

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

## ARTICLE 1 – CORPORATE NAME

The church shall be known as New Life Authentic Christian Community, Inc.(New Life) The corporation shall assume all the assets, deposits, debts and obligations of the association of members known as New Life Baptist Church.

## ARTICLE 2 – DESIGNATION AS A CHARITABLE OR RELIGIOUS CORPORATION

New Life is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code is called a “charitable or religious corporation” in the North Carolina Non-profit Corporation Act.

## ARTICLE 3 – REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The registered agent of New Life is Mrs. Penny Fremling, Clerk of the Church, whose office is located at 4639 County Home Road, Conover, NC, 28613.

## ARTICLE 4 – INCORPORATORS

The incorporators of New Life are as follows:

Rick Honeyager	2697 Lakeview Ct.	Conover, NC 28613
Joseph Herrell	2150 Kool Park Rd. NE	Hickory, NC 28601
Steve Clark	2057 21 <sup>st</sup> St. SE, Apt O	Hickory, NC 28602
Jonathan Hefner	1609 5 <sup>th</sup> St. NE	Conover, NC 28613
Ken Haughwout	2640 23 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. NE	Hickory, NC 28601

## ARTICLE 5 – MEMBERS

The corporation will have members who have been born again, baptized, believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and have complied with the requirements of the by-laws of the corporation.

## ARTICLE 6 – PROVISIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

In the event this corporation should cease to function for the purposes set forth in these Articles of Incorporation, all properties and monies shall be liquidated to cash and given in equal share to the International Mission board and the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

## ARTICLE 6 – PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principle office of New Life will be 4639 County Home Road, Conover, Catawba County, NC, 28613

## ARTICLE 7 – PROVISIONS

a. New Life’s purpose is to be an “Authentic Christian Community” by: Exalting Jesus Christ by placing Him first in all things, Equipping the Saints for the work of the ministry by maturing each person in Christ, Evangelizing the world by presenting the gospel and encouraging people to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and by Embracing one another by loving each other as go loves us.

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b. The initial Council of Elders who will serve as Board of Directors of the corporation is as follows:

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c. All leaders, ministers, Deacons and Elders of New Life are expected to follow Biblical guidelines for living, ministering and leading that apply to their particular area of service.

d. Statement of Faith

We believe:

The Scriptures – the entire Bible, is the inspired Word of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness, and is authoritative in all matters. (II Timothy 3:16)

The True God – There is only one God and He has been revealed in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, each with distinct personal attributes but without division of nature, essence, or being. (John 10:30)

God the Father – is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in loving kindness and truth; who keeps loving kindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations. (Exodus 34:6-7)

God the Son – the only begotten eternal Son of the Father, is Lord and that He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence and we look forward to His imminent return. (Colossians 1:18)

God the Holy Spirit – comes to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower all those who believe in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and is an abiding helper, teacher and guide. (John 16:7-15)

Salvation – God created man in His own image; man sinned and thereby was separated from God; as a consequence all human beings are born with in sin and are sinners by choice and therefore under condemnation. Those who repent and trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord by faith are regenerated by the grace of God through the Holy Spirit and become new creatures, delivered from condemnation and receive eternal life. (Romans 5)

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The Church – is the body of the Lord Jesus in the world. It is the fellowship of all believers and is the instrument of His work in the world. All believers are uniquely gifted and organized to minister through the work of the church. (1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4:11-16)