

STATE OF FLORIDA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE



I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

CYPRESS LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC.

filed in this office on the 28th day of April,
1975

Charter Number: 7-32,579

GIVEN under my hand and the Great
Seal of the State of Florida, at
Tallahassee, the Capital, this the
28th day of April,
1975

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bruce A. Satcher".

SECRETARY OF STATE



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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

CYPRESS LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC.

We, the undersigned, all of whom are of legal age, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida, applicable to corporations not for profit, under the following proposed Charter.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation shall be CYPRESS LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC., and it is located at 3530 Cypress Lake Drive, Fort Myers, Florida.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The object, general nature and purpose of this corporation shall be to establish and maintain in the City of Fort Myers, Florida, a United Methodist Church, subject to Discipline of the United Methodist Church. This church organization shall support the doctrine, and it, and all its property, both real and personal, shall be subject to the laws, usages, and ministerial appointments of the United Methodist Church and the Discipline of said Church.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

The doctrinal basis, manner of admission, qualification for membership, shall conform to the requirements of the Discipline of the United Methodist Church as adopted and

by the General Conference and to the rulings of the

ARTICLE IV. TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence unless it shall be dissolved according to the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE V. POWERS

This corporation shall have the power to acquire and hold title in fee simple, in trust, or otherwise, to both real and personal property, and to improve, encumber, sell, convey and dispose of all such property in conformity with the Discipline of the United Methodist Church; to borrow money, execute notes, bonds, and other evidences of indebtedness and secure the same by mortgage and deeds of trust, annuity bonds and other instruments of indebtedness and pay interest thereon; to improve, adapt and use its property or the income thereof in its religious, educational, benevolent, or social activities, without financial profit to its members, except as may be necessary in the payment of salaries or other compensation for services rendered; and, subject to the provisions of the Discipline of the United Methodist Church, the corporation shall have the power to erect and maintain buildings for the worship of God, for training in Christian faith and conduct and for Christian social intercourse, and to acquire or build and maintain residences for the use and occupancy of its ministers.

ARTICLE VI. SUBSCRIBERS

The name and residence of each subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
John Strausbaugh	1229 Myerlee Country Club Blvd. Fort Myers, Florida 33901
Dewalt Zimmerman	Route 11, Box 746 Birch Road Fort Myers, Florida 33901
Robert Register	1625 Long Meadow Road Fort Myers, Florida 33901

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided in the By-Laws.

2. The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the corporation until their successors in office are duly elected and qualified are:

President	John Strausbaugh
Vice President	Dewalt Zimmerman
Secretary/Treasurer	Robert Register

3. The officers shall be members of the Board of Trustees, and shall be elected by the Board of Trustees in the manner provided by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII. BOARD OF TRUSTEES (DIRECTORS)

1. The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Trustees, which shall consist of not less than three nor more than nine persons who shall be elected by the Charge Conference of the Church as provided for in the By-Laws and Discipline of the United Methodist Church.

2. The names and addresses of the Board of Trustees are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
John Strausbaugh	1229 Myerlee County Club Blvd. Fort Myers, Florida 33901

Dewalt Zimmerman

Route 11, Box 746
Birch Road
Fort Myers, Florida 33901

Robert Register

1625 Long Meadow Road
Fort Myers, Florida 33901

3. These Trustees shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

ARTICLE IX. BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of the corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Trustees and may be amended and changed from time to time by the Board of Trustees.

The By-Laws of the corporation shall include the Discipline of the United Methodist Church as from time to time enacted, authorized and declared by its General Conference; and no other By-Laws shall be adopted inconsistent with the provisions of the Discipline.

ARTICLE X. QUORUM

A quorum for the transaction of the business of the corporation shall consist of a majority of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENT

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended as set forth in the By-Laws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XII. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

No person, firm or corporation shall ever receive any dividend or share in the income from the undertaking of this corporation and upon dissolution of this corporation all assets remaining after payment of the costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed as provided in the Discipline of the United Methodist Church, among the participating organizations which are qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) and

Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, for a public purpose, and none of the assets shall be distributed to any member, officer or director of this corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned subscribing incorporators, have hereunto set our hands and seals this 9th day of April, 1975, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit, under the laws of the State of Florida.

John Strausbaugh (SEAL)
John Strausbaugh

Dewalt Zimmerman (SEAL)
Dewalt Zimmerman

Robert Register (SEAL)
Robert Register

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COUNTY OF LEE

Before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the state and county named above to take acknowledgments, personally appeared, JOHN STRAUSBAUGH, DEWALT ZIMMERMAN, AND ROBERT REGISTER, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and they have acknowledged before me that they executed and subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the county and state named above this 9th day of April, 1975.

Murd E. Lewis
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA
BY GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONERS AGED 17 2078
BONDED THRU GENERAL INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS

In pursuant of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance, with said Act:

First--That CYPRESS LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at City of Fort Myers, County of Lee, State of Florida, has named G. Gordon Harrison, located at 2236 Flora Avenue, City of Fort Myers, County of Lee, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, at place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

BY: G. Gordon Harrison
Resident Agent

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