

## Department of State.

### CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

I, PETE T. CENARRUSA, Secretary of State of the State of Idaho, and legal custodian of the corporation records of the State of Idaho, do hereby certify that the original of the articles of incorporation of

**TREASURE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.**

was filed in the office of the Secretary of State on the **1st** day of **August** A. D. One Thousand Nine Hundred **Seventy-seven** and ~~will be~~ is duly recorded on ~~Film No.~~ **micro-film** of Record of Domestic Corporations of the State of Idaho, and that the said articles contain the statement of facts required by Sections 30-103, 30-1101 and 30-1102, Idaho Code.

AND I FURTHER CERTIFY, That the persons executing the articles and their associates and successors are hereby constituted a corporation, by the name stated in the articles, and for **perpetual existence** from the date hereof, with its registered office in this State located at **Boise** in the County of **Ada** and as such are subject to the rights, privileges and limitations granted to Religious, Ex-Service Men, Benevolent, Charitable and Fraternal Corporations, as provided in Chapter 11, Title 30, Idaho Code.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State. Done at Boise City, the Capital of Idaho, this **1st** day of **August**, A.D., 19 **77**

Secretary of State.

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

and

## CONSTITUTION

of

TREASURE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH INC.

Boise, Idaho

### ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any person professing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, giving evidence of regeneration, and accepting the Statement of Faith and the Covenant held by this Church may, upon baptism, be received into its membership.

Section 2. Members from other churches of the same faith and order may be received by letter of recommendation and dismissal from their respective churches.

Section 3. Those who have been Scripturally baptized and who accept the view of faith and practice as adopted by this Church may be received by virtue of their experience.

Section 4. Excluded members may, by a majority vote, be restored to membership on confession of their error and by giving evidence of their repentance.

Section 5. Where it is deemed expedient, the candidate shall appear before the Pastor and Deacons for advice and instructions before the name is presented for membership.

### ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP RULES

Section 1. Active Members: All those who show their interest in the welfare of the Church and the Kingdom of our Lord by regular attendance and financial support and those who because of sickness or infirmities are unable to attend services or contribute financial support to the work shall be classed as active members.

Section 2. Non-Resident Members: All those who live too far removed from the city of Boise to maintain active membership, but who prefer to remain as members and do keep in touch with the Church by keeping the Clerk informed as to their address and making an offering at least once a year for the support of the Church, unless they are dependent, shall be classed as non-resident members.

Section 3. Inactive Members: All those who do not classify as non-resident members, who without reasonable excuse do not attend the regular services of the Church for a period of six months and all members who fail to communicate with the Church for a period of one year may be placed on an inactive list. Names of the inactive list shall not be counted in any statistical reports. Any members on the inactive list shall automatically become active members upon their resumption of regular attendance and financial support.

### ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Section 1. It is a duty of all members to read the Church Covenant at least once each month and strive to adhere to the standards outlined therein.

Section 2. All members should bring themselves to the realization that we are a part of the body of our Lord Jesus, that we are of the household of Faith, and that in God's sight we are brothers and sisters. It is therefore our duty to love each other as such, to love and pray for our Church as our earthly home, and to strive to honor our Lord in all we do, say, or act, bearing in mind that

we are epistles of Christ, known and read by men.

Section 3. Because our Church depends upon the tithes and offerings of our members, we assert our conviction that proportionate giving is a distinct and positive command in the Scriptures (Malachi 3:8-11) and pledge ourselves to a systematic contribution for the support of the Church of such a portion of our income as we believe God requires of us according to the principle laid down in I Corinthians 16:2.

#### ARTICLE ~~IV~~ VI. WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this Church shall terminate as follows:

- (a) By granting letters of dismissal to sister Baptist churches.
- (b) By granting certificates of standing to those members who desire to unite with other evangelical churches.
- (c) By erasure. Members who are known to be deceased, or who have joined some other church, and those who request that their names be dropped from the membership may be erased from the roll by action of the church.
- (d) By expulsion for disorderly walk--by two-thirds vote of the members present.

Section 2. Dismissal by letter or by certificates of standing shall be subject to the following rules:

- (a) Requests must be made in writing or in person to the Church and the name of the church with which the members wish to unite must be designated.
- (b) Applications shall be acted on by the Church, provided the member is in good standing. If any objections are raised, then the matter shall be referred to the Board of Deacons who shall present in writing a report upon the standing of the applicant, stating their recommendation in the matter.
- (c) All letters or certificates shall be sent by registered mail to the Pastor or Clerk of the church designated in the application. Membership shall terminate upon the granting of letters or certificates. All members who have requested letters or certificates shall be notified at their last known address when and if the same has been granted.

#### ARTICLE V. OFFICERS OF THIS CHURCH

Section 1. The officers of this Church shall be as follows: Pastor, Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Superintendent of the Bible School, Assistant Superintendent of the Bible School, Board of Deacons, and a Board of Trustees. All officers of Church and all officers, teachers, and leaders of the Bible School and Training Union. (1) Be faithful to all public services of the Church; (2) Be loyal to the Church-approved program; (3) Be separate from worldliness; (4) Be a soul winner and (5) Be a tither.

#### ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The Pastor shall be the moderator of the Church; he may call the Deacons or the Church together for special meetings to transact the business of the Church; he shall devote his time and energies to the welfare of the Church; he shall receive such compensation as the Church may decide, and he shall affirm the Statement of Faith each year.

Section 2. The Clerk shall keep a complete record of all the official acts of the Church. He shall affix the Church seal to, and certify all documents upon order of the Church. He shall keep a complete and accurate registry of the active, inactive, and erased membership.

Section 3. It shall be a duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys from the Deacons. He shall keep an accurate account of all such moneys received and disburse them only by the approval of the Church. He shall give a report of the treasury at the regular business meetings of the Church, all of which shall be kept on file. No designated funds shall be diverted from their purpose, except by vote of the Church.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Treasurer to serve under the direction of the Treasurer in any or all matters pertaining to the Office of Treasurer.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Deacons and Assistant Treasurer to receive all offerings, to count the money together, to keep a record of the same, and to deposit the same to the account of the Church.

Section 6. The Pastor, Assistant Pastor, and Bible School Superintendent shall have direction of all the Bible School activities.

Section 7. The records of all the officers, boards, and committees shall be delivered to the properly elected successor.

#### ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF DEACONS

Section 1. It shall be a duty of the Board of Deacons to meet once each month. They shall select a chairman and a secretary from among their own number. The Secretary shall keep a record of the minutes and proceedings of all meetings. The Chairman of the Board of Deacons shall act as Moderator of the Church in the absence or removal of the Pastor. The Pastor and the Board of Deacons shall constitute a standing committee for the purpose of examining questionable applications for membership and to which all matters of discipline shall be referred. They shall have general supervision of all the departments. It shall be a duty of the Deacons to seek out such members of the Church who need pecuniary assistance and to use the alms of the Church for their relief, to visit the sick, to prepare and distribute the elements of the Lord's Supper, to have general supervision of the spiritual interest of the Church, to provide for the Service of Worship, and to cooperate with and assist the Pastor in the performance of his duties. It shall have charge of the sale and distribution of all literature or other articles, and shall have charge of the library. The Board of Deacons shall recommend the Pastor's remuneration and all items of Missionary Payments to the Church. The Board of Deacons shall act in an advisory capacity concerning all matters of Church Business, and in the employing and dismissing of Staff Members.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees shall be composed of five Deacons, selected annually by the Board of Deacons and approved by the Church. This Board shall act in an advisory capacity in all matters concerning legal transactions and Church properties. The Chairman of the Board of Deacons will act as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and shall be the President of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE VIII. TERM OF OFFICE

Section 1. The Pastor shall be elected for an indefinite term which shall terminate upon thirty days written notice by either the Pastor or the Church. The pastorate shall terminate immediately upon the Pastor's refusal to affirm the Statement of Faith as herein set forth.

Section 2. Members of the Board of Deacons shall serve a regular term of three years.

Section 3. All other officers shall serve a regular term of one year.

Section 4. All terms of office, except the pastorate, shall terminate April 30.

#### ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH

Section 1. Meetings.

- (a) Sunday Meetings: The Church shall meet regularly every Lord's Day for public worship of Almighty God.
- (b) Prayer Meetings: The Church shall meet at least once during each week for prayer and thanksgiving.
- (c) Lord's Supper Service: The Church shall observe the ordinance of our Lord's Supper at the Evening Service of the first Sunday of January, April, July and October unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Deacons; provided, however, that our Lord's Supper be observed at least four times a year.
- (d) Monthly Business Meetings: A regular Business Meeting shall be held by the Church each month.
- (e) Special Meetings: Special meetings may be called by the Moderator, or the Clerk shall call such a meeting on written request signed by not less than twenty-five active members. Notice of such special meetings shall be given from the pulpit on the preceding Lord's Day.
- (f) The Church shall be given proper notice at least two Sundays before action can be taken on any project which involves the expenditure of more than \$50.00, whenever such expenditure is not clearly provided for in the Estimate of Expenditures. Each project must be treated in its entirety at one and the same time.
- (g) Such notice as outlined above shall be given by the Deacons before the election or dismissal of a pastor.

Section 2. Quorum. To transact business at any meeting a quorum shall be fifty active members or five per cent of the last known membership.

Section 3. Voting.

- (a) Only active members of the Church are eligible to vote on any Church matter.
- (b) A voice, rising, or show-of-hands vote is binding, except where otherwise provided for, whenever it is apparent that two-thirds of the members present are voting; if more than one-third of the members present do not signify their vote, then a ballot vote shall be taken. A majority vote shall decide all matters except the expulsion of members (as outlined in Article IV, Section 1), the election of a pastor (which shall be decided by a three-fourths ballot vote of the members present), and the vote to amend the constitution (which shall be as outlined under Article XII, Section 1).

Section 4. Elections.

