OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
Des Moines, Iowa

This instrument recorded in ~~Book 2-B, Page 609~~, Sept. 21-1950 Expires Sept. 21-2000, Cert. No. 3009, Receipt No. 3009 Filed by Webster & ~~Frederick, Winterset~~, Iowa, Filing Fee $5.00 Recording Fees ✓ Melvin D. Synhorst Secretary of State COMPARED

Bethesda Baptist Church of Macksburg, Iowa
To
The Public

#6789
Fee $ 2.40 ✓

Filed for record the 12 day of October A. D. 1950 at 11:00 o'clock A. M.
Wilma M. Wade, Recorder

ARTICLES OF REINCORPORATION
OF
BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH AT MACKSBURG,
MADISON COUNTY, IOWA

RECEIVED
OCT 5-1950
SECRETARY OF STATE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That at a special business meeting of Bethesda Baptist Church at Macksburg, Madison County, Iowa, pursuant to notice required, the following Articles of Reincorporation were adopted in compliance with Chapter 504 of the Code of Iowa of 1946, reincorporating said church for a period of fifty (50) years from the date of filing these Articles in the office of the Secretary of the State of Iowa and their approval by said Officer (the present Articles of Incorporation of said church were filed in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Madison County, Iowa, September 24, 1874, and expired by operation of law September 24, 1924, but said church has ever since said date of September 24, 1924, continued to act as such corporation under its true corporate name.) John D. Calison, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, F. A. Bonham, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Fern Lawless, Church Clerk of said church, were authorized at said meeting to sign, acknowledge and file, and do all things necessary to carry said Articles of Reincorporation into effect.

Article I.
(Name)

The name of this corporation shall be "Bethesda Baptist Church of Macksburg, Iowa", and its principal place of business and operations shall be in the town of Macksburg, Madison County, Iowa, and area adjacent thereto.

Members of the church shall be members of the corporation.

Article II.
(Purposes and Powers)

The purpose of this corporation is to propagate the Christian Religion according to the faith of Baptist Churches, and more specifically:

(a) To maintain a place for and conduct meetings of public worship and prayer; to engage in evangelistic activities; to support the cause of missions, both domestic and foreign; to encourage Christian education, and to participate in such other types of Christian service as the members may decide upon, all according to the practices and usages of the Baptist Church.

In the attainment of the foregoing general objects, the Church will affiliate and cooperate with the American (Northern) Baptist Convention, Iowa Baptist Convention and the Armstrong Association, or their recognized successors.

(b) The corporation shall possess all powers and privileges now or hereafter conferred by law upon corporations not for pecuniary profit, including the right to hold, own and dispose of real estate. No real estate shall be acquired or disposed of either by deed or mortgage hereafter, however, except as such action is authorized by regular business meeting, or special meeting, of the church called for such purpose, with at least two-thirds of the members present and voting casting their ballots in favor thereof. Notice of such meeting, whether regular or special, shall be given by public announcement in at least one general church service. The church may, if it so desires, adopt and procure a corporate seal, but shall not be obliged to do so.

Article III.
(Organization and Officers)

The temporal or business affairs of the corporation shall be conducted and managed by a board of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) trustees (as the number may be

determined by the church at any regular business meeting), the majority of whom shall constitute a quorum. Trustees shall be elected for a term of three years and hold their office until their successors are elected, subject to the tenure of the trustees chosen at the first annual meeting. Other officers shall be the Clerk, having charge of the records and membership roll, who shall be charged with the duty of keeping a record of the transaction of all business and shall likewise forward letters of dismission voted to members, and be responsible for the preparation of the Annual Letter of the church to the Association, and shall otherwise attend to any business usually pertaining to such office. There shall also be a Treasurer performing the usual duties pertaining to that office. Elected officers other than the trustees shall serve for one year, or until their successors are chosen. Trustees, Treasurer and Clerk shall report to the church annually, or more frequently if requested, and shall at all times be subject to the will of the church. Instruments relating to the purchase, conveyance or mortgage of real estate shall be signed and acknowledged in the name of the corporation by the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Until the Annual Meeting of the church in the year 1951, F. A. Bonham, Frank Doty and John D. Calison shall be Trustees; Fern Lawless shall be Clerk, and Pearl Bonham shall be Treasurer of the Church. Although the term of office for trustees is three years, at the annual business meeting in 1951, one-third (or as nearly one-third as practicable) of the number of trustees chosen shall be elected for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years. The church may, by by-law or resolution which may be in the form of a written constitution, establish and create other offices, committees and organizations concerned with the objects and purposes of the corporation.

