

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
BROAD RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH  
A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

I, the undersigned natural person of the age of eighteen or more, acting as incorporator 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 Broad Ridge Baptist Church.

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 specific biblical objectives set forth in the Bylaws and the following broad 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 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
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 possessed by a North Carolina Non Profit Corporation organized under the North Carolina Non-Profit 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, officers or other private persons, except to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and 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 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 taxes under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (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 1986 (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 Church, 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 Church.

#### Article V – Members

The corporation shall have such classes 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 Broad Ridge Baptist Church shall automatically become members of the corporation.

## Article VI – Initial Directors

The number of initial directors shall be 9, and the initial directors shall be the same as the current members of the Deacons of Broad Ridge Baptist Church, whose names and addresses are as follows:

James Ivey 1392 S. Broadridge Rd., Orrum, N.C. 28369  
Ronnie Cox 13554 Hwy. 72, East, Lumberton, N.C. 28358  
J. L. Britt 82 Branch Rd., Lumberton, N. C. 28358  
Tracy Britt 591 Stephens Rd., Lumberton, N.C. 28358  
Rock Ivey 1392 S. Broadridge Rd., Orrum, N.C. 28369  
Roger Lee P. O. Box 3088, Lumberton, N. C. 28359  
Larry Rogers 104 Penguin Lane, Orrum, N.C. 28369  
Fitzhugh L. Willoughby 1611 N. Broadridge Rd., Lumberton, N.C. 28358  
Howard Lee 1292 Popes Crossing Rd., Lumberton, N.C. 28358

## Article VII – Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payments 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 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law), as the board of directors shall determine.

## Article VIII – Registered Agent and Principle Office and Place of Business

The address of the initial registered office and principle office and place of business of the corporation in North Carolina is 949 North Broad Ridge Rd., County of Robeson, Orrum, North Carolina 28369, and the registered agent is James Ivey.

## Article IX – Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator, acting as representative of all the members of Broad Ridge Baptist Church, is Lynn R. Buzzard, Box 891, Buies Creek, N.C. 27506.