

MT. VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS

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6450 Curry Hwy.
Jasper, Alabama 35503

BY-LAWS

THE BIBLE SHALL BE THE SOLE AND SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY IN ALL MATTERS OF FAITH AND PRACTICE OF MT. VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH AND ITS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. WE AFFIRM THE HOLY BIBLE AS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD AND THE BASIS FOR OUR BELIEFS. THIS CHURCH SUBSCRIBES TO THE DOCTRINAL STATEMENT IN THE BAPTIST FAITH AND MESSAGE AS ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION IN 2000.

THE PURPOSE (mission, vision) OF MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH IS “TO KNOW GOD AND MAKE HIM KNOWN.” WE SEEK TO DO THIS THROUGH THE ACTIONS OF THE ACROSTIC W.O.R.L.D.:

W – we will worship the Lord in spirit and truth.

O – we will obey the Word of God and order our lives and church around it.

R – we will reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

L – we will love our neighbor and especially those of the household of faith.

D – we will disciple believers toward spiritual maturity.

CHURCH COVENANT: Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of our Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort, to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines, to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment, to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger, to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another with brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and

courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THIS CHURCH IS VESTED IN THE BODY OF BAPTIZED BELIEVERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF MT. VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH. IT IS SUBJECT TO THE CONTROL OF NO OTHER ECCLESIASTICAL BODY, BUT IT RECOGNIZES AND SUSTAINS THE OBLIGATIONS OF MUTUAL COUNSEL AND COOPERATION THAT ARE COMMON WITH AND SUPPORT THE WALKER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION AND THE ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION AFFILIATED WITH THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The membership reserves the exclusive right to determine who shall be members of this church and conditions of membership. The membership shall have the right to delegate this responsibility to the Pastors, the Active Deacons, or a nominated committee of the church delegated by a minimum of a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Church in a called business meeting.

An individual desiring to be received as a candidate for membership of MVBC must engage in a counseling session by the senior pastor, or his designee. The counseling session shall include a discussion of the candidate's standing in their relationship with Jesus Christ as well as explanation of the By-Laws of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church and responsibilities as a member of MVBC.

SECTION I.

MEMBERSHIP

FULL VOTING MEMBERS

Full voting members in this church shall consist of all persons who have met the qualifications of membership as set forth below in *Section II* and who are listed on the membership roll. Full members shall have all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of a member of the church.

Every FULL VOTING MEMBER of the church, of the age of 16 or above, is entitled to vote at all elections and on all questions submitted to the church in a business meeting, provided the member is present. No proxy or absentee voting will be allowed.

SECTION II.

CANDIDACY

Any person may offer himself/herself as a candidate for membership in this church at any regular church service in any of the following ways:

A. By Baptism:

1. For persons making a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ that involves a personal conviction of sin and the need for forgiveness (Rom. 6:23); repentance (turning away from sin) and asking Christ for forgiveness (1 John 1:9); and receiving Christ as personal Savior and Lord (Rom. 10:9-10).
2. For persons who have experienced salvation but have not experienced believers' baptism by immersion.

OR

B. By Letter:

1. Transfer of membership through a letter of request from another Baptist church of like faith and order.

OR

C. By Statement of Faith:

1. For persons who have experienced salvation and come as a Christian from another denomination, having already been baptized by immersion.

AND

2. By Completion of New Membership Class.

A candidate for membership shall be referred to the Membership Committee for recommendation to the church within 30 days of completing the New Membership Class.

A three-fourths (3/4) vote of those church members present and voting shall be required to elect such candidates to membership.

SECTION III.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Members are expected to be faithful in all duties essential to living a positive Christian life and encouraged to attend regularly all the services of this church, to give regularly for its support and causes, and to share in its organized work.

SECTION IV.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The church will provide new member orientation and all **NEW MEMBERS shall participate to learn the church mission and discipline of MVBC.**

SECTION V.

