

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
SHELBY COUNTY

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

✓ NEW HOPE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, INC.

TO THE HONORABLE, PATRICIA FUHRMEISTER, JUDGE OF PROBATE OF  
SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA:

We, the undersigned natural persons of age nineteen or more,  
and resident citizens of Shelby County, Alabama, do hereby adopt  
the following Certificate of Incorporation:

I.

## NAME

The name of this religious corporation is New Hope Cumberland  
Presbyterian Church, Inc.

II.

## REGISTERED OFFICE

The address of the initial registered office of the  
corporation is 5100 Cahaba Valley Road, Birmingham, AL 35242 and  
the name of the initial registered agent is Donny Acton.

III.

## STATUS

The corporation is a nonprofit religious corporation.

IV.

## AUTHORIZATION

This corporation shall proceed under Section 10-4-20, Code  
of Alabama (1975), and the laws of the State of Alabama.

V.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this corporation shall be to establish and  
maintain a Church and to provide a place of public worship and  
prayer in accordance with the traditions of the Christian faith,  
in the County of Shelby, State of Alabama;

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To conduct a local Church by the direction of the Lord Jesus Christ and under the leadership of The Holy Spirit in accordance with all the Commandments and provisions as set forth in the Holy Bible, the Word of God.

To disseminate or spread the Word of the Gospel and the Kingdom of God through seminars, radio, television, audio and video cassette tapes, establishment and production of Church literature, and other forms of mass media for the purpose of educating the individual in the Word of God.

To conduct various religious services pursuant to the recognized Creed, form of worship, code of doctrines and disciplines of the Church.

To establish, maintain and conduct a religious school for Christians or Believers in God and educational instructions to the young and elderly.

To promote the teaching of the gospel, ministerial and general education. The establishment, maintenance and assistance of the Church and its missions and Bible studies.

To Promote and encourage, through the ministries of the Organization, cooperation with other Organizations ministering within the community.

To provide care for worthy pastors and missionaries, their wives, widows and dependent children.

To advance the belief of its constituency on moral, religious and denominational matters.

To acquire in the State of Alabama sites in contemplation of the erection of houses of worship and other buildings.

To further all religious and charitable work.

To borrow money and issue evidence of indebtedness in furtherance of any or all of its purposes; To secure the same by mortgage, pledge or other lien.

To acquire and hold such property, either real or personal, for Church purposes, as may be necessary for its membership and the worship of God.

To conduct and carry on religious services and instructions through the public media, including newspapers, book publishing, electronic broadcasting, AM and FM radio, telecasting, microwave distribution, closed circuit transmission, WWW/internet and cable television, etc.

To acquire, hold, own, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise dispose of shares of the capital stock, bonds, obligations, or other securities of other corporations, domestic or foreign, as investments or otherwise, in carrying out any of the purposes of the Corporation and, while the owner thereof, to exercise all rights, powers, and privileges of ownership, including the power to vote thereon.

To enter into any kind of activity, and to perform and carry out contracts of any kind necessary to, or in connection with, or incidental to the accomplishment of any one or more of the nonprofit purposes of the corporation.

The corporation shall have the power, subject to the laws of the State of Alabama affecting corporations not for profit, to buy, hold, own, work, develop and improve property of all kinds,

real, personal and mixed, provided, however, that no profits or dividends shall ever come to the corporation or its associations or successors and the corporation shall have no capital stock. All property of the corporation upon dissolution, shall vest in an organization exempt from taxation under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States of America.

To sue and be sued, complain and defend, in its corporate name.

To have a corporate seal which may be altered at pleasure and to use the same by causing it, or facsimile thereof, to be impressed or affixed or in any manner reproduced.

To purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise or bequest or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use and otherwise deal in, and with, real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated.

To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer and otherwise dispose of all, or any part of, its property and assets.

To purchase, take, receive, subscribe for or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge or otherwise dispose of and otherwise use and deal in and with shares of other interests in, or obligations of, other corporations, whether for profit or not for profit, associations, partnerships or individuals, or direct or indirect obligations of the United States or of any other government, state, territory, governmental district or municipality, or of any instrumentality thereof.

To make contracts and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds and other obligations and secure any of its obligations by mortgage or pledge of all or any of its property, franchises and income.

To lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested.

To conduct its affairs, carry on its operations, have offices and exercise the powers granted by Section 10-4-20, Code of Alabama (1975), in any state, territory, district or possession of the United States or in any foreign country.

To elect or appoint officers and agents of the corporation and define their duties and fix their compensation.

To make and alter bylaws, not inconsistent with its Certificate of Incorporation or with the laws of this State, for

the administration and regulation of the affairs of the corporation.

