

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
FOR THE
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF
BRYAN, TEXAS, INC**

THE STATE OF TEXAS

THE COUNTY OF BRAZOS

We, the undersigned, all citizens and residents of the State of Texas and all at least eighteen (18) years of age, acting as incorporators of a corporation under the Texas Non-profit Corporation Act, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

I.

The name of this corporation is THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BRYAN, TEXAS, INC., a non-profit organization.

II.

The initial registered office of the corporation is The Pastor, 201 South Washington, Bryan, Texas 77801, and the name of the corporation's initial registered agent at such address is James Richard Maples.

III.

This corporation is organized, and shall at all times be operated, exclusively for religious purposes, consonant with the maintenances, support and propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as such activities are carried on by Baptist churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.

IV.

The members of the corporation shall be the duly elected church members of the local body of the church elected in accordance with the constitution and/or bylaws of the corporation.

V.

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the members of the church or corporation, sitting in business session. However, the corporation or church shall be advised by the Deacon body or executive board of the church or corporation. The initial membership of such Deacon body or executive board, shall consist of at least four (4) persons, their names and addresses are:

1. R. B. Butler, 307 Coulter, Bryan, Texas 77801
2. C. W. Crawford, 4200 Maywood, Bryan, Texas 77801
3. C. E. Griesser, PO Box 423, Bryan, Texas 77801
4. M. T. Harrington, 2405 Burton Drive, Bryan, Texas 77801

The constitution and/or by-laws of this corporation shall be adopted at the first regular or called meeting of the membership of the church or corporation. These Articles of Incorporation, the constitution and/or by-laws may be amended thereafter only at a regular or called meeting of the members and only fifteen (15) days written notice published in the church bulletin and announcement from the pulpit of the church or corporation during regular morning worship services at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting specifying the amendments proposed.

VI.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on or 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 provisions of any future United States Federal Revenue law, or
- b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

VII.

This corporation shall have perpetual duration. However, upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all assets of the corporation to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, or educational 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 provisions of any Federal United States Internal Revenue law), as the Executive Board of the corporation shall determine. Any such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

VIII.

The name and address of each incorporator is:

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