TERMINATION AND DISMISSAL OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be terminated in the following ways: (1) Death of the member, (2) Transfer of membership through letter to another Baptist church, (3) Exclusion by action of this church, (4) Erasure upon request, or (5) Proof of membership in another church.

SECTION VI.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The church is committed to resolving in a Biblical manner all conflict that may arise within the body. This commitment is based on God's command that Christians should strive to live at peace with one another (Matt. 5:9, John 17:20-23; Romans 12:18; Eph. 4:1-3) and that when disputes arise, Christians should resolve them according to the principles set forth in Scripture (Prov. 19:11; Matt. 5:23-25; 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 6:1-8; Gal. 6:1). We believe that these commands and principles are an obligation to every Christian and are essential to the unity, health, and witness of the church.

When a member of this church has a conflict with, or is concerned about the behavior of another member, he/she shall attempt to resolve it in the following manner:

- (1) The offended or concerned person shall prayerfully examine himself or herself, and take responsibility for their contribution to the problem (Matt. 7:3-5), and shall prayerfully seek to discern whether the offense is so serious it cannot be overlooked (Prov. 19:11, 15:18; 17:14; 20:3; Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:13; 1 Pet. 4:8).
- (2) If the offense is too serious to be overlooked, the offended party shall go and attempt to resolve the matter personally and privately to seek reconciliation.
- (3) If the offender will not listen and if the problem is too serious to overlook, the offended person shall return with one or two mature Christian people to help in the resolution of the differences. These other people are to serve more as mediators than as champions of a side. These other people should preferably be recognized leaders in the church or trained Christian mediators from the associational or denominational structure.

At the request of either party to the dispute the church leadership shall make every effort to assist in resolving the differences and affecting reconciliation.

- (4) Before the matter is taken to the congregation according to the directed procedure of Matt. 18:15-17, the congregational leaders should seek counsel and mediation assistance from the association, the state convention (Office of LeaderCare/Church Administration), the office of LeaderCare at LifeWay, or a recognized ministry of Christian conciliation such as Peacemakers Ministries.

SECTION VII.

MEMBER DISCIPLINE

RECONCILIATION – It shall be the practice of this church to emphasize to its members that every reasonable measure will be taken to assist any troubled member. The pastor, other members of the church staff and deacons are available for counsel and guidance. The attitude of members toward one another shall be guided by a concern for redemption rather than punishment (Matt. 18:15-17; Gal. 6:1-2).

EXCLUSION – Should a member become an offense to the church and to its good name by reason of immoral or unchristian conduct, or by persistent breach of the covenant, or nonsupport of the church, the church may terminate membership. The pastor and the deacons will take every reasonable measure to resolve the problem in accord with Matthew 18. If it becomes necessary for the church to take action to exclude a member, a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members present and voting is required; and the church may proceed to declare the person to be no longer in the membership of the church. A spirit of Christian kindness and forbearance shall pervade all such proceedings.

RESTORATION – The church may restore to membership any person previously excluded, upon request of the excluded person, and upon established evidence set forth by church policy of the excluded person’s repentance and reformation. Such restoration shall be by three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members present and voting.

STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE AND SEXUALITY

We believe that marriage is a union between one man and one woman, following biblical principles (Gen. 2:18-25; Lev. 18:22; Matt. 19:3-6, Rom. 1:18-27; Eph. 5:22-33; Hebrews 13:4).

We believe that God sanctions only the union in marriage of a man to a woman, including civil unions. Therefore, this church sanctions only a ceremony compatible with those standards and beliefs.

CHURCH OFFICERS

All who serve as officers of the church and those who serve on church committees shall be members of this church.

The officers of this church shall be the Pastor, Ministerial Staff, Deacons, Financial Officer/Treasurer, Trustees, and such other officers as the church from time to time may deem necessary.

The church staff is responsible for equipping the church to function as a New Testament church. The Pastor is responsible for leading the congregation, the ministry organizations, and the church staff to perform their tasks. No clergy may perform a same sex marriage ceremony or civil union while employed by MVBC. Doing so would be grounds for termination.

