

Pima County Clerk of the Board

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Chair and Board Members Pima County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board
DATE: June 4, 2019
RE: Petition for Relief of Taxes – Second Mile of Tucson

Pursuant to A.R.S. §42-11109(E), Second Mile of Tucson, 5005 E. Winsett Street, Parcel No. 128-09-015A, filed a petition on May 6, 2019, for refund of real property taxes it paid for tax year 2018 in the amount of \$24,949.50:

Parcel No.	Year	<u>1st Half</u>	2 nd Half	Total
128-09-015A	2018	\$12,474.79	\$12,474.80	\$24,949.59

The first half was paid in full prior to delinquency on September 27, 2018. The second half was paid in full prior to delinquency on January 2, 2019.

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Attachments

- Notice of Hearing
- Treasurer's Tax Receipt
- Assessor's Review Form
- Second Mile of Tucson submission



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May 22, 2019

Second Mile of Tucson c/o Erin Anderelli, Finance Administrator 5005 E. Winsett Street Tucson, Arizona 85711

RE: Petition of Relief of Real Property Taxes-Parcel No. 128-09-015A

Dear Ms. Anderelli:

Please be advised that your Petition for Relief of Real Property Taxes for 2018 has been scheduled before the Pima County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. or thereafter, at the following location:

Pima County Administration Building Board of Supervisors Hearing Room 130 West Congress, 1st Floor Tucson, AZ 85701

If you have any questions regarding this hearing, please contact this office at 724-8449.

Sincerely,

Julie Castañeda Clerk of the Board



Beth Ford, CPA Pima County Treasurer 240 North Stone Avenue Tucson AZ, 85701-1199 (520) 724-8341

PIMA COUNTY TAX RECEIPT

SECOND MILE OF TUCSON OF AZ 5005 E WINSETT ST TUCSON AZ 85711-4351

PAID BY: Lockbox PROPERTY LOCATION: 5005 E WINSETT ST TOTAL TAX: \$ 24,949.59 PROPERTY TYPE: Real Estate

PAYMENT DETAIL

Receipt No.	State Code	Tax Year	Install No.	Payment Description	Payment Date	Payment
6469836	12809015A	2018	2	Tax Payment	01/02/2019	12,474.79
6066681	12809015A	2018	1	Tax Payment	09/27/2018	12,474.80
Total Paym	ent					\$ 24,949.59
Remaining	Amount					\$ 0.00

Remaining amount does NOT include interest, penalties or other charges on delinquent taxes. Please call the Treasurer's Office at 520-724-8341 for payoff amount.

THIS IS NOT A BILL

Thank you for your payment!

Fax (520) 724-4809 www.to.pima.gov



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Petition to the Board of Supervisors - Review Form

Pursuant to <u>A.R.S.</u> §42-11104(G) (educational/library property) or <u>A.R.S.</u> §42-11109(E) (religious property)

 Taxpayer
 Second Mile of Tucson

For tax year(s) _ 2018 - Parcel No. 128-09-015A

- 3) If the affidavit had been filed timely, would the Assessor have granted the exemption?

🗵 Yes 🛛 🗋 No

- 4) If the answer to Number 3 is "No", why was the exemption denied?
 - The required ownership of the property was not in effect during the time period required by statute.
 - The property was not being used for the exempt purpose during the time period required by statute.
 - □ The requesting church, educational or library property did not furnish the required documents requested by the Assessor at the time of application per A.R.S. §42-11152(3)&(B)

Other:

Completed by: _______ Rianna Larsen

c: Honorable Bill Staples, Pima County Assessor

April 22, 2019

Pima County Board of Supervisors 130 W Congress St Tucson, AZ 85701

To the Pima County Board of Supervisors,

Our organization, Second Mile of Tucson, has been in existence since 2004 and acquired property for the first time in May of 2017. The purchase was made through a private mortgage with the Reformed Church of America who previously owned the property and we did not realize that we were required to file for property tax exemption as a 501 (c) 3 organization. We paid our property taxes for 2018 but we are appealing to the board to recoup the taxes paid for that year. We have applied for tax exemption for 2019 and have included here the questionnaire, the Articles of Incorporation, the Constitution and By-Laws, and our IRS Tax Exemption letter. As a point of clarification for IRS letter, we are affiliates of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention therefore it is their name on the exemption letter.

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Our Parcel ID is 128-09-015A for address 5005 E Winsett St.

Thank you for your consideration in this process.

