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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS PREPARED BY GEORGE W. HARRIS, ATTORNEY AT LAW, 418 CITY FEDERAL BUILDING, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203

WHEREAS, the congregation of Briarwood Presbyterian Church desires the separate from the Presbytery of Birmingham and the Presbyterian Church in the United States in order to become and to constitute itself as an independent church;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the congregation of Briarwood Presbyterian Church does now declare itself to be an independent and autonomous church of Presbyterian doctrine and government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any and all connections, control, jurisdiction and/or oversight of said Presbytery of Birmingham and any other judicatory or commission of the Presbyterian Church be and the same hereby are severed and dissolved.

DONE AND RESOLVED at Birmingham, Alabama, this 6th day of May, 1973.

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MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION

October 23, 1984

None Missions - Chairman Wayne Peasegrove reported. He indicated that we had experienced a very successful Home Missions Conference with Rev. E. V. Hill as our principal speaker.

PLANNING COMMITTEE - Chairman Tom Holton reported on the work of the Committee currently underway and presented a resolution for adoption regarding the option contract on certain property located on I-459 and Acton Road.

Attached are the five documents that were presented to the Session at its stated meeting of September 22, 1998 as follows:

- 1. RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE
2. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS PROCEDURE
3. OFFICIAL NOMINATIONS FORM
4. SESSION'S CHARGE TO PULPIT COMMITTEE
5. PASTOR'S FAREWELL LETTER

The Session made no change in the Recommended Procedure. However, the attached updated copy has some differences from the copy that was distributed to the Session because we used a set of documents supplied by Todd Carlisle that did not include the last changes made by the Ad Hoc Committee.

Likewise the Nominations and Elections Procedure presented to the Session contained an error in that the "1 Young married male member (age 20-45 inclusive)" was listed out of order. This was noted for the Session and the attached copy shows this category in the proper order immediately preceding "2 Congregational-at-large members."

The Session's Charge to Pulpit Committee was amended by the Session to add the word "lasting" in the fifth line of the first paragraph and a "confidential" paragraph was added.

These five documents should be attached to the minutes of the Session's meeting.

3. On September 22, 1998, at a joint meeting of the Session and Discomat, Dr. Barker will announce his planned retirement. The officers will be urged to keep the matter confidential until the congregation is informed at the morning worship services on September 27. Following the joint meeting, the Recommended Process will be presented to the Session by the Church Growth & Planning Committee with the assistance of the Chairman of the ad hoc committee. Once the Session has adopted the process or an amended version thereof, then it becomes the Session's recommendation to the Congregation and the title of the process would be changed to "Pulpit Committee Procedure." The Session calls a Congregational meeting for 5:00 p.m., Sunday, October 11 for consideration of the Pulpit Committee Procedure and sets October 25 as the date for the election of the Pulpit Committee contingent on the Congregation's approval of the Pulpit Committee Procedure.

4. On Sunday, September 27, Pastor Barker announces his planned retirement and gives notice of the October 11 Congregational meeting to the Pulpit Committee Procedure recommended by the Session. Appropriate notices will also be printed in the October 2 and 9 issues of the Briarwood Weekly.

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Briarwood Presbyterian Church
May 23, 1999

A congregational meeting, having been duly called by the Session, was held at 9:30 A. M. on Sunday, May 23, 1999 in the Worship Center. After an opening prayer, the Moderator, Teaching Elder Frank M. Barker, Jr. called the meeting to order, declared a quorum present, without objection appointed Teaching Elder R. Thomas Chelzy to moderate and Kuling Elder Tom Harris as clerk.

The Moderator gave a brief explanation of the Book of Church Order regarding changes in pastoral relationships and the necessity for the congregation to concur with the request of a teaching elder that presbytery dissolve the teaching elder's relationship. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the congregation of Briarwood Presbyterian Church concurred with Teaching Elder Frank M. Barker, Jr.'s request that Invited Presbytery dissolve his relationship effective September 1, 1999.

Following the Book of Church Order, the Moderator posed the question to the congregation, "Are you ready to proceed to the election of a pastor?" Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the congregation approved proceeding with the election of a pastor not using ballots.

Following the positive congregation response to the question, upon motion duly made, seconded unanimously carried, the Briarwood Presbyterian Church calls a call to fill the vacancy of Senior Pastor, effective September 30, 1999, to Rev. Harry L. Reeder, III, present pastor at the Christ Covenant Church in Matthews, North Carolina.

The Moderator expressed appreciation to the Pulpit Committee for its work and the congregation affirmed its appreciation also. Prior to the adjournment, the congregation sang "To God Be the Glory" in acknowledging His leadership in the search process.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

Approved: R. Thomas Chelzy, Moderator

Respectfully submitted: Harry L. Reeder, III, Thomas W. Harris, Jr., Clerk of the Meeting

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