SECTION I.

OFFICERS AND RESPONSIBILITY

PASTOR - The pastor is leader of pastoral ministries in the church. As such he works with the deacons and church staff to:

1. Lead the church in the achievement of its mission;
2. Proclaim the gospel to believers and unbelievers;
3. Care for the church's members and other persons in the community.

The church shall provide a job description to aid in the understanding of these tasks.

MINISTRY STAFF

The ministerial staff (i.e., associate pastor, youth pastor, minister of education, etc.) shall be called and employed to assist the pastoral staff as the church determines the need for such offices. A job description shall be written when the need for a staff member is determined. Those staff members of whom the church requires evidence of a personal call of God to ministry shall be recommended to the church by the search committee and called by church action.

SUPPORT STAFF

The ministry support staff shall be employed to assist the pastoral staff as the church determines the need for such positions. A job description shall be written when the need for a staff member is determined.

The church Personnel Committee shall have the authority to employ and to terminate services of support staff members. Such employment and termination of services shall be with the recommendation of the supervising staff member, and, as appropriate, with the consultation of related committees of the church.

DEACONS

Deacons of the church shall be ordained to provide leadership for and service to the fellowship of the church. In accordance with the meaning of the work and practice in the New Testament, deacons are to be servants of the church.

The selection, election, and ordination of deacons shall be governed by policies adopted by the church deacons and approved by the church.

TRUSTEES

The church shall elect three (3) or more trustees to serve as legal officers on behalf of the church. Upon a specific vote of the church authorizing each action, they shall have the power to buy, sell, mortgage, lease, or transfer any church property. When the signatures of trustees

are required, they shall sign legal documents involving the sale, mortgage, purchase, or rental of property, or other legal documents related to church-approved matters.

Trustees shall serve on a rotation basis, with at least one new trustee being elected every three (3) years.

FINANCIAL OFFICER/TREASURER

The church administrator shall serve as its financial officer. The church treasurer shall be elected annually. In the absence of the church administrator, the elected church treasurer shall fulfill the duties as financial officer. It shall be the duty of the financial officer to receive, preserve, and pay out, upon receipt of vouchers approved and signed by authorized personnel, all money, as well as account for things of value paid or given to the church, keeping at all times an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements.

In the event of illness, vacation, or short-term leave of absence (not considered a suspended administrative act) of the church administrator, the elected treasurer would temporarily act in the capacity as financial officer and work in conjunction with the church administrator, financial secretary and Stewardship Committee to ensure all responsibilities are being met.

It shall be the duty of the financial officer to render to the church members at a regular business meeting a current month-end itemized report of the receipts and disbursements. Church members shall receive regular reports, at least quarterly, from the financial officer or acting financial officer. The financial officer's report and records shall be audited annually by an auditing committee or public accountant. The financial officer shall be bonded, the church paying the bond.

Upon rendering the annual account at the end of each fiscal year and its acceptance and approval by the church, the records shall be delivered by the financial officer to the church clerk, who shall keep and preserve the account as a part of the permanent records of the church.

The church may delegate some or all of the clerical responsibilities to the financial secretary who will assist the financial officer. All church records are property of the church and shall be kept in the church office.

CLERK

The church shall elect annually a clerk as its clerical officer. The clerk shall be responsible for keeping a suitable record of all official actions of the church and recording minutes of the church business meetings, excepts as otherwise herein provided.

The church may delegate some or all of the clerical responsibilities to a secretary who will assist the elected clerk. All church records are property of the church and shall be kept in the church office.

MODERATOR

The pastor shall serve as moderator, presiding over regular or special business meetings. In the absence of the pastor, the chairman of the deacons or selected designated deacon officer shall preside; or in the absence of both, the clerk shall call the church to order and preside for the election of an acting moderator.

SECTION II.

