

**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Come now the undersigned Trustees and file this Certificate of Incorporation of The Lighthouse Community Church pursuant to §§ 10-4-20 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975 as amended, and state as follows:

I. That the undersigned Dianne Cribbs, Wendell Richey, and Mae Smith were duly elected Trustees of The Lighthouse Community Church on the 3rd day of September, 2000, to serve until their successors are chosen as provided by the bylaws of the church.

II. That the corporate name of the church shall be The Lighthouse Community Church.

III. That the county in which the corporation is to exercise its functions, or part of its functions, is Shelby County, Alabama.

IV. A. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are religious, charitable, benevolent, educational, or any other lawful activity for which corporations may be organized under §§ 10-4-20 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, including the following specific purposes:

1. To provide an environment where people can learn to love God, care for others, discover Jesus, and identify with His believers by fulfilling the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).
2. To worship - to participate in public worship services together and to maintain personal daily devotions.
3. To witness - to share the good news of Jesus Christ with as many people as possible in our community and throughout the world.
4. To educate - to help members develop toward full Christian maturity and train them for effective ministry, and to promote personal, spiritual growth and discipleship through Bible teaching.
5. To minister and serve - to serve unselfishly, in Jesus' name meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those in this Church, community, and in the world.
6. To fellowship - to encourage, support and pray for each other as members of the family of God, and to share our lives together.

B. Notwithstanding any of the powers or purposes of the corporation contained in this Certificate of Incorporation or granted by law, the purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, and educational within the meaning of § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this certificate, this organization shall not carry

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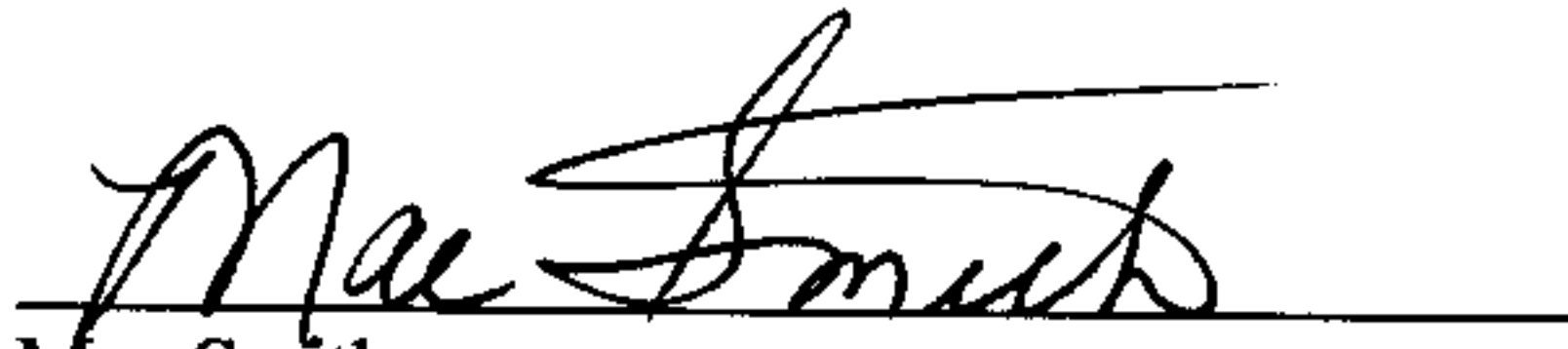
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on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

D. Upon dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal, state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction, in the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes.

V. That the members of The Lighthouse Community Church did, on September 3rd, 2000, at a regular meeting of the church, adopt a resolution authorizing and directing the undersigned Trustees to file this Certificate of Incorporation as provided by §§ 10-4-20 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended. A certified copy of said resolution is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Dianne Cribbs, Wendell Richey, and Mae Smith as Trustees have hereunto set their hands and seals on this the 3rd day of September, 2000.

  
Mae Smith

  
Dianne Cribbs

  
Wendell Richey

This document was prepared by William R. Justice, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1144, Columbiana, Al 35051.

RESOLUTION  
OF  
THE LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

BE IT RESOLVED by the members of The Lighthouse Community Church as follows:

1. The members desire for the church to become incorporated pursuant to §§ 10-4-20 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.


2. The following are elected as trustees to serve until their successors are chosen as provided in the bylaws, and are directed to sign and file in the office of the Judge of Probate of Shelby County, Alabama, within 30 days of this date, a certificate stating the corporate name, their names, and the length of time for which they are elected:

Dianne Cribbs  
Wendell Richey  
Mae Smith

Adopted this 3rd day of September, 2000.

