



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF GREENVILLE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church is one of the oldest churches in our city. During 1865, a prayer meeting discussion of 22 faithful individuals established the Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church. These individuals gathered in a local home to discuss building a church where they could worship God in spirit and in truth;

WHEREAS, a frame building was constructed on land chartered in 1865 by a group known as the Colored Religious Society, Inc. Through in-depth research, one local writer found that the Church was first known as the African Baptist Church from 1867 to 1869 with the name Sycamore Hill coming on the scene in the early 1880s. The presence of sycamore trees on the lot at First and Greene Streets was the basis for the name of the Church;

WHEREAS, due to urban renewal, Sycamore Hill was moved to Eighth Street in mid 1968 and held a groundbreaking for the present facility on Hooker Road in 1995;

WHEREAS, the mission statement of the Church is "Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church is a congregation that desires to be of Christ's baptized disciples, a church that is united in the belief of what He has said, and covenanting to do what He has commanded";

WHEREAS, Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church has been an invaluable member of the City of Greenville for more than a century with community outreach ministries and programs;

WHEREAS, Homeless Shelter, Women's, and Senior Christian Fellowship Ministries; Scouting Program, Senior Christian Fellowship, Senior Missionary Circle, and Senior Home Care Services, Inc. are only to name a few of the ministries and outreach programs offered by the Church that benefit our community tremendously;

WHEREAS, the aesthetically designed place of worship contains approximately 8.37 acres; and the pastors are Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr. (Pastor) who has served the Church since October 1, 1981 and Reverend Jesse Chadwick (Assistant to the Pastor); and

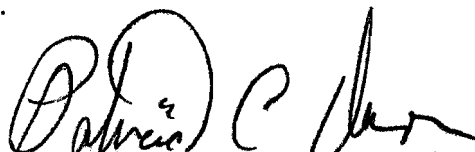
WHEREAS, the members of Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate their 150 years of Christian Service to our community at the First and Greene Streets site on Sunday, November 14, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 14, 2010 as

SYCAMORE HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH DAY

and on behalf of the City of Greenville, do hereby congratulate the Church on its 150 years of ministry in Greenville.

This 14th day of November, 2010.



Patricia C. Dunn, Mayor