CALL AND TERMINATION OF THE PASTOR AND MINISTERIAL STAFF

The Personnel Policies, having been drafted by the Personnel Committee and adopted and approved by the church, shall govern the terms by which the pastor and ministerial staff will be called to the church. The Personnel Policies shall also direct and administer pastor and/or ministerial staff terminations either or by relinquishment/resignation or at the church's request.

SECTION III.

EMPLOYMENT AND TERMINATION OF SUPPORT STAFF

The Personnel Policies, having been drafted by the Personnel Committee and adopted and approved by the church, shall govern the terms by which all support staff will be employed by the church. The Personnel Policies shall also direct and administer support staff terminations either or by relinquishment/resignation or at the supervisor's request.

CHURCH COMMITTEES

All who serve on church committees shall be members of this church. All church committee members shall be recommended by the church nominating committee and elected by the church unless otherwise specified within these bylaws.

SECTION I.

STANDING/PERMANENT COMMITTEES

The standing/permanent (administrative) committees of this church shall include a Nominating Committee, Personnel Committee, Stewardship Committee (financial), Building and Grounds Committee, and such other standing/permanent committees as the church shall authorize. Additional administrative committees may be added by the amendment procedure prescribed within these bylaws.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This committee shall coordinate the staffing of all church leadership positions filled by volunteer workers, unless otherwise specified. Persons considered for any such positions shall be approved by the nomination committee before they are approached for recruitment. The nominating committee shall present to the church for election all that accept the invitation to serve.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

This committee shall assist the church in matters related to employed personnel administration, including those called by church action. Their work includes such areas as determining staff needs, employment, salaries, benefits, other compensation, policies, job descriptions and personnel services.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

This committee shall develop and submit a unified church budget, recommend all expenditures not budgeted and identify funds for such expenditures using sound principles of financial management. The church finance secretary and church financial officer/treasurer shall serve as ex-officio members and shall report to the stewardship committee.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

This committee shall assist the church in matters related to property administration. Its work includes such areas as maintaining all church properties for ready use, recommending policies regarding use of properties, consulting with the personnel committee and the ministerial staff regarding the needs for, and the employment of maintenance personnel, and regarding the assignment of supervisory responsibility to appropriate personnel.

SECTION II.

MINISTRY COMMITTEES

The church shall maintain ministries as specified by church policy. These ministries may include such things as Bible teaching, church member training, church leader training, new member

orientation, mission education, mission action, mission support, music education, music training, and music performance. All ministries related to the church ministries shall be under church control, all officers being elected by the church and reporting regularly to the church, all ministry activities subject to church coordination and approval. The church shall provide the human resources, the physical resources, and the financial resources for the appropriate advancement of these ministries.

The ministry committees of this church shall include such other committees as the church shall authorize. Additional ministry committees may be added by the amendment to church policy. Members on these committees shall serve a term as indicated in the church policy.

SECTION III.

SPECIAL (AD HOC) COMMITTEES

The special (ad hoc) committees of this church shall include such other committees as the church shall authorize. Additional special (ad hoc) committees may be added by the amendment to church policy. Members on these committees shall serve until the assigned task is complete; disbanded by majority vote of the church in a business meeting or by mutual consent upon completion of the project.

CHURCH ORDINANCES

SECTION I.

BAPTISM

The church shall receive for baptism any person who has received Jesus Christ as Savior by personal faith, who professes Him publicly at any worship service, and who indicates a commitment to follow Christ as Lord.

- (1) Baptism shall be by immersion in water¹.
- (2) The pastor, or whomever the church shall authorize, shall administer baptism. The baptism committee shall assist in the preparation for, and the observance of baptism.
- (3) Baptism shall be administered as an act of worship during any worship service of the church. Baptism may be administered as an act of worship in the home, hospital,

¹ Exception for certain medical reasons such as terminally ill person.

correctional facility or nursing home when circumstances prevent the candidate from attending a regular worship service.