Article IV.
(Meetings)

The annual business meeting of the church for the election of officers shall be held on the third Wednesday evening in the month of April of each year, beginning with the year 1951. At such meetings all qualified members shall be entitled to vote, and the officers chosen shall take office May 1st following their election. All officers shall continue in office until their successors are elected. The church may by by-law or appropriate resolution limit the voting rights upon matters of business at all meetings to members who have attained a certain age, and may prescribe the number of members necessary to constitue a quorum for the transaction of business. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be held on the second Wednesday evening in the month of April.

The church may by by-law, resolution or other appropriate action, limit the number of consecutive terms which any elected officer may serve.

Article V.
(By-Laws)

The corporation may adopt such by-laws not inconsistent herewith, as shall be deemed necessary to carry out its objects, and as hereinbefore stated, such by-laws may be in the form of a written constitution.

Article VI.
(Property of Members)

The private property of the members of the church, and of this corporation, shall not be liable for the debts of the corporation.

Article VII.
(Amendments)

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any annual meeting of the corporation, or at any monthly business meeting, as well as any special meeting called for such purpose, provided that the proposed amendment shall be read in at least two preceding general church services, with an announcement of the time and place of such meeting. No amendment shall be adopted unless it receives the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members present

and qualified to vote thereon.

Signed at Macksburg, Madison County, Iowa, this 2nd day of October, A. D., 1950.

BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH OF MACKSBURG, IOWA
By John D. Callison, Chairman, Board of Deacons
F. A. Bonham, Chairman, Board of Trustees
Fern Lawless, Church Clerk

STATE OF IOWA County of Madison) ss:

On this 2nd day of October, 1950, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for Madison County, Iowa, personally appeared John D. Calison, F. A. Bonham and Fern Lawless, to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that they are respectively the Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the Clerk of Bethesda Baptist Church of Macksburg, Iowa, which is a corporation not for pecuniary profit; that said corporation has no corporate seal; that the above and foregoing Articles of Reincorporation were duly and regularly adopted as hereinbefore stated; that they signed said Articles of Reincorporation by the authority of said church and its Board of Trustees, and they acknowledged the execution thereof to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation by it voluntarily executed.

(Notarial Seal)

May Pinckney Notary Public
in and for Madison County, Iowa

Certified Copy)
Articles of Incorporation)
of Bethesda Baptist Church)

Articles of Incorporation
of the Bethesda Baptist
Church in Macksburg

Madison County, Iowa, Be it known that we Alx Bonham, O. W. Barker, W. M. Kivett, David Bonham, Benj. Lewis, William Arsmith, A. Griswold, Thos. Miller, Joseph Keeney, Jas. Rawling, F. M. Gains and other, of Madison County and State of Iowa, have associated ourselves, under the name of Bethesda Baptist Church for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a church society, and for the erection of a Church building. Now to accomplish the ends of our association, and by virtue of the forty third, and forty fourth chapters of the Code of Iowa, do adopt the following Articles of Incorporation

Article 1st

The name of this corporation shall be Bethesda Baptist Church, and the said Church assumes to its self, as such church, all the powers specified in said chapters so far as the same are applicable to corporations of this nature and coneduce legitimately to the attainment of its appropriate ends.

Article 2nd This corporation takes the power of acquiring by grant, purchase or gift and of holding and using in any manner, not prohibited by law, all such property, real or personal, as may be necessary to its use, in order to cary out the object of this corporation.