CERTIFICATE

I, Mae Smith, as Trustee of The Lighthouse Community Church, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted on the 3rd day of September, 2000, by the members of the church at a special meeting called in accordance with the bylaws of the church.

  
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Mae Smith as Trustee of  
The Lighthouse Community Church

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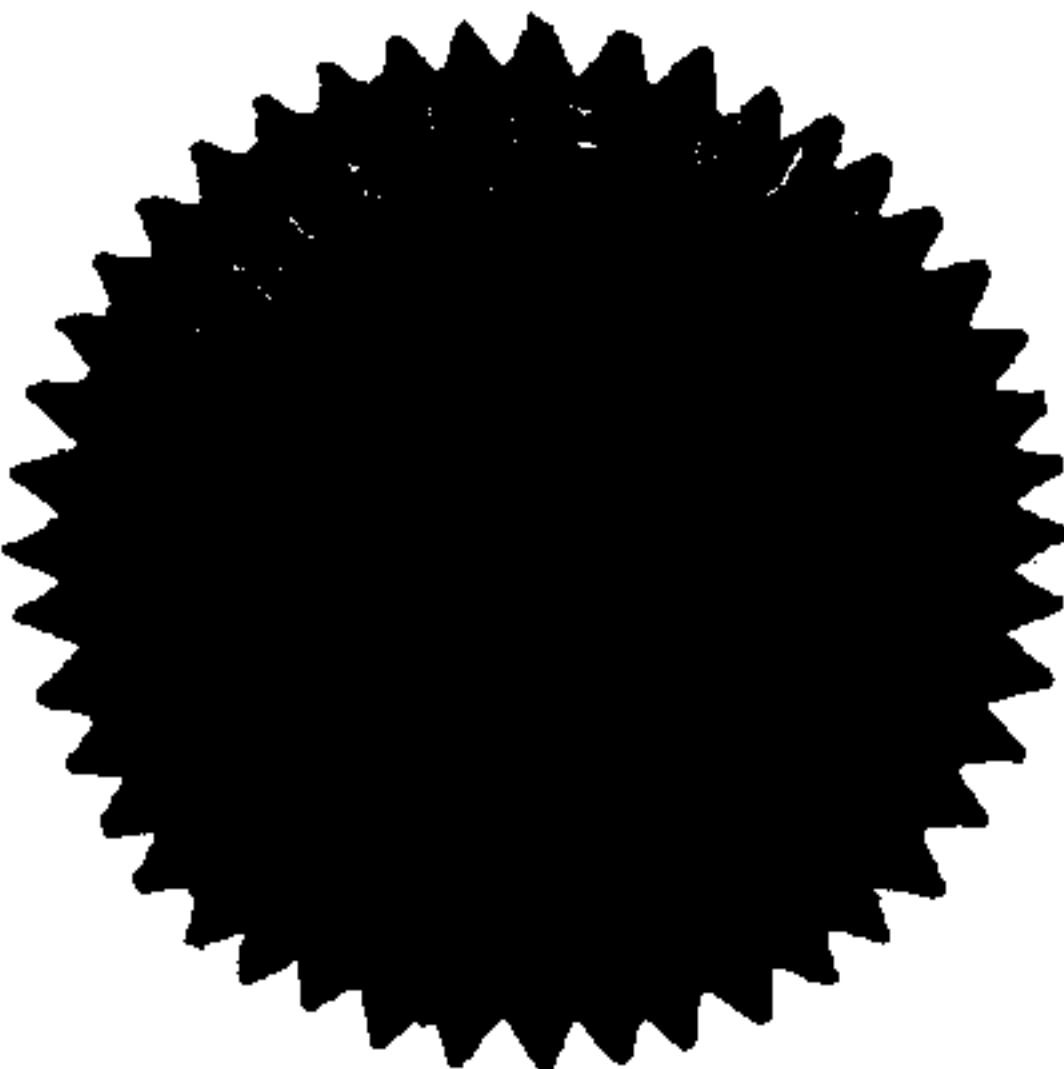
THE LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH

The undersigned, as Judge of Probate of SHELBY County, State of Alabama, hereby certifies that duplicate originals of Articles of INCORPORATION of THE LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH, 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 THE LIGHTHOUSE COMMUNITY CHURCH, and attaches hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of INCORPORATION.

GIVEN Under My Hand and Official Seal on this the 3RD day of OCTOBER, 2000.

*Patricia Geyer Schmiedel*  
Judge of Probate



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