- (4) A person who professes faith in Christ and is not baptized after a reasonable length of time shall be counseled by the pastor, ministerial staff or deacons. If no interest is ascertained on the part of the candidate, he/she shall be deleted from those awaiting baptism.

SECTION II. THE LORD'S SUPPER

The church shall observe the Lord's Supper regularly during normal or special worship times as specified by church policy. The pastor and deacons shall administer the Lord's Supper.

CHURCH MEETINGS

SECTION I. WORSHIP SERVICES

The church shall meet regularly each Sunday and Wednesday for the worship of Almighty God. Prayer, praise, preaching, instruction, and evangelism shall be among the elements of these services. The pastor or person of his designation shall direct the services for all the church members and for all others who may choose to attend.

SECTION II. SPECIAL SERVICES

Revival services or other special services and church meetings essential to the advancement of the church's objectives shall be held as recommended by the pastor and approved by the church.

SECTION III. BUSINESS MEETING

The church shall hold business meetings as needed during a regular church service.

SECTION IV.
SPECIAL/CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

The pastor or a majority of the active deacons after one week's notice to the members of the church by public announcement at a Sunday service may conduct a *called* church business meeting to consider matters of special nature and significance.

The announcement shall include the subject, the date, and time and place of the *called* business meeting; and it must be given in such a manner that all resident members have opportunity to know of the meeting.

Any recommendations to the church from committees or deacons shall be read aloud and made available in written format if requested, at the time of the public announcement for informational purposes only.

Unless *extreme urgency* is determined by the pastor **and** deacon chairman that renders such notice impractical, then, and only in such case, a meeting may be called by (1) agreement of a majority of the active deacons; **OR** (2) the chairman of the deacons and the pastor.

SECTION V.
QUORUM

The quorum consists of those members who attend the church business meeting, provided it is a stated meeting or one that has been properly called. Any and all business matters requiring voting by church members shall be decided with approval of three-fourths (3/4) vote of members attending the meeting.

SECTION VI.
PARLIAMENTARY RULES

The most recently revised version of Robert's Rules of Order is the authority for parliamentary rules of procedure for all business meetings of the church.

CHURCH FINANCES

SECTION I. BUDGET

It is understood that membership in this church involves financial obligation to support the church and its causes with regular, proportionate gifts. With these gifts the Stewardship Committee shall prepare and submit to the church for approval an inclusive budget, indicating by items the amount needed and sought for all expenses.

SECTION II. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

All funds received for any and all purposes shall pass through the possession of the church financial officer/treasurer, or financial secretary, and be properly recorded on the books of the church. A system of accounting that will adequately provide for the handling of all funds shall be the responsibility of the Stewardship Committee. Those who have responsibility that involves actual handling of funds shall be bonded, the church paying the bond.

SECTION III. FISCAL YEAR

The church fiscal year shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

ELECTIONS AND ROTATIONS

The church shall hold elections at such time and in such manner as designated by church policy. All officers shall be elected or appointed in accordance with church policy. Vacancies shall be filled as provided by church policy.

CHURCH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

The church shall develop and maintain a Church Policies and Procedures Manual to include church policies and procedures and organization charts depicting lines of responsibility in the administration of the church. The manual shall be kept in the church office and made available for use there by any member of the church. The church secretary shall maintain the manual. An established special elected committee for the purpose of reviewing the manual every five (5) years, with authority to recommend changes for the church to consider. Any church member or church organization may recommend such changes to the special elected committee.

REVISIONS MAY BE BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

Policies or procedures may be added, revised, or deleted by: (1) recommendation of the church officer or organization to whose areas of assignment the procedures relate, (2) approval by the pastor and deacons if they deem it necessary or advisable. All revisions must be approved by the church.

Any church member or church organization may initiate suggested changes in the manual by presenting a motion in any regularly scheduled church business meeting. Policies or procedures may then be added, revised, or deleted by a majority vote of the church members in attendance at the business meeting.

