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STATE OF INDIANA
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

GETHESEMANE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

I, JOSEPH H. HOGSETT, Secretary of State of Indiana, hereby certify that Articles of Incorporation of the above corporation, have been presented to me at my office accompanied by the fees prescribed by law; that I have found such Articles conform to law, all as prescribed by the provisions of the

Indiana Not-For-Profit Corporation Act of 1971
as amended.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby issue to such Corporation this Certificate of Incorporation, and further certify that its corporate existence will begin January 16, 1991.

ROBERT (BOB) FREELAND
RECORDER

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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the State of Indiana, at the City of Indianapolis, this Sixteenth day of January, 1991

Joseph H. Hogsett
JOSEPH H. HOGSETT, Secretary of State

By *Robert A. Freeland*
Deputy



16.00

STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative word of God.

WE BELIEVE that there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

WE BELIEVE for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

WE BELIEVE in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly Life.

WE BELIEVE in the resurrection of both the saved and lost, that they are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

WE BELIEVE in the spiritual unity of the believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.



ARTICLE I

It is provided and declared that the style and title of this corporation shall be Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church of Gary, Indiana, and shall consist of Pastor, Administrative Assistant and member, Secretary and member and their successors duly qualified, elected, and appointed by law (for the purpose with the powers to and privileges hereinafter granted and specified), and of all and every such other annexation or facility that as do now or hereafter shall become the proeprty of the corporation.

ARTICLE II

The corporation aforesaid and their successors forever, do and shall hold the said building called the Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, and all other annexation which shall become the property of the said corporation, in trust for the religious use of the members of the said church and likewise for their families. Also for ministers, and teachers duly licensed and ordained according to the form of discipline.

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ARTICLE III

It is provided and declared that the rents, issues, profits and interests of the real and personal estate of and belonging to the said church, and their successors shall, from time to time, be applied and laid out for repairing and maintaining their said Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, and all and any place or places acquired lot and lots or grounds, or buildings at anytime hereafter may or shall belong to the said church. And if the funds and revenues be sufficient the trustees may and shall be permitted to, in their own discretion, allow a reasonable and proportionable part of the support of the ministers.

ARTICLE IV

It is provided and declared that the said trustees and their successors shall not, by deed or otherwise, grant, alien, convey or otherwise dispose of any part or parts of the estate real or personal, in the said corporation vested or to be vested, or in any way to mortgage or pledge the said real estate for the payment of any debts by them contracted to any person or persons whatever unelss such grant, alienation and conveyance be made by and with the consent of two-thirds of the regular members of the said church, or at least twenty-one years of age, and one year's standing.

ARTICLE V

It is provided and declared that none but members shall be chosen trustees of the said Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, and such other church or churches as may or shall hereafter become the property of this corporation and none shall be eligible to the office of a trustee but such as are received and acknowledged members of said church by the pastor.

ARTICLE VI

All elections for trustees of the aforesaid Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church shall be by vote of the general membership in close communion with them, or as many of them attend; after being duly warned thereto; and no one shall have a right to vote for a trustee until he has been a member in standing and full connection one year at least; and no person shall be chosen a trustee of the said corporation until the said person shall have been a member in full connection and standing at least two years; and no person shall be admitted into close connection with their classes to teach or preach on a regular basis by members of the Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church.

ARTICLE VII

It is provided that the trustees aforesaid and their successors forever are and shall be empowered to have, and shall have the entire direction and disposal of the temporal revenue of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church; and after paying rent of the said church, are to pay the remainder for the benefit of the said church. As a majority of the aforesaid trustees and their successors shall, from time to time direct. And the aforesaid trustees and their successors forever shall have disposal and management of the temporal concerns of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church. Subject, nevertheless to the provisions and under the regulations made and provide in the fourth article of this instrument.

ARTICLE VIII

It is declared that the trustees and members of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church do acquiesce and accord with the doctrine of the "Holy Bible", the guidance of "The Holy Spirit", and the "Articles of Christian Faith" for their church government and discipline and that they and their successors will continue forever in union with the christian churches in the City of Gary, Indiana in their ecclesiastical affairs and transactions, except in the temporal right and property of the aforesaid Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, which is to be governed and herein directed as long as the said articles and creeds of the said church remain unchanged.

ARTICLE IX

It is declared that the pastor of the Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church for the time being, in the City of Gary, shall have the direction and management of the spiritual concerns of the said church, or any other church or churches which may or shall be built hereafter by the corporation aforesaid, or by any other means become their property agreeably to the form of discipline of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, provided always, that the pastor shall receive no person into the membership unwillingly. And upon complaint being made to the pastor of any of its members having walked disorderly, they shall be dealt with according to the form of discipline; provided that their triers, always be members of their own church. It is further declared that no person who may come recommended to the pastor from other churches to become a member of the Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, shall be admitted or considered as a member of said church if he refuses to have his name registered in the books of the church after notice having been given him.

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It is agreed and declared that the pastor of the Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church in the City of Gary, shall from time to time, forever hereafter nominate the preacher who shall officiate in said church and any and all other church or churches which shall hereafter become property of the corporation and shall attend to the said church or churches himself to administer ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, as often as he, the said pastor can make it convenient. And the said pastor, for the time being shall license to exhort, and preach any one or more of the brethren who are, or shall be, members of the said church, and shall appear, to the satisfaction of the said pastor, to be adequate to the task, and to have grace and gifts proper to appear in public; provided, always, that such persons are willing to make a public testimony to his Divine call before the general assembly. And it is agreed that the pastor will allow him to preach a trial sermon during a given Sunday or once during the course of the week.

ARTICLE XI

It is provided and declared that no powers and authorities hereby given to the aforementioned trustees shall be understood, taken, or construed, in any wise to prohibit or prevent the pastor, for the time being, duly authorized and appointed as aforesaid, the religious use benefit and enjoyment of the church by the name of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church or of any other church or churches which at any time hereafter, may be purchased, or built by the said corporation, or in any other way become their property, in the city of Gary or surrounding communities. But that the same shall be, and

forever hereafter continue to be, had, used and enjoyed, by the pastor for the time being, as heretofore, and by no other person whatever, unless by the particular consent of the pastor anything to the contrary in these articles notwithstanding.

Lloyd Dalton Hall, Jr.

Lloyd Dalton Hall, Jr. - Pastor-Founder

Odell Guster

Odell Guster - Secretary

Florence Collins
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Florence Collins - Treasurer

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B.M. Conner

B.M. Conner - Assistant

Arthur Gray
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Agape was a feast of the early church connected with the Lord's Supper. It would be similar to the Love Feast of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church.