To make donations for the public welfare or for charitable, scientific or educational purposes; and, in time of war, to make donations in aid of war activities.

To indemnify any trustee or officer, or former trustee or officer, of the corporation, any person who may have served at its request as a trustee or officer of another corporation, whether for profit or not for profit, against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him or her in connection with the defense of any action or proceeding in which he or she is made a party by reason of being or having been such trustee or officer, except in relation to matters as to which he or she shall be adjudged in such action or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty; but such indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such trustee or officer may be entitled, under any by-laws, agreement, vote of board of trustees. or members or otherwise. To cease its corporate activities and surrender its corporate franchise.

To have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any, or all of, the purposes for which this corporation is organized.

#### VI.

##### PLACE OF WORSHIP

The post office address of the corporation's principal office and place of worship is 5100 Cahaba Valley Road, Birmingham, AL 35242.

#### VII.

##### DURATION

The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual.

#### VIII.

##### NONSTOCK CORPORATION

This corporation shall be nonstock, and no dividends or pecuniary profits shall be declared or paid to the members thereof.

#### IX.

##### TRUSTEES

The number constituting the initial board of trustees of the corporation is not less than three and the names and addresses of

the persons who are to serve as the initial trustees are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
Lindon E Benson	5845 Cahaba Valley Road Birmingham, AL 35242
Larry Peter DeBoer, Sr.	170 Brookgreen Ln Indian Springs, AL 35124
Dale C. Dunnaway 4961	Cahaba Valley Trace Birmingham, AL 35242
John William Bauer, Jr.	6158 Valley Station Cir. Pelham, AL 35124
Ollie Wade McClung, Jr.	2912 Riverwood Lane Birmingham, AL 35243
William V. McGregor	4841 Keith Drive Birmingham, AL 35242
Charles W. Pittman Sr.	450 Arrowhead Lane Pelham, AL 35124
<del>Nelson</del> Clay Skinner, Sr.	456 Dogwood Circle Birmingham, AL 35244
Keith W. Thompson	413 Willow Glen Drive Montevallo, AL 35115

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#### ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The manner in which the trustees are to be elected by the members is as follows: The trustees shall be elected by a majority of the members present at a regular or specially called business meeting.

XI.

#### CORPORATE OFFICERS

The officers shall be elected by the Trustees, who shall first be elected by the members of the corporation. The duties of the officers of the corporation shall be set forth in the bylaws.

XII.

#### MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The method and conditions on which members shall be accepted, transferred, discharged and removed shall be as follows: In order to become a member of this corporation, the applicant must accept the teachings of the Holy Bible and of Jesus Christ, and must subscribe to the tenets and rules of the Church, using as his/her textbook the Bible, and other works used by the Church in its worship services.

XIII

#### AMENDMENTS

These articles may be amended in the manner provided by statute at the time of amendment.

## XIV.

INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the persons forming this corporation are as follows:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have affixed our seal and signed our names on this the 10th day of August, 1997.

WITNESS:

*[Handwritten signatures of witnesses]*

*[Handwritten signatures of incorporators]* (SEAL)  
 Lindon E Benson  
*[Handwritten signature]* (SEAL)  
 Larry Peter DeBoer, Sr.  
*[Handwritten signature]* (SEAL)  
 Dale C. Dunnaway  
*[Handwritten signature]* (SEAL)  
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 Nelson Clay Skinner, Sr.  
*[Handwritten signature]* (SEAL)  
 Keith W Thompson

THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
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I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, in said State, hereby certify that Lindon E Benson, Larry Peter

DeBoer, Sr., Dale C. Dunnaway, John William Bauer, Jr., Ollie Wade McClung, Jr., William V. McGregor, Charles W. Pittman Sr., Nelson *MILBEN MCS*  
Clay Skinner, Sr., Keith W. Thompson, whose names are signed to the foregoing Certificate of Incorporation of New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc., and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this date, that being informed of the contents of the Certificate of Incorporation of New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc., They executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1997.

*Deborah Y. Johnson*  
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 NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: Sept. 26, 2000

# State of Alabama

Shelby

## County

CERTIFICATE OF Incorporation

OF

New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc.

The undersigned, as Judge of Probate of Shelby County, State of Alabama, hereby certifies that duplicate originals of Articles of Incorporation of New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc., duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of Section Non Profit of the Alabama Business Corporation Act, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Judge of Probate, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Incorporation of New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc., and attaches hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of Incorporation.

GIVEN Under My Hand and Official Seal on this the 13th day of August, 19 97.

  
*Patricia Joyce Schenck*

Judge of Probate

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