Chad Haynes Vision Pastor

Erin Anderelli Finance Administrator

NON-PROFIT AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS Property Tax Information and Questionnaire form

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR EXEMPTION

	5005 E Winsett St
	Tucson, AZ 85711
	Under which section of Title 42, Chapter 11, Article 3 does your organization claim exemption?(Arizona Revised Statutes can be found at: www.azleg.gov)
	Are there any type of business activities such as snack bars, cafés or restaurants operating on the premises? Yes No
	Is the organization exempt from Federal and/or State income taxes? Yes No D
	Is the Organization a 501 (C)? Yes 🗵 which type <u>3</u> . No 🔲
•	Give day, month, and year deed/title was acquired by applicant. Day <u>8</u> Month <u>5</u> Year <u>2017</u>
	Claimant is: Owner/Operator 🗵 Owner only 🔲 Operator only 🔲
•	Exemption is claimed on: All land 🗵 Buildings & Improvements 🗌 Personal Property 🔲
•	Is any portion of the property used as a place of residence? Yes No
•	Does applicant receive any income? (other than free will offerings in connection with this property) Yes No
).	Is any portion of the property being leased or rented to a non-profit and/or a for- profit organization(s)? Yes No If yes, please list the name(s) of the organization(s) Grace Kingdom of God

ORGANIZATION NAME: Second Mile of Tucson

Mailing Address:

5005 E Winsett St Tucson, AZ 85711

2019 AFFIDAVIT FOR ORGANIZATIONAL TAX EXEMPTION

Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 42-11101 through 42-11155

CONTACT INFORMAT	ION (Address if differ	ent than Applicant)
NAME: Erin Ander	elli	
ADDRESS: 7228 E	Princeton Dr	
city: Tucson	state: AZ	ZIP CODE: 85710
TELEPHONE # FOR A	PPLICANT: 5202704	233
Contact Email: eand	derelli@gmail.con	n
NOTES:		444,19

EXEMPTION TYPE:

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION	×	NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION	×
CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION		EDUCATIONAL PROPERTY	
VETERANS ORGANIZATION		CEMETERY	
OTHER (SPECIFY TYPE)			

NOTE: SIGNATURE MUST BE NOTARIZED OR SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF ASSESSOR'S OFFICE PERSONNEL

(A) PROPERTY LIST	(B) LIST USAGE		
Main building	Worship gatherings, hospitality space, com		
Parking lot and basketball court	Parking, community event space		
Chapel	Nursery and toddler classrooms, Youth gree		
Children's building	Pre-K through 5th grade classrooms		
Office building	Pastoral and administrative offices		
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STATE OF ARIZONA / PIMA COUNTY

I HEREBY CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT I HAVE READ OVER THE FOREGOING FACTS BEFORE SUBSCRIBING MY NAME HERETO AND THAT ALL MATTERS HEREIN STATED ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

PROPERTY OWNER / AGENT

X

X

DATE

COMMISSIONERS MIKE GLEASON - Chairman William A. MUNDELL JEFF HATCH-MILLER KRIBTIN K. MAYES GARY PIERCE



BRIAN C. MCNEIL Executive Director

LINDA FISHER Director, Corporations Division

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

April 15, 2008

CHAD HAYNES 758 S COLUMBUS TUCSON, AZ 85711

RE: SECOND MILE OF TUCSON File Number: 14424672

We are pleased to notify you that your Articles of Incorporation HAVE BEEN APPROVED for the entity referenced above.

You must publish the Articles of Incorporation in their entirety. The publication must be in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of the known place of business in Arizona as filed with the Commission, for three (3) consecutive publications. A list of acceptable newspapers in each county is attached and is available on the Commission web site. Please make sure the newspaper publishes the corporation documents using the exact name filed with the Commission. Publication must be completed WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS and an affidavit from the newspaper, evidencing such publication, must be delivered to the Commission for filing WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS from April 15, 2008, which is the date the document was processed and approved for filing by the Commission.

Most corporations transacting business in Arizona are required to file an Annual Report with the Commission, on the anniversary of the date of incorporation. You can visit our website at www.azcc.gov to electronically file your annual report. You can also complete the form online, print it out and mail it in or you can call the annual reports section at 602-542-3285. Corporations must notify the Commission immediately (in writing) if they change their corporate address, statutory agent or agent address. Address change orders must be executed (signed) by a corporate officer. Postal forwarding orders are not sufficient.

Periodically check Commission records regarding your corporation at www.azcc.gov. If you have questions or need further information please contact us at (602) 542-3026 in Phoenix, (520) 628-6560 in Tucson, or Toll Free (Arizona residents only) at 1-800-345-5819.

Sincerely, Brenda Miller Examiner, Corporations Division

CF:04 REV. 11/2006

1300 WEST WASHINGTON, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007-2929 / 400 WEST CONGRESS STREET, SUITE #221, TUCSON, ARIZONA 85701-1347

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az corpo**ration co**mmission APR 1 0 2005 ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF 0 SECOND MILE OF TUCSON

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

The undersigned, acting as the incorporators of a nonprofit corporation under applicable provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such nonprofit corporation:

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Commission

FIRST: The name of the corporation is Second Mile of Tucson.

SECOND: The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The character of business which the corporation initially intends to conduct is that of a church.

THIRD: The time of commencement of this corporation was April 6, 2008 and shall continue in perpetual duration.