AMENDMENTS

Changes in the Bylaws may be made at any regular church business meeting of the church provided each amendment has been presented in writing at a previous business meeting and copies of the proposed amendment has been furnished to each member present and read aloud at the earlier meeting and made available to any member requesting one at the church office. Amendments to the Bylaws shall be by three-fourths (3/4) of votes cast of church members present and voting at a regular church business meeting.

STATE OF ALABAMA)

WALKER COUNTY)

AMENDED

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

MT. VERNON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

WHEREAS, in a duly called and held business meeting for the express purpose, and in accordance with its existing Church Constitution and the laws of the State of Alabama, the members of Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church of Curry, Alabama has resolved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority to authorize the restatement of its Articles of Incorporation and to amend the incorporation status and adopt Sections 10-3A-1 et seq. of the Code of Alabama, 1975 (Alabama Non-Profit Corporation Act, 1984), as amended or any successors of same, and to empower the undersigned Trustees of Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church to adopt and execute the same.

THEREFORE, the undersigned, being all of the Trustees of Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church, acting under the authority granted said Trustees by the members of Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church of Curry Alabama, do hereby execute, make, declare, and file the following AMENDED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

ARTICLE I

NAME AND LOCATION

The Church is incorporated under the name of Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church, Inc. At times herein, the activities of the Church will generally be carried on in the name of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church.

The Church's rural route address has been replaced with 6450 Curry Highway, Jasper, Alabama 35503.

ARTICLE II

ADMINISTRATION OF CHURCH AFFAIRS

The material and business affairs of the Church are to be administered by the Trustees consisting of three (3) in number and acting under direction of the Church membership.

ARTICLE III

AUTHORITY/PURPOSE

The government of this church is vested in the body of baptized believers who are members of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation that are common with and support the Walker Baptist Association and the Alabama Baptist State Convention affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The purpose of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church is “to know God and make Him known.” We seek to do this through the actions of the acrostic W.O.R.L.D.:

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D – we will disciple believers toward spiritual maturity.

ARTICLE IV

EXISTENCE

The existence of this Incorporated Church shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE V

REGISTERED AGENT

The current elected Chairman of the Trustees shall be the registered/representative agent to receive official notifications at the address of 6450 Curry Highway, Jasper, Alabama 35503.

ARTICLE VI

INCORPORATION

This church corporation shall have all the powers, privileges, authority and immunities set forth in the Laws of the State of Alabama applicable to Sections 10-3A-1 et seq. of the Code

of Alabama, 1975 (Alabama Non-Profit Corporation Act, 1984) as amended or any successors of same.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Articles of Incorporation may be amended by three-fourths (3/4) of votes cast by church members present and voting in a duly called and held business meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

MEMBERSHIP

The qualification of members and manner of admission to Mt. Vernon Baptist Church shall be governed by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX

BUSINESS MEETING

The By-Laws of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church shall provide when regular or special called business meetings will be held. Provisions in the By-Laws will address publication notice and quorum required to transact business.

ARTICLE X

CHURCH PROPERTY

Title to all property, both real and personal, tangible and intangible, shall be vested in the name of said Incorporated Church.

ARTICLE XI

TRANSFER OF ASSETS IN THE EVENT OF DISSOLUTION

If the Church should ever be dissolved, all of its assets remaining after payment and satisfaction of all its indebtedness, including the expenses of said dissolution shall be distributed

to the Walker Baptist Association.

We, the undersigned, for the purpose of AMENDING THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION under the Laws of the State of Alabama, and pursuant to a resolution adopted on the date aforesaid, do make, file and record these AMENDMENTS and do hereby certify that the facts herein stated are true and we have accordingly hereunto set our respective hands and seals.

Dated at Jasper, Alabama, this the _____ day of October, 2015.

TRUSTEES:

Gaylon Barnett

Ferrel Drummond

Terry Lane

The undersigned church clerk does hereby attest to the signatures of the above-named Trustees and does certify that the same constitutes all of the current Trustees of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church this _____ day of October, 2015.

CHURCH CLERK:
