

Articles of Incorporation

Forest Hills Baptist Church of Raleigh

A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

Article I - Name

- A. The name of the corporation is Forest Hills Baptist Church of Raleigh.
- B. This corporation provides a new and on-going organizational structure for continuation of the activities of the previously unincorporated Forest Hills Baptist Church organized in Raleigh, North Carolina on the first Sunday of August, 1945.
- C. Hereafter, in these Articles, the term, "this Church" refers to the corporation and the term "Forest Hills Baptist Church" refers to the previously unincorporated entity.

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 administration of the ordinances of the Church
4. To create and enable Christian fellowship as a nurturing and disciple-making function of the Church
5. To promote the Biblical principles of justice and righteousness in personal, social, community, state, national, and international 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 and 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 to 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 the 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 income tax 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 this Church, which authority shall be exercised in the manner set forth in the Bylaws. Members alone shall have the authority to adopt and amend Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, adopt Articles of Dissolution, approve budgets, receive members, call pastoral staff, and govern and conduct the affairs of this Church under the provisions and rules set forth in the Bylaws. The Board of Directors powers shall be subject to the limitation of these reserved powers to the congregation.

Article V - Members

The corporation shall have such classes of members who shall have such rights and powers as provided by law and set forth in the Bylaws.

Article VI - Directors and Officers

The initial directors shall be the same as the Deacons of Forest Hills Baptist Church serving on the date of incorporation. The initial officers shall be the same as the officers of Forest Hills Baptist Church serving on the date of incorporation. Subsequently the number, election, and authority of the directors and officers shall be determined by the members or as provided in the Bylaws.

Article VII - Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment 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 Principal Office and Place of Business

The address of the initial registered office and principal office and place of business of the corporation in North Carolina is 201 Dixie Trail, Raleigh, NC 27607, and the initial registered agent is Wilson Laney. *Wake County*

Article IX - Incorporator

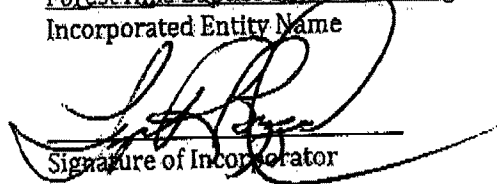
The name and address of the incorporator, acting as representative of all the members of Forest Hills Baptist Church, is Lynn R. Buzzard, Box 891, Buies Creek, N.C. 27506

Article X - Amendments to Articles

These Articles may be amended by three-fourths vote of the members present and voting at any meeting of the membership, properly called and conducted as provided in the Bylaws, provided that written notice of the specific proposed amendment to be considered is provided at least thirty days prior to the meeting.

This is the 26th day of November, 2013

Forest Hills Baptist Church of Raleigh
Incorporated Entity Name


Signature of Incorporator

Lynn R. Buzzard
Type or Print Incorporator's Name


Signature of Corporate Officer
Chairman of Deacon Board, Moderator

Kenn Gardner
Officer's Name