

APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION
MADISON COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR
MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Instructions:

Before you apply for a Tax Exemption please read the attached Qualifications for Tax Exemption in Mississippi (§27-31-1, et seq., MS Code of 1972 Annotated), and then answer the following questions to be considered for Tax Exemption:

1. APPLICANT FOR TAX EXEMPTION: Old Town Wesley Church
2. ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 234 W Jackson St., Ridgeland, 39157
3. PARCEL #: 072D-19C-007/00.00. Lots 1-22 combine 8562, 63, 64, 65, 66 Ridgeland BL 1-42
4. DATE PROPERTY ACQUIRED: July 1, 2023
5. REASON FOR TAX EXEMPTION: Church
6. IF THE EXEMPTION CLAIM IS FOR A CHURCH PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING CODE SECTION 79-11-33 MS CODE OF 1972 ANNOTATED:

*A religious society, ecclesiastical body and/or any congregation thereof may hold and own the following real property, **but no other:***

- a. A building used as a place of worship with a reasonable quantity of ground annexed thereto;*
- b. A quantity of ground annexed to the building used as a place of worship and used as a parish house; a community facility; a Sunday school facility; an educational facility; or for the care of children on a non-profit basis;*
- c. As a hospital or infirmary together with a reasonable amount of ground annexed thereto;*
- d. All buildings used as a school or college or seminary of learning;*
- e. All buildings used for an orphan asylum or institution;*
- f. All buildings used for a campground or assembly for religious purposes;*
- g. Lands for a cemetery of sufficient dimensions;*
- h. All buildings and grounds used for denominational headquarters and/or administrative purposes;*
- i. Any land which is maintained and used as a parking lot for the convenience of the members of the congregation, church, cathedral, mission, or other unit or administrative unit from which the society receives NO REVENUE, fee, charge or assessment.*

7. IF THE EXEMPTION CLAIM IS FOR A CHURCH WHICH OF THE ABOVE QUALIFIES THE CHURCH PROPERTY FOR TAX EXEMPTION:
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8. IF THE EXEMPTION CLAIM IS FOR A CHURCH ARE ALL PROPERTIES CLAIMED ANNEXED TO THE CHURCH: YES/NO;

9. IF THE EXEMPTION CLAIM IS FOR A CHURCH AND THE PROPERTY CLAIMED FOR EXEMPTION IS NON-CONTIGUOUS OR NOT ANNEXED TO THE CHURCH PROPERTY WHAT IS THE PURPOSE FOR THE EXEMPTION AND IS THE PURPOSE FOR A NON-PROFIT BENEFIT:

N/A

10. IF THE EXEMPTION CLAIM IS FOR A NON-PROFIT PLEASE PROVIDE THE IRS EXEMPTION LETTER OR PROVIDE THE IRS EXEMPTION #:

N/A

11. IS THE NON-PROFIT INCORPORATED: YES/NO:

12. IF YES ATTACH COPY OF CHARTER FROM MS SEC OF STATE:

13. If your organization is receiving rent or some equivalent thereof for use of some of all of the real property for which you are requesting an exemption, please provide the amount of rent collected and what percentage of the property is being rented or leased;

A: One of our buildings was shared with another church a couple days a week. They paid \$1250/mo. The building is 1.875% of our property. The group has decided not to continue meeting here after 06.30.24

14. If your organization is allowing other groups to use the property for a fee, please provide a detailed description of the groups utilizing the property, the fees associated with that usage, and the estimated percentage of the calendar year when the property is utilized by other organizations;

A: Alcoholics Anonymous meets on our campus 470 hrs per year for which we receive \$4500/year. Less than \$10 per meeting. We consider our association with A.A. as part of our ministry. Their usage represents 5.36% of our calendar.

15. If your organization provides services for a fee, please describe the fee structure and identify what portion of your clientele (a) pay a reduced fee and/or (b) do not pay any fee for the service;

N/A

16. Review the attached copy of Mississippi statute (Section 27-31-1) and list the specific section of that law that applies to your organization; MS Code §27-31-1 (D)

17. Please attach or enclose any other information that will support your Application for tax exemption status.

The undersigned, individual owner(s) of the property (the Pastor and one Deacon if a Church, or the church Business Manager), or an authorized officer of the company that owns the property, certifies that, to the best of his/her knowledge, no information contained hereinabove or in the attachments hereto is false in any way and that all information is truly descriptive of the property and the development for which this application for tax exemption is being submitted.

OWNER OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:

Corporately owned by congregational members and managed by Trustees

David Richardson
Print Name

PASTOR Trustees Chairperson

DEACON Trustee

Old Town Wesley Church
Company or Organization Name

Title

601-856-6456
Telephone

Old.Town.Wesley@gmail.com
Email Address

Signature

Date



Michael Watson
SECRETARY OF STATE

Invoice Number: 15336305

Invoice Date: 05/16/2023

Customer Information

Mr. Andrew T. Dendis
120 TRAVIS RODGERS LN
RIDGELAND, MS 39157-5032

Description	Tracking Number	Qty	Item Cost	Amount Paid
Domestic Non-Profit - Online	2023295923		\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
MSI Transaction Fee			\$ 3.14	\$ 3.14
Payment Details				
			Invoice Total:	\$ 53.14
			Payment Total:	\$ 53.14
			Amount Due:	\$ 0.00
Payment Method				
			Payment Type:	Credit Card

