



SPECIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 06-2024

A SPECIAL PROCLAMATION AWARDED BY SOUTH BEND COMMON COUNCILWOMAN OPHELIA GOODEN-RODGERS, SECOND (2nd) DISTRICT, CELEBRATING THE 100TH YEAR MILESTONE OF NEW SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Whereas, Pastor Cary Baptiste, distinguished guests, esteemed members, and beloved community members of the New Salem Baptist Church located at 141 Camden Street in South Bend, Indiana; and

Whereas, it is with great honor and profound joy that I stand before you today to celebrate the remarkable milestone of the one hundredth (100th) anniversary of New Salem Baptist Church. As the Second (2nd) District councilwoman, but more importantly I am deeply humbled to witness this momentous occasion in the life of your church; and

Whereas, One hundred years ago, a small group of devoted believers had a vision – a vision to establish a place of worship, fellowship, and service for the people of our community. Through their unwavering faith and