Article 3rd The general nature of the transactions of this corporation shall be the erection of a house of worship, and to establish regulations for the goverrmment of said church and to perform such other acts as may be necessary to effect its legitimate ends.

Article 4th The principal place of business of this corporation shall be at Macksburg, Madison County, Iowa, and the officers of said corporation shall consist of three trustees to be elected by the members of said Church as often as may be required by the rules and by laws of said church, and such other officers as may be in conformity with the said rules and by laws.

Article 5th This corporation may sue and be sued by and under the name and style of the Bethesda Baptist Church and said corporation may grant, bargain, and sell and demise any seal personal mixed property, and for this purpose all sales, contracts, deeds and other business of the said corporation shall be done by said trustees, a majority of whome may direct the business, except in casess of sale of real estate when it shall be necessary for two thirds of said trustees to join in any contract or deed for its disposition.

Article 6th This corporation may create such other officers not herein before mentioned as may be necessary and proper to carry out the objects of thereof, and may establish all

needful by laws and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the state and the constitution of said church.

Article 7th The private property of any member of this corporation shall not be liable for any of the acts thereof, or any indebtedness resulting therefrom.

Article 8th This corporation shall commence business immediately after filing these articles for record as required by law, and continue until the time limiting corporations of this nature. In witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their names at Macksburg, Iowa, Aug. 28th, 1874.

		Hiram McMillen
Thos. Miller	J. A. Rawlings	John Thomas
M. W. Akers	C. V. Rigging	A. Bonham
O. W. Barker	Joseph Keeney	Thomas J. Pearson

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF IOWA, COUNTY OF MADISON) SS.

I, Wilma M. Wade, County Recorder in and for said County, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original Articles of Incorporation of Bethesda Baptist Church in Macksburg, as the same appears of record in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal. Done at my office in Winterset, Iowa, this 1 day of September, A. D. 1950.
(RECORDER'S SEAL)

Wilma M. Wade,
Madison County Recorder

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
Des Moines, Iowa

This instrument recorded in Book 2-B, Page 642, Oct. 10-1950 Expires Oct. 10-2000, Cert. No. 3016, Receipt No. 3016 Filed by Judson E. Piper, Atty, Des Moines, Iowa Filing Fee 5.00 Recording Fee ✓ COMPARED Melvin D. Synhorst Secretary of State

---

George Black
To
The Public

#6802
Fee$ .50 ✓

Filed for record the 13 day of October A. D. 1950 at 8:15 o'clock A. M.
Wilma M. Wade, Recorder

AFFIDAVIT

State of Iowa Madison County) ss:

I, George Black, of said county and state, being first duly sworn on my oath depose and say that I have been a resident of Madison County, Iowa, for more than 40 years last past and was well and personally acquainted with the J. W. Simpson and his wife, Ella Simpson, named as grantees in the warranty deed dated Feb. 23, 1905, and recorded in Deed Record 44, page 200, of the records of Madison County, Iowa, conveying the SW¼ SW¼ of Sec. 13-75-26 in said county and state, and know that the said Ella Simpson, ~~[illegible]~~ died intestate in Madison County, Iowa, prior to the year 1930, survived by her said husband, J. W. Simpson, and her two daughters, Grace M. Simpson and Sarah Ethel Simpson, and that the estate of said Ella Simpson was never probated in any court but that all her just and legal debts were paid in full by her said surviving husband, including expenses of last illness and funeral, and that the said Ella Simpson left no other child or children, no issue of any deceased child or children, no adopted child or children and no issue of any adopted child or children, and that the only property owned by the said Ella Simpson at the time of her death was her undivided 1/2 interest in the above described real estate, which, at the time of her death, did not exceed in value the sum of $2500.

I further state that I am in no way interested in the title to the above described real estate, but make this affidavit at the request of the present owner thereof for the purpose of establishing of record the facts above set forth.

George Black

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me by the above named affiant this 11th day of October, A. D. 1950.

Rex V. Johnson Notary Public
in and for Madison County, Iowa.

NOTARIAL SEAL