FOURTH: The corporation has and shall have no capital stock and pecuniary profit is not the object of this corporation, and it shall not pay any dividends or make any distribution of its earnings, income or property to its members and shall not be operated for the financial or pecuniary benefit of any individuals.

FIFTH: No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, 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 Second herein. 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 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(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

SIXTH: Upon the dissolution of this corporation, all of the assets of the corporation shall be distributed to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes consistent with the Corporation and as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine.

SEVENTH: The name and address of the statutory agent of the corporation is Chad Haynes, 7625 E. Hampton Place, Tucson, AZ 85715. The address of the place of business of the corporation is 758 S. Columbus, Tucson, AZ 85711.

EIGHTH: (a) The Corporation shall indemnify, to the extent permitted by law, any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation) by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director,

Officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a Director, Officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful. No indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.

(b) To the extent that a Director, Officer, employee or agent of a Corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Article, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith). (c) Any indemnification under paragraph (a) of this section (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the Director, Officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in paragraph (a) Such determination shall be made (1) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, or (2) if such a quorum is not obtainable, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (3) by the Members.

(d) The indemnification provided by this section shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those benefitted may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of Members or disinterested Directors or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director, Officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

NINTH: The Directors of the Corporation shall have no liability for damages to the Corporation or its Members unless the actions of the Director or Directors were not in good faith, involved intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, or are of such a nature and character that the law does not permit a limit on the Director's liability.

TENTH: The initial board of directors shall consist of 5 directors. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the directors are:

Scott Appleman

7866 East Ainsworth Drive

Tucson, AZ 85710

Jeff Bajenaru

12953 East Douglas Camp Spring Drive Vail, AZ 85641

Nathan Edwards 3827 East Lee Street

Tucson, AZ 85716

Chad Haynes

7625 East Hampton Place

Tucson, AZ 85715

Eric Kelley

4540 N. Scenic Mountain Drive

Tucson, AZ 85750

ELEVENTH: The corporation will have members.

TWELFTH: These Articles of Incorporation may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present and voting at any special business meeting of the corporation, after such proposal for amendment or repeal has been made available, in writing, to all corporation members at the worship services taking place during at least the two (2) weeks prior to the special meeting wherein the vote will be conducted.

THIRTEENTH: These Articles of Incorporation shall not be in conflict with or supersede the Constitution of the Corporation. Any conflict shall be resolved in favor of the Constitution.

DATED: 4/6/ ,2008. Apprech J. Mathered Thad Haynes JETT BAJENARY Norther Educids Chad Haynes

Eric Kelley Scott Appleman

Acceptance of Appointment by Statutory Agent

The undersigned hereby acknowledges and accepts the appointment as statutory agent of the above-

named corporation effective this _____ day of _____ , 2008. Signed

[Print Name Here]

Second Mile of Tucson

Nonprofit Certificate of Disclosure

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Additional incorporator _ Date _4/6/08 Ву __ Title ____ Sire

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NONPROFIT CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 10-3202 (D)

Second Mile of Tucson

- A. Has any person serving either by election or appointment as officer, director, trustee, or incorporator in the corporation:
- 1. Been convicted of a felony involving a transaction in securities, consumer fraud or antitrust in any state or federal jurisdiction within the sevenyear period immediately preceding the execution of this Certificate?
- Been convicted of a felony, the essential elements of which consisted of fraud, misrepresentation, theft by false pretenses, or restraint of trade or monopoly in any state or federal jurisdiction within the seven-year period immediately preceding the execution of this Certificate?
- Been or are subject to an injunction, judgment, decree or permanent order of any state or federal court entered within the seven-year period
 immediately preceding the execution of this Certificate wherein such injunction, judgment, decree or permanent order.
 (a) Involved the violation of fraud or registration provisions of the securities laws of that jurisdiction?; or
- (a) involved the violation of fraud or registration provisions of the securities laws of that junsticuon
 - (b) Involved the violation of the consumer fraud laws of that jurisdiction?; or (c) Involved the violation of the antitrust or restraint of trade laws of that jurisdiction?

Yes_____ No_X___

B. IF YES, the following information MUST be attached:

1. Full name and prior name(a) used.

- 2. Full birth name.
- 3. Present home address.
- 4. Prior addresses (for immediate preceding 7-year period).
- 5. Date and location of birth.

(a) Was incorporated. (b) Has transacted business.

- 6. Social Security number.
- The nature and description of each conviction or judicial action, date and location, the court and public agency involved and file or cause number of case.
- C. Has any person serving as an officer, director, trustee or incorporator of the corporation, served in any such capacity in any other corporation in any jurisdiction on the bankruptcy, receivership, charter revocation, administrative dissolution or judicial dissolution of the other corporation?