Include invoice number on all correspondence and send to:

Mississippi Secretary of State's Office
P.O. Box 136
Jackson, MS 39205

To discuss payment for Corporation items
call:
(601) 359-1633

F0001
Fee: \$ 50



Michael Watson
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Michael Watson
Secretary of State

P.O. BOX 136
JACKSON, MS 39205-0136
TELEPHONE: (601) 359-1633

Articles of Incorporation

Business Information

Business Type: Non-Profit Corporation
Business Name: Old Town Wesley Chapel of Ridgeland
Business Email: sdendis@fortisbuilt.us
Period of Duration: Perpetual
Initial planned non-profit activity: Church

NAICS Code/Nature of Business

813110 - Religious Organizations

Registered Agent

Name: Shannon Dendis
Address: 234 W Jackson St
Ridgeland, MS 39157

Signature

The undersigned certifies that:

- 1) he/she has notified the above-named registered agent of this appointment;
- 2) he/she has provided the agent an address for the company, and;
- 3) the agent has agreed to serve as registered agent for this company

By entering my name in the space provided, I certify that I am authorized to file this document on behalf of this entity, have examined the document and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct and complete as of this day **05/16/2023**.

Name:
Shannon Dendis
Incorporator

Address:
120 Travis Rodgers Ln
Ridgeland, MS 39157

234 W. Jackson St.
Ridgeland, MS 39157

TELEPHONE: (601) 856-6456

Attachment to
Articles of Incorporation
of
Old Town Wesley Chapel
of Ridgeland

This Attachment and the electronic form it accompanies constitute the Articles of Incorporation of Old Town Wesley Chapel of Ridgeland (the "Corporation") pursuant to Section 79-11137 of the Mississippi Nonprofit Corporation Act, Mississippi Code of 1972, Section 7911-101, et seq., as amended (the "Act"). The purpose of this Attachment is to supplement the electronic form to include additional provisions and comply with the Act:

1. The purpose or purposes for which the Corporation is formed are to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which should include but not be limited to the following:

(a) The promotion of the Christian religion through the preaching of the Word of God, the administration of the sacraments, ordinances, and other means of grace, the maintenance of worship, the edification of believers, empowering Christians to live lovingly and justly in the power of the Holy Spirit, the evangelization of the world, and the promotion of the missionary and benevolence causes.

(b) Receiving, holding, and disbursing gifts, bequests, and funds arising from all sources.

(c) Acquiring, owning, and maintaining real estate, buildings, and other property real or personal, incidental, necessary, or proper to carry out said objects.

(d) Doing of any and all things necessary or incident to the accomplishment of such purposes.

(e) The powers and rights of this corporation shall be all the general powers enumerated in Section 79-11-151 of the Act as now in effect or as hereafter may be amended. The powers and rights include but are not limited to those as are reasonably necessary to accomplish its stated purposes and objects, including, but not limited to, those rights and powers set forth elsewhere herein and also the following: the power to adopt all necessary bylaws not contrary to law and these Articles or any amendment thereto; prescribe the manner of calling and conducting meetings; elect officers and directors and prescribe their duties, compensation and tenure; sue and be sued; contract and be contracted with; adopt a corporate seal; receive, donate, sell and convey real and personal property; borrow money and secure the payment of same by mortgage or otherwise; purchase, own, hold, donate, sell, transfer, assign, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise dispose of and deal in the stocks, bonds,

securities, or evidences of indebtedness of other corporations, public or private, of any state or government, including bonds or securities of any state or political subdivision thereof.

2. The Corporation shall have no voting members. Full control and management over the activities and affairs of the corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

3. Upon the filing of these Articles all the rights, privileges, immunities, powers, franchises, authority, property, and obligations of First United Methodist Church, Ridgeland an unincorporated not for profit association, shall thereupon pass to, vest in, and be the rights, privileges, immunities, powers, franchises, authority, property, and obligations of the Corporation.

4. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 3(a) hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate' in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code

5. Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary and/or educational purposes as shall then qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Code, as the Board of Directors shall determine in its discretion, Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, provided however that such court has determined that the disposition is made exclusively (i) for the purposes constituting the corporation's basis for exemption or (ii) to an organization or organizations exempt from taxation under Section 501 of the Code.

6. The provisions of the Articles of Incorporation may be amended or modified from time to time in accordance with the Act; provided that no provision shall be amended or modified in such a manner as to be inconsistent with the objects and purposes for which this Corporation is formed or which would cause the Corporation no longer to be described in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Code

7. The Corporation is intended to be an organization (i) that is exempt from federal income tax under Code Section 501(c)(3) and (ii) to which contributions are deductible under Code

Section 170(c)(2). The provisions of these Articles shall be interpreted and construed accordingly.

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These Articles of Incorporation are signed by the Incorporator of Old Town Wesley Chapel of Ridgeland.

Signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Dendis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Shannon Dendis

234 W. Jackson St., Ridgeland, MS 39157

State of Mississippi

Certificate of Incorporation

Acting under the authority vested in me as Secretary of State by the Constitution and Laws of this State,
I do hereby certify the following has satisfied all conditions precedent for incorporation in this State.

Old Town Wesley Chapel of Ridgeland



Given this the 9th day of June, Two Thousand and
Twenty-Three, in the Capital City of Jackson,
Mississippi under my Hand and Seal,

Michael Watson