

STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
SHELBY COUNTY)

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

CROSSBRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

THE UNDERSIGNED, acting as the incorporator of a nonprofit corporation under the ALABAMA NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT, § 10-3A-1 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975 as amended and Section 301(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, hereby makes, declares, and files the following Articles of Incorporation for the corporation (hereinafter the “Church”):

ARTICLE I

NAME AND LOCATION

The name of this corporation shall be **Crossbridge Community Church**, (herein after at times referred to as the “Church,” or “Incorporated Church or the “Incorporation” and it shall be located in Shelby County, Alabama.

ARTICLE II

DURATION

The duration of the Church shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III

AUTHORITY/PURPOSE

The Church has been organized as a nonprofit corporation with the intent of qualifying as a tax exempt religious entity under Section 501(c)(3) of the INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF

1954, 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(c)(3). The Church shall be authorized to engage in religious, charitable, benevolent, eleemosynary, and educational acts and activities and further to engage in any other lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the ALABAMA NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT, ALABAMA CODE § 10-3A-1, *et seq.*; provided, however, that the said acts and activities are consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954, 26 U.S.C..A. § 501(c)(3), and the Church is not to become materially engaged in any activity which would compromise its § 501(c)(3) status.

The mission of the Church is to advance the Christian faith in obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ and in a manner consistent with the HOLY BIBLE. The Church shall be autonomous and independent of any outside ecclesiastical control, but may, with the consent of its members, cooperate with other religious, charitable, benevolent, eleemosynary and educational organizations, groups and individuals to further any purpose set forth herein.

The Church shall further have authority to act and proceed in any legal manner, taking any action that may be necessary, essential, or convenient to further any purpose set forth herein.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Church shall be all of one class, and shall consist of natural persons. All of the individuals listed in Exhibit I attached hereto are founding members of the Church. Any other natural person may become a member of the Church in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Bylaws.

A member shall remain a member of the Church until their death or dismissed at his or her own request or for cause in accordance with the ByLaws.

ARTICLE V

ADMINISTRATION OF CHURCH AFFAIRS

The affairs of the Church shall be administered by the Pastor and the Board of Directors, whose authority, qualifications, responsibilities, terms and other related pertinent facts shall be as spelled out by the Bylaws of the Church and Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

CHURCH AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUSINESS MEETINGS)

The Church and Board of Directors business meetings shall be held at the time, manner and place defined in the Bylaws and from other pertinent details of the Bylaws

The quorum required for such said meetings shall be as provided in the said ByLaws. If no quorum is defined in the Bylaws it shall then be a majority of those attending after due notice is attempted in good faith to be given to the members.

ARTICLE VII

BYLAWS

The initial Bylaws of the Church may be adopted by a majority vote of those church members present and voting when the Church is sitting in a duly called and held business conference. The Bylaws may be amended, altered or rescinded by the Board of Directors of the Church sitting in conference as provided and allowed by the church's Bylaws. The Bylaws are primarily for governing and defining the internal activities of the Church and the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting when the Board of Directors of the Church is sitting in a duly called and held

conference as provided by its Bylaws. The Incorporation reserves its right to amend these Articles of Incorporation pursuant to Section 10-3A-80 and Section 10-3A-81 of *Code of Alabama*, 1975, as amended.

ARTICLE IX

CHURCH YEAR

As set out in the Bylaws, the church year shall extend from the first day of January through the following December 31st for a period of twelve months, and each twelve month period thereafter.

ARTICLE X

TRANSFER OF ASSETS IN THE EVENT OF DISSOLUTION

If this corporation should ever be dissolved, all of its assets remaining after payment and satisfaction of all its costs, and indebtedness, including the expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to non-profit corporations, or other organizations, which are qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the *Internal Revenue Code* or any successor to said Section.

The members of said Board of Directors at the time of dissolution of said corporation shall in a duly called conference sitting, designate the non-profit corporation(s) or organization(s) to receive assets of this corporation before or upon dissolution. No assets of any substantial value of said Church shall be distributed to any member or officer of this Church without due and legal consideration. Any non-profit corporations or organizations designated to receive assets under this Article shall be a Section 501(c)(3) entity.

ARTICLE XI

INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

In compliance with ALABAMA CODE § 10-3A-23(1) and (2), the street address of the

initial registered office of the Church is 5358B Highway 17 South, Helena, Alabama 35080 and the name of its **initial registered agent** at such address is **G. Morrell Aldridge**.

ARTICLE XII

CHARTER DIRECTORS

Pursuant to ALABAMA CODE § 10-3A-34, the number of Directors which shall constitute the initial Board of Directors of the Church is three and the names and addresses of the persons to serve as the Charter Directors:

G. Morrell Aldridge
Pastor
124 Setting Sun Lane
Alabaster, Al 35007

Kimberly Lynam
Church Administrator
205 Cloverleaf Circle
Helena, Al 35080

Lacey White
Financial Administrator
604 Park Forest Lane
Montevallo, Al 35115

ARTICLE XIII

INCORPORATORS

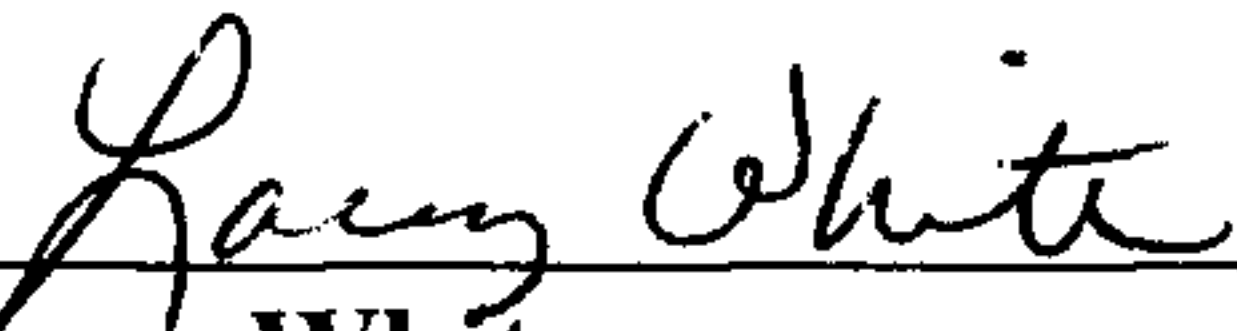
The Incorporators of the Church are **G. Morrell Aldridge, Kimberly Lynam and Lacey White**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporators hereby declare and certify that the facts stated herein are true and correct and for the purpose of forming the foregoing nonprofit corporation pursuant to the ALABAMA NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT, as amended, and has hereunto executed these *Articles of Incorporation* on this the 1st day of OCTOBER, 2003.

INCORPORATORS:


G. Morrell Aldridge, Pastor
President, Board of Directors of
Crossbridge Community Church


Kimberly Lynam
Clerk (Secretary) Board of Directors of
Crossbridge Community Church


Lacey White
Treasurer, Financial Administrator of
Crossbridge Community Church

PREPARED BY:

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State of Alabama Shelby County

Certificate of Incorporation Of CROSSBRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

The undersigned, as Judge of Probate of Shelby County, State of Alabama, hereby certifies that duplicate originals of Articles of Incorporation of Crossbridge 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 her by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Incorporation of Crossbridge Community Church, and attaches hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of Incorporation.

Given under my hand and Official Seal on
this the 1st day of October, 2003.

Patricia Yeager Fuhrmeister

Patricia Yeager Fuhrmeister
Judge of Probate