Yes _____ No _____

IF YOUR ANSWER TO THE ABOVE QUESTION IS "YES", YOU MUST ATTACH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR EACH CORPORATION:

- 1. Name and address of the corporation.
- Full name, including alkas and address of each person involved.
 State(s) in which the corporation:
- 4. Dates of corporate operation.
- A description of the bankruptcy, receivership or charter revocation, including the date, court or agency and the file or cause number of the case.

D. The fiscal year end adopted by the corporation is 1/2 center 3

Under penalties of law, the undersigned incorporators/officers declare that we have examined this Certificate, including any attachments, and to the best of our knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete, and hereby declare as indicated above. THE SIGNATURE(S) MUST BE DATED WITHIN THIRDY (30) DAYS OF THE DELIVERY DATE.

BY There DATE 4/6/ES	BY DATE 1/6/08
TITLE Director	TITLE DIRECTOR
BY Mill & 2 DATE 4/6/08	BY 5 76Con DATE 4-6 07
TITLE Divector	TITLE Pireda

DOMESTIC CORPORATIONS: ALL INCORPORATORS MUST SIGN THE INITIAL CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE. (If more than four Incorporators, please attach remaining signatures on a separate sheet of paper.)

If within sixty (60) days, any person becomes an officer, director, or trustee and the person was not included in this disclosure, the corporation must file an AMENDED certificate signed by all incorporators, or if officers have been elected, by a duly authorized officer. FOREIGN CORPORATIONS: MUST BE SIGNED BY AT LEAST ONE DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION.

CF: 0001 - Non-Profit Rev: 10/2006 Arizona Corporation Commission Corporations Division

Department of the Vreasury

Internal Revenue Service

Date MAY - 7 1970	in reply reter to.	
Group Exemption	Number	2077

Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, Inc. 400 West Camelback Road Phoenix, Arizona 85013

Gentlemen:

Based on the information supplied, we rule that you and your affiliated churches and institutions listed in your Annual Directory are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as it is shown that such churches and institutions are organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes.

You and your exempt affiliated churches and institutions are not required to file Federal income tax returns so long as a tax exempt status is retained.

It will not be necessary for you and your exempt affiliated churches and institutions to file the annual return of information, Form 990-A, generally required of organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code, as you and your exempt affiliated churches and institutions come within the specific exceptions contained in section 6033(a) of the Code.

Donors may deduct contributions to you and your exempt affiliated churches and institutions as provided by section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to or for the use of you and your exempt affiliated churches and institutions are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes under sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

You and Your exempt affiliated churches and institutions are not liable for Federal Unemployment Taxes. You and your affiliated churches and institutions are liable for social security taxes only if waiver of exemption certificates have been filed, as provided in the

Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, Inc.

Federal Insurance Contributions Act. (Your District Director will be glad to tell you more about the latter point.)

Each year within 45 days after your annual accounting period closes, please send us two copies of the following information about your affiliated churches and institutions.

- 1. A statement describing any changes during the year in the purposes, character, or method of operation of your affiliated churches and institutions.
- 2. A list of the names, mailing addresses including Postal ZIP Codes, and employer identification numbers (if required for group exemption letter purposes), of affiliated churches and institutions on your group exemption roster that during the year:
 - a. changed names or addresses;
 - b. were deleted from the roster;
 - c. were added to the roster.

A directory of affiliated churches and institutions may be substituted for this list if it includes the required information and identifies the affected affiliated churches and institutions according to the three chategories above.

- 3. For affiliated churches added to the roster; a letter signed by one of your principal officers containing or attaching:
 - a. a statement that the information upon which your present group exemption letter is based applies to the new affiliated churches:
 - b. a statement that each has given you written authorization to add its name to the roster;
 - c. a list of those to which the Service previously issued rulings or determination letters relating to exemption.

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Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, Inc.

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4. If applicable, a statement that your group exemption roster did not change during the year.

You should advise each of your exempt affiliated churches and institutions of the exemption and the pertinent provisions of this ruling.

Your District Director is being advised of this action.

Very truly yours,

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Very truly yours,

John K Besser

Chief, Aulings Section Exempt Organizations Branch

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Constitution

Article I. Name

The name of this church shall be Second Mile of Tucson.

Article II. Mission Statement

Second Mile exists to radically amplify Jesus by engaging and loving the people in our lives, the city we live, and the world Jesus came to redeem.

Article III. Affirmation of our Faith

I. Scripture

All the words found in scripture are God's words: we believe both the Old and New Testament to be verbally inspired. They are the final authority for faith and life, infallible, and inerrant in the original writings (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Matt 5:18; John 16:12-13).

II. God

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-each are co-eternal in being, co-eternal in nature, co-equal in power and glory, having the same attributes and perfections (Deut 6:4; 2 Cor 13:14).

III. The Person and Work of Jesus We believe that Jesus is the eternal Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He became man without ceasing to be God. He came so that he might reveal God and redeem sinful man (John 1:1-2,14; Luke 1:35). We believe that Jesus accomplished our redemption through his death on a cross, sacrificing himself in our place. We are insured access to God and adoption as his children through Jesus' literal, physical resurrection from the dead (Rom 3:24; 1 Peter 1:3-5, 2:24, 3:18; Eph 1:7).

Jesus is now exalted at the right hand of God and as our High Priest represents, intercedes, and advocates our relationship with God (Acts 1:9-10; Heb 7:25, 9:24; Rom 8:34; 1 John 2:1-2).

IV. The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person of the triune God who convicts the world of sin, secures our relationship with Jesus, aids the believer in understanding God's word, brings glory to the name of Jesus, and empowers the believer to live a transformed life (John 14:26, 16:8-11; 1 Cor 12:12-14; 2 Cor 3:6; Rom 8:9; Eph 5:18).

V. Humanity

We believe that all humans were created in the image and likeness of God. Sin entered the world through Adam and Eve's willful, voluntary choice. They trusted their own evaluation of what was right and what would be good for them, rather than allowing God's words to define right and wrong. As a result, all of humanity has inherited a sinful nature and are separated from God. It is impossible for men and women to restore their relationship with God on their own merit. Grace found in Jesus is our only possible hope (Gen 1:26-27; Rom 3:22-23, 5:12; Eph 2:1-3,8-9, 12).

VI. Salvation

We believe that salvation is a gift from God and can only be found through a personal relationship with Jesus; none of us are exempt from the corruption of sin. It is only through God's grace that Jesus went to the cross and died for the forgiveness of our sin (Eph 1:7, 2:8-10; John 1:12, 14:6; 1 Peter 1:18-19).

VII. Eternal Security and Assurance of Believers Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the believer is secure in that salvation for all of eternity. We have been adopted into God's family and can rejoice in the assurance of our salvation (John 6:37-40, 10:27-30; Rom 8:1, 38-39; 1 Cor 1:4-8; 1 Peter 1:5). This assurance in no way gives us a right to abuse our relationship; we must stay faithful to the teachings of God's word and not give in to our flesh (Rom 13:13-14; Gal 5:13; Titus 2:11-15).

VIII. The Ministry and Purpose of Spiritual Gifts We believe that God is sovereign in the giving of spiritual gifts. All believers are given spiritual gifts to edify the church and to impact an unbelieving world with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Each believer is responsible for the development and use of their sovereignly given spiritual gift(s). The Holy Spirit is present in an individual's life at the moment of conversion and establishes that believer as part of the Body of Christ. We also believe that particular spiritual gift(s) are neither essential (proving the presence of the Holy Spirit), nor an indication of deep spiritual experience (1 Cor 12:7,11,13; Eph 4:7-8). We do believe that God answers prayer according to His will, for the sick and afflicted (John 15:7; 1 John 5:14-15).

It is essential for every believer to minister according to their gift(s) (Rom 12:1-8; 1 Cor 13; 1 Peter 4:10-11).

IX. The Church

We believe that the church is the body of Christ of which Jesus Christ is the Head (Eph 1:22-23, 5:25-27). It is imperative that the church holds fast to the truths of scripture but is fluid enough to translate the truth with relevance to a lost generation and culture. The church must offer an unbelieving world a clear and authentic representation of Jesus and allow them the opportunity to experience the fullness of life that only He offers. Healthy growth can only be experienced in the context of community. Those who have a personal relationship with Jesus find unity, purpose, and focus within the local church. It is in the body of Christ that community comes alive (1 Cor 3:9,16, 12:12-14; Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-4).

We recognize believer's baptism and the Lord's supper as scriptural means of testimony for the church in this age (Matt 28:19-20; Acts 2:41-42, 18:8; 1 Cor 11:23-26).

X. Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality

We believe that God created marriage to be exclusively the union of one man and one woman, and that intimate sexual activity is to occur exclusively within that union.

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We believe the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10).

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Second Mile of Tucson as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the Second Mile of Tucson members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Second Mile of Tucson in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22). We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Second Mile of Tucson.

Our Church Covenant

What is the Church?

God is in the process of gathering and redeeming a people for Himself for the display of His glory. All of creation has been deceived by sin and will experience eternal separation from God unless it responds to the truth of the Gospel. The gospel is the means by which God reconciles creation. It is only through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus that we are given the gift of salvation and are justified by faith. God has given us the work of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the joy of sanctification and the mission of the body of Christ. The Church Universal (all followers of Jesus, everywhere) is the means by which God is fulfilling His purposes in the world. The local Church (followers of Jesus in a specific locale) gives us the opportunity to join others in God's mission of redemption. It is our responsibility as the body of Christ, the church, to radically amplify Jesus through engaging and loving our community, our city, and the world. God's word tells us that there are many members within the same body. As our human bodies rely

on the independent and cooperative function of each of its parts, so the church is dependent on the unity and diversity of each of its members. (1 Corinthians 12)

What is a Covenant?