- (a) The Annual Election of officers and Deacons shall be held on the third Wednesday evening in March. Only active members of this Church are eligible to vote. The election shall be by ballot and those receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. The polls for the election of officers and boards shall be open from 6:30 until 9:00 on the night of the election and shall be in charge of the Deacons. As soon as the polls are closed the Deacons shall at once proceed to count the votes and shall report the results to the Church. In case

- of a tie, the Deacons shall immediately order a new election by ballot for the office in which the tie shall have occurred.
- (b) The Pastor shall be elected as provided for in Article VIII, Section 1. Upon removal of a Pastor, the Deacons shall without any unnecessary delay confer with possible candidates for the office, and from the candidates so conferred with, the Deacons shall make their recommendations to the Church. No election or dismissal of a Pastor shall take place except at a meeting called for that purpose of which public notice has been given by the Board of Deacons at least two previous Sundays. A three-fourths vote by ballot of the members present shall be necessary to an election of a Pastor and a majority vote of the members present for his removal, due notice having been given on two previous Sundays.

#### ARTICLE X. DEPARTMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Section 1. The Department of the Church shall be the Bible School. This department, and any others which are authorized by the Church, shall be subordinate to the Board of Deacons.

Section 2. Constitutions and Constitutional Changes of the Departments shall be submitted to the Board of Deacons for action.

Section 3. The financial policies of the Departments shall be submitted to the Deacons for action. Each department shall recommend its estimates of expenditures to the Board of Deacons on or before February 15th each year.

#### ARTICLE XI. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1. The Pastor of the Church or, in his absence, the Chairman of the Board of Deacons (See Article VII, Section 1) shall act as moderator in all meetings for the transaction of business.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the moderator to keep order, state and explain propositions.

Section 3. He shall cause the meeting to be opened and closed with prayer.

Section 4. He shall call for the business of the Church in the following order:

- (a) Read the minutes of the previous meeting.
- (b) Present candidates for membership
- (c) Receive letters of dismissal from sister churches.
- (d) Grant letters of dismissal, or certificates of standing to those requesting them.
- (e) Hear the reports of Deacons and other unfinished business.
- (f) New business.

Section 5. All business proceedings of the Church shall be governed by "Roberts' Rules of Order."

#### ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended at any regular business meeting by a two-thirds vote, provided four weeks notice has been given the Church, except the Statement of Faith, which shall be irrevocable.

ARTICLE XIII. NAME AND ADDRESS

Section 1. The name of the corporation shall be TREASURE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH INC.

Section 2. The mailing address of the corporation shall be:

Treasure Valley Baptist Church  
1833c Boise Avenue  
Boise, Idaho 83706

ARTICLE XIV. PERIOD OF INCORPORATION

Section 1. The period of the corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE XV. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. An election was held on 7-13-77 at 7.45 o'clock in the chapel of the Y.M.C.A. located at 1050 State Street, Boise, Idaho. This election was held in accordance with Sec. 30-1102, I.C.

Section 2. Voting - The vote was unanimous among members present to elect the following three men as directors of the corporation.

Buddy Hoffman - 1833C Boise Ave. Boise, Idaho  
Dwight Bergstrom - 6422 Poplar, Boise, Idaho  
Rodney Puckett - 6405 San Bruno, Boise, Idaho

Section 3. Notification - Notice of this meeting and it's purpose was given by publication in the IDAHO STATESMAN from 6-29 through 7-12, 1977. An identical notice was posted on the main buletin board of the Y.M.C.A. for the same period of time.

Section 4. Affirmation - We the undersigned, do hereby affirm that the duty and responsibility of Directors of this corporation as set forth in this constitution, shall be ours. We also affirm that we are the incorporators of this corporation.

Director (Pastor) Douglas H. Hoffman Jr (AKA Buddy)

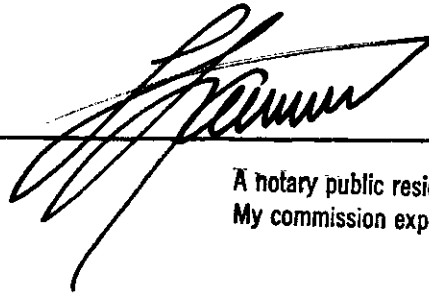
Director (Deacon) Dwight L. Bergstrom

Director (Deacon) Rodney H. Puckett

State of Idaho

County of Ada, ss.

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the year of  
1977, before me Lloyd Lawrence  
personally appeared Buddy Hoffman AKA Douglas G. Hoffman Jr., Rodney  
H. Puckett, known to me, and Dwight L. Bergstrom proved to me on the  
oath of Buddy Hoffman to be the persons whose names are subscribed to  
the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.



Notary

A notary public residing in Boise, Idaho  
My commission expires January 28, 1978

The facts stated in ARTICLE XV of the ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION and  
CONSTITUTION of the TREASURE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH INC. are true.

Douglas L. Weldon Secretary

subscribed and sworn before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July,  
in the year 1977.

[Signature] Notary  
A notary public residing in Boise, Idaho  
My commission expires January 28, 1978