

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF MORGAN

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
EDWIN L. HODGES MINISTRIES, INC.**

These articles of incorporation are signed and acknowledged by the incorporators for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under the provisions of the Alabama Nonprofit Corporation Act as codified in Section 10-3A-1, et seq. Code of Alabama (1975) as follows:

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be: Edwin L. Hodges Ministries, Inc.

**ARTICLE II DURATION**

The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE III. PURPOSES**

The purposes for which this corporation is organized are:

- A. To print, publish and distribute throughout the world, Bibles, New Testaments, Old Testaments, and portions thereof.
- B. To print and collect new and used Christian literature including, but not limited to, books, magazines, tracts, cassettes and video tapes.
- C. To write and produce Christian literature for distribution to pastors and lay leaders around the world.
- D. To promote and edify the Church of Jesus Christ wherever it may be found, and to communicate and propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ by any and every means.
- E. To initiate, participate in, maintain, and aid all such religious and charitable works as the Board of Directors may determine advisable including, but not limited to, mission agencies, schools, and churches.
- F. To promote and carry on any other religious, charitable, or educational purposes and activities for which corporations may be organized and operated under the relevant provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and under the Alabama Nonprofit Corporation Act.
- G. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively religious, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

**ARTICLE IV. POWERS**

In furtherance of the objects above-described, but not in limitation thereof, this corporation shall have the following powers:

- 1. To pay all expenses incurred during the performance of corporate activities, including all office and other expenses incident to the conduct of the business of the Corporation and including all licenses, taxes or governmental charges levied or imposed against the property of the Corporation.

2. To acquire (by gift, purchase or otherwise), own, hold, improve, build upon, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer, dedicate for public use or otherwise dispose of real or personal property in connection with the affairs of the corporation.

3. To borrow money, mortgage, pledge or deed in trust any or all of its real or personal property as security for money borrowed or debts incurred.

4. To participate in mergers and consolidations with other nonprofit corporations organized for the same purposes.

5. To exercise any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation organized under the Nonprofit Corporation Act of the State of Alabama by law may now or hereafter have or exercise.

6. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

#### ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

The corporation shall not have any members.

#### ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The corporation shall be governed by a board of directors comprised of twenty-four (25) persons who shall serve as such until the initial annual meeting of the board of directors. Within one (1) year from the date of incorporation, a number of directors to be provided for in the bylaws shall be elected by a majority vote of the initial board of directors. Each director shall serve for a term of one year or until such time as his successor is determined. A director may be reelected for more than one term.

#### ARTICLE VII. BYLAWS

The operation of the corporation shall be governed by bylaws to be adopted at the organizational meeting of the corporation. The bylaws may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, in the manner provided therein.

#### ARTICLE VIII. REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 1008 Dodd Drive S.W., Decatur, Alabama 35601. The name of the initial registered agent at such address is Edwin L. Hodges.

#### ARTICLE IX. INITIAL DIRECTORS

The initial board of directors shall consist of twenty-four (25) persons. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are as follows:

1. Jeff Hodges 1075 Dixie Ave. Florence, AL 35630
2. Karen Hodges 1075 Dixie Ave. Florence, AL 35630
3. Donald Locke 2550 Ellejoy Rd. Walland, TN 37886
4. Nellie Locke 2550 Ellejoy Rd. Walland, TN 37886
5. William James 1430 George Dr. Conyers, GA 30208
6. Bonnie James 1430 George Dr. Conyers, GA 30208
7. John Cook 2013 Brookmanor Dr. SE Decatur, AL 35601
8. Jo Cook 2013 Brookmanor Dr. SE Decatur, AL 35601
9. Rev. Larry Fincher 282 Pine Dr. NE New Market, AL 35761
10. Ernest Dillard Rt. 1 Box 216 Courtland, AL 35618
11. Gladys Dillard Rt. 1 Box 216 Courtland, AL 35618
12. Edward Ashley 148 Lee St. Rainsville, AL 35986
13. James Denny 1911 Hunterwood Dr. High Point, NC 27260

14. Rachelle Denny 1911 Hunterwood Dr. High Point, NC 27260
15. Donald Burke 234 County Rd. 379 Trinity, AL 35673
16. Barbara Burke 234 County Rd. 379 Trinity, AL 35673
17. Doyle Fortney 7404 Chant ct. Louisville, KY 40214
18. Loretta Fortney 7404 Chant ct. Louisville, KY 40214
19. John Jolly P. O. Box 148 Russellville, AL 35653
20. Mark Hodges 5895 County Rd. 203 Danville, AL 35619
21. Robin Hodges 5895 County Rd. 203 Danville, AL 35619
22. Edwin L. Hodges 1008 Dodd Drive S.W. Decatur, AL 35601
23. Edith Hodges 1008 Dodd Drive S.W. Decatur, AL 35601
24. James Fincher 4305 Windy Hill Rd. SE Decatur, AL 35603
25. Jeanie Fincher 4305 Windy Hill Rd. SE Decatur, AL 35603

#### ARTICLE X. INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

1. Edwin L. Hodges 1008 Dodd Drive S.W. Decatur, AL 35601
2. Edith Hodges 1008 Dodd Drive S.W. Decatur, AL 35601

#### ARTICLE XI. DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY ON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, after payment of all debts, and at the direction of the board of directors all assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE XII. ORGANIZATION

This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the above stated purposes and for other nonprofit purposes, and no part of any net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private individual. This corporation is organized pursuant to the Alabama Nonprofit Corporation Act and is intended to be a tax exempt nonprofit corporation as described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

DATED this 15th day of September, 1994.