As it relates to the Old Testament, this was a promise made by God to his people that he would protect them if they kept his law and were faithful to him.

As it relates to the New Testament, this is the promise that if one places their faith in Jesus, they receive forgiveness of sin and become sons and daughters of God.

As it relates to the Church, this is an agreement or promise that each member of the local church will work in harmony for the purposes of the gospel. In this context the first priority is a commitment to God's glory and the excellence of the body and bride of His Son.

The Purpose of Second Mile's Membership Covenant is:

- To join the Holy Spirit in forming an authentic community of faith (the church), that amplifies God's glory and seeks to serve its neighbor. (Mark 12:30-31)
- 2. To clarify the intentions and responsibilities of each member.
- 3. To encourage consistency, accountability, and loving unity within the body of Christ.
- 4. To accomplish God's vision and goals for Second Mile.

The church leadership/elders covenant...

• To appoint elders and deacons (including staff members) who meet the criteria assigned to them in the Scriptures (1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4).

• To provide teaching, preaching, and counsel that is consistent with Scripture and the whole counsel of God's word (Acts 20:27-28; 1 Timothy 4:16; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Titus 2:1).

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• To prayerfully seek the wisdom of God and his direction for our church community and resources as prompted by the Holy Spirit (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:1-5).

• To be on guard against false teachers and teaching (Matthew 7:15; Acts 20:28-31; 1 Timothy 1:3-7; 1 John 4:1).

• To lovingly care for the church and equip the members for the work of ministry (Ephesians 4:11-16; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12).

• To care for the church through prayer, particularly the sick, and to help those in need (James 2:14-17, 5:14)

• To exercise with grace church discipline when necessary for the good of the one being disciplined and the health of the church (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5; Galatians 6:1)

• To set an example and join members in fulfilling the obligations of church membership (1 Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 3:17; 1 Timothy 4:12).

As a member you are proclaiming that Jesus Christ is Lord of all creation -- past, present, and future, that you have been adopted into the family of God through your acknowledgement of sin, and that you have trusted in the redemptive work of Jesus that was accomplished through the cross and his resurrection. You are also acknowledging that you have been or are willing to be baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as a testimony of your relationship with Jesus.

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As a member I covenant...

• To read and find clarity in the Second Mile doctrinal statement (theology section of Discover Second Mile) and will not be divisive to its teaching. I also understand the importance of submission to church leadership and will be diligent to strive for unity and peace (Ephesians 4:1-3; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5).

• To submit to the final authority of the Scriptures on all issues (Psalm 119; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21).

• To pursue and persevere in my relationship with Jesus through regular personal Bible reading, communal engagement, and consistent practice of spiritual disciplines. This pursuit will be evident in my regular participation in the life of Second Mile. This includes but is not limited to the weekly gathering, engaging in a biblical community (community groups, Iron & Iron, Moxie, Vessel, etc.), serving our missional context, and living a life that glorifies Jesus (Luke 18:1; Acts 2:42-47, 17:11; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Ephesians 5:1-2; Hebrews 10:23-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22; Titus 3:14).

• To steward the resources God has given me, including time, talents, spiritual gifts, and finances. This includes regular financial giving, service and participation in community that is sacrificial, cheerful, and voluntary (Matthew 25:14-30; Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 8-9; 1 Peter 4:10-11).

• To submit to the discipline of God through the Holy Spirit by:

- Following the biblical procedures for church discipline where sin is evident in another - the hope of such discipline being repentance and restoration.

- Receiving righteous and foving discipline when approached biblically by fellow believers (Psalm 141:5;

Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13; Hebrews 12:5-11).

• By God's grace to walk in holiness in all areas of life as an act of worship to Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:13-16, 4:1-3). I have been given a new heart and should strive to put certain actions to death, while actively engaging in love and good deeds through the Spirit. I will not allow cultural 'norms' or involvement in 'earthly things' to distract me from God's intentions.

- I will abstain from sexual immorality of any kind. If unmarried abstinence and if married complete fidelity within heterosexual and monogamous marriage. Both require maintaining sexual purity and not involving one's self in adultery, premarital sex (cohabitation), and pornography (Romans 13:11-14; 1 Corinthians 6:15-20, 10:8; Ephesians 5:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4)

- I will refrain from illegal drug use, drunkenness, gossip, gluttony, and other sinful behavior as the Bible dictates (Romans 1:28-32, 13:13; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:18; James 3:3-18).

- Should I sin in such a manner, I agree to confess my sins to Christian brothers or sisters and seek help to put my sin to death (Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5; 1 John 1:6-10).

• To take seriously the responsibility of Christian freedom, especially actions or situations that could present a stumbling block to another (1 Corinthians 8:1-13).

• To commit myself to the Second Mile family and agree to radically amplify Jesus through engaging and loving our community, our city, and the world. I recognize this will be accomplished by pursuing Second Mile's vision and core values.

