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**The State of South Carolina** } **CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION**  
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT } **BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

WHEREAS, SEABRON B. FOWLER, Mauldin, S. C.  
 CARL R. MASSEY, Mauldin, S. C.  
 CHARLES A. RICE, Greenville, S. C. *CG 16 11/11/61*

two or more of the officers or agents appointed to supervise or manage the affairs of  
**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., OF MAULDIN**

which has been duly and regularly organized, did on the **12th** day of  
**October**, A. D. **61**, file with the Secretary of State a written declaration setting forth:  
 That, at a meeting of the aforesaid organization held pursuant to the by-laws or regulations of the said organization, they were authorized and directed to apply for incorporation.

That, the said organization holds, or desires to hold, property in common for Religious, Educational, Social, Fraternal, Charitable or other eleemosynary purpose, or any two or more of said purposes, and is not organized for the purpose of profit or gain to the members, otherwise than is above stated, nor for the insurance of life, health, accident or property; and that three days' notice in the **Greenville News**, a newspaper published in the County of **Greenville**, has been given that the aforesaid Declaration would be filed.

AND WHEREAS, Said Declarants and Petitioners further declared and affirmed:

FIRST: Their names and residences are as above given.

SECOND: The name of the proposed Corporation is **NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., OF MAULDIN**

THIRD: The place at which it proposes to have its headquarters or be located is **Mauldin, S. C.**

FOURTH: The purpose of the said proposed Corporation is **to promote the Christian belief and all other things concerning the advancement of the Christian Religion.**

FIFTH: The names and residences of all Managers, Trustees, Directors or other officers are as follows:

Seabron B. Fowler	Mauldin, S. C.	Trustee
Carl R. Massey	Mauldin, S. C.	Trustee
Charles A. Rice	Greenville, S. C.	Trustee

SIXTH: That they desire to be incorporated: **in perpetuity**

NOW, THEREFORE, I, O. FRANK THORNTON, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested, by Chapter 12, Title 12, Code of 1952, and Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby declare the said organization to be a body politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the limitations and liabilities, conferred by said Chapter 12, Title 12, Code of 1952, and Acts amendatory thereto.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the State, at Columbia,  
 this **12th** day of **October**,  
 in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and  
**61** and in the one hundred and **86th**  
 year of the Independence of the  
 United States of America.



*O. Frank Thornton*  
 Secretary of State.

Recorded Oct. 16th. 1961, at 11:07 A. M., #9788.