes, and to the extent necessary to carry out such purposes, the corporation
1. Shall have all the powers given to and possessed by a North Carolina Corporation organized under the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act.
 2. May engage in any lawful activity within the purposes for which the corporation may be organized which are incidental to and in furtherance of the exempt purposes of the corporation.
- C. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes as set forth in the Articles.
- D. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by any corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law).

Article IV - Government

The government of this church shall be congregational in nature, and the final authority for the operation and management of the affairs of this corporation, spiritual and temporal, shall be vested in the membership of the corporation, which authority shall be exercised in the manner set forth in the bylaws. Members alone shall have the authority to adopt and amend bylaws, approve budgets, receive members and govern and conduct the affairs of this corporation.

Article V - Members

The corporation shall have one class of members as provided in the Bylaws and all members shall be elected by the congregation in the manner set forth in the Bylaws. All present members of the Church shall automatically become members of the corporation.

Article VI - Initial Directors

The number of initial directors shall be 12, and the initial directors and their terms shall be the same as the current deacons of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Oakboro, whose names and addresses and remaining terms are as follows:

Randall LaGrant Austin
24271 Ridgecrest Road
Stanfield, NC 28163
August 31, 2000

Nevin McKinley Huneyutt, Jr.
16422A McLester Road
Oakboro, NC 28129
August 31, 2001

Nevin McKinley Huneycutt, Sr.
16422 McLester Road
Oakboro, NC 28129
August 31, 2001

Mel Tracy Lowder
16588-C NC 24-27 Highway
Oakboro, NC 28129
August 31, 1999

Keith Edward McSwain
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August 31, 2000

Joshua Jurant Morton, Jr.
P O Box 267
Albemarle, NC 28002-0267
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Albemarle, NC 28001
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August 31, 1999

Willie Truet Whitley
18157 Ridgecrest Road
Oakboro, NC 28129
August 31, 2001

Article VII - Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such a manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for

religious purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law), as the board of directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be dispersed by the Superior Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article VII - Registered Office

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation in North Carolina is 17236 Frog Pond Road, Oakboro, N.C., (28129) and the registered agent of the corporation is Rev. Phillip LeLont Hunter. The principal office is the same as the initial registered office, both of which are in Stanly County.

Article VIII - Incorporators

The names and address of the incorporators, acting as representatives of all the current members of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Oakboro are:

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In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands, this the ____ day of August, 1999.

Randall La Grant Austin
Randall La Grant Austin INCORPORATOR

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State of North Carolina
County of Stanly

I, Lauren A. Burgess, a Notary Public for said county and State do hereby certify that on the 31st day of August, A.D., 1999, Randall LaGrant Austin, Nevin McKinley Huneycutt, Jr., Nevin McKinley Huneycutt, Sr., Keith Edward McSwain, Joshua J. Morton, Jr., Dennis Mark Souther, David Ruel Speight, Bruce Welton Whitley, Donnie Joe Whitley, Sr., Jerome Willie Whitley, and Willie Truet Whitley did appear before me and did each acknowledge the due execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand and official seal, this the 31st day of August, 1999.

Lauren A. Burgess
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 6/25/2002