Article IV. Membership

The membership of this Church shall consist of those who confess faith in Jesus Christ as their personal savior, who give evidence of regeneration by a living consistent with their profession and with the views of faith, doctrine, and practice of this Church and who have been received into membership according to the Bylaws of this Church.

Article V. Polity and Relationships

The government of this church is vested in the body of believers who compose it. Persons duly received by the elders shall constitute membership (See Article I of the Bylaws). All internal groups created and empowered by the church shall report to and be accountable only to the church, unless otherwise specified by church action. This church is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation common among Baptist churches. Insofar as is practical, this church will cooperate with and support the association, the state convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

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<u>Bylaws</u>

Article I. Membership

Section 1 General Procedure

This is a sovereign and democratic Baptist church under the lordship of Jesus Christ. The membership retains unto itself the exclusive right of self-government in all phases of the spiritual and temporal life of this church.

The elders, elected by the members, reserve the exclusive right to determine who shall be members of this church and the conditions of such membership.

Section 2. Candidacy

Any person may offer himself or herself as a candidate for membership in this church. All such candidates shall be presented to the elders in any of the following ways.

- 1. By profession of faith and for baptism according to the policies of this church.
- 2. By restoration upon a statement of prior conversion experience and baptism in another church when no letter is obtainable.

Section 3. Instruction to New Members One or more elders shall previously, make all persons uniting with this Church as described above in Section 2 made acquainted with the Church Covenant. This shall take place during Walking the Second Mile. New members shall commit themselves to fulfilling their obligations as to worship, service, and giving, when they make public profession of faith and join the church.

Section 4. Dismissal of Members

Membership shall be terminated in the following ways:

- 1. Death of a member
- 2. Transfer to another church
- 3. Exclusion by action of this church

Section 5. Discipline of Members

It shall be the practice of this church to emphasize to its members that every reasonable measure will be taken to assist any troubled member. The pastor, other members of the church staff, and deacons are available for counsel and guidance. The attitude of members toward one another shall be guided by a concern for redemption rather than punishment.

Should some serious condition exist that would cause a member to become a liability to the general welfare of the church, the pastor and elders will take every reasonable measure to resolve the problem in accordance with Matthew 18. If it becomes necessary for the church to take

action to exclude a member, a vote by the elders is required. A spirit of Christian kindness and forbearance shall pervade all such proceedings.

The church may restore to membership any person previously excluded, upon request of the excluded person, and by vote of the church upon evidence of the excluded person's repentance and reformation.

Article II. Church Leadership

All who serve, as officers of the church and those who serve in other forms of church leadership shall be members of this church.

Section 1. Church Officers

The officers of this church shall be:

- 1. Pastor
- 2. Elders
- 3. Church Staff $(A_{ij}) = B_{ij} = (A_{ij}) + (A_{ij}) +$
- 4. Deacons

The pastor is responsible for leading the church to function as a New Testament church. The pastor has the responsibility to lead the congregation, the organizations, and the church staff to perform their tasks. The pastor will be expected to delegate appropriate responsibilities to others to insure the work of the church is done in a consistent manner.

The pastor is leader of pastoral ministries in the church. As such he works with the elders, deacons, and the church staff to: (1) lead the church to carry out the mission and purpose of the church, (2) the proclamation of the gospel both inside and outside the church, (3) to provide appropriate care for both church members and persons in the community.

A pastor shall be chosen and called by the church whenever a vacancy occurs. The election shall take place at a meeting called for that purpose. At least one week's public notice shall be given before a candidate for pastor shall be presented for consideration. A pastor search committee

shall be comprised of the board of elders and other covenant members elected by the current board of elders. Adequate time should be given to the process to help the church through the transition period. The pastor search committee will have the responsible for seeking the person that will fulfill the pastor's role for the congregation. The recommendation of the pastor search committee will constitute a nomination. Any church member has the privilege of making other nominations depending on the policies and procedures established by the church. The committee shall bring for the consideration of the church only one name at a time. Election shall be by ballot, an affirmative vote of two thirds of covenant members present and voting is required to call the pastor.

The minimum qualifications for elders shall not be less than those listed in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9, including without limitation the requirement that elders be men. In addition to the minimum qualifications given in Scripture, elders must be Covenant Members who fully subscribe to Church's Articles of Faith and are actively involved in the ministry of the Church.

The duties of the elders shall include, but not be limited to, leading the Church to fulfill the purposes of the Church. The elder board, as a group, shall supervise all employees of the Church. Elders may delegate to Church employees any and all duties and responsibilities the elders deem reasonable, subject to the rights, if any, of the person under contract of employment. The elders of the Church shall vote on the matters of (a) appointment of any elder, (b) doctrinal issues, (c) removal of any elder, and (d) other actions deemed major and extraordinary by the elders. Elder votes on any matter may be communicated to the Church at the sole discretion of the elders.

The elders shall make the final determination in regards to any ecclesiastical questions. The elders shall be the express and final arbiter of ecclesiastical polity, religious doctrine, and questions of Church property, and shall make the final decision with respect to any other matter that shall arise concerning the Church, its internal workings, and its governance in every respect, consistent with these Bylaws. In deciding such matters, the elders shall use the standards of: (a) the best spiritual, financial, and operating interests of the Church in light of the Bible and the tenets of faith of the Church; and (b) the furtherance of the religious purposes of the Church as discerned by the elders according to the teachings of the Bible.

The elders shall have the sole authority to appoint new elders. A man shall be appointed as an elder by a passing vote of the body of elders. The proposed appointment of any elder shall be communicated to the Church at least one month in advance and Covenant Members shall have an opportunity to submit questions, comments and concerns, which will be considered by the board of elders on a caseby-case basis. Confirmation and appointment of a new elder shall be at the sole and final discretion of the existing board of elders and effectuated upon their passing vote.

n fra en esta plana de la contra construcción de la construcción de la construcción de la construcción de la co Esta construcción de la construcción de la construcción de la esta esta de la construcción de la construcción d Esta construcción de la construcción To resign from the body of elders, an elder shall notify, in writing, the officers of the Church who are also members of the body of elders. Such officers shall determine the most fruitful and edifying way to notify the Covenant Members. A vacancy in the body of elders because of death, resignation, removal or any other cause shall be filled only in the manners prescribed in these Bylaws. Such vacancies may be filled as they occur.

The church staff and deacons shall be called and employed as the church determines the need for such positions. A job description shall be written when the need for a new ministerial position is determined. Those staff members must show evidence of a personal call of God to ministry and shall be recommended to the church by the elders. At the time of resignation at least two weeks' notice shall be given to the church. The elders may vote to vacate the position. The elders are to follow the same principles and process used to terminate a pastor. Such termination will be immediate and compensation conditions shall be the same as for the pastor, except that the amount provided shall relate to the individual's annual compensation. Nonministerial staff members shall be employed as the church determines need for their services. The elders shall have the authority to employ and to terminate services of nonministerial staff members. Such employment and termination of services shall be with the recommendation of the supervising staff memoer and, as appropriate, with the consultation of related committees of the church.

Deacons may be men or women, to meet the qualifications as specified in I Timothy 3:8-13. The responsibility of the deacons is not explicit within the biblical text. The overall responsibility of the diaconate is to assist the elders in their service and equipping functions. If a deacon is removed from service, either voluntarily or involuntarily, the appointment of a successor deacon is under the sole authority and discretion of the elders. The elders shall have the sole authority to appoint deacons.

Article III. Church Finances

Section 1. In General

No method of raising funds shall be entertained which is in conflict of Scriptural ideals of the Church. All funds donated for missions by the societies and organizations of the Church shall pass through the Finance Administrator in order that due record may be made and credit given to the Church.

Section 2. Contributions

It is understood that membership in this church involves financial obligations to support the Church and its causes with regular giving. The Church with approval of the Council of Elders may seek special offerings.

Section 3. Financial Planning

The financial planning of the Church shall be carried out by the lay lead Finance Team. Necessary ministries for consideration by the Finance Team shall submit annual budgets. Matters involving staff compensation shall be the responsibility of the Finance Team.

Section 4. Acquisition of Property

The board of elders shall have the final authority regarding any acquisition of property. Covenant Members shall be informed of any potential acquisition of property at least one month in advance. Covenant Members shall have the opportunity to present questions, comments and concerns at a special meeting called by the board of elders. An affirmative vote of two thirds of Covenant Members present and voting is required to move forward in the acquisition of property.

Article IV. Meetings

Section 1. For Worship

The church shall meet regularly each Sunday morning for worship. Musical worship, prayer, preaching, and instruction shall be among the ingredients of these gatherings. The pastor shall direct the gathering for all church members and those who choose to attend.

Section 2. For Business

The Church shall hold an Annual Covenant Member Meeting for the purpose of informing members of the annual budget and answering any questions concerning the finances of the Church.

Section 3. Special Meetings

Special Meetings may be called by the Council of the Elders for reasons including but not limited to church discipline and church leadership appointments.

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Article V. Church Ordinances

Section 1. Baptism

This church shall receive for baptism any person who has received Jesus Christ as Savior by personal faith, who professes Him publicly, and who indicates a commitment to follow Christ.

Baptism shall be by immersion in water. The pastor, or whomever the church shall authorize, shall administer baptism. The elders and deacons shall assist in the preparation for, and the observance of, baptism. Baptism shall be administered as an act of worship during any worship gathering of the Church.

Section 2. The Lord's Supper

The Church shall provide the Lord's Supper during each gathering to be partaken of by members at their discretion. Corporately, the Church shall observe the Lord's Supper quarterly unless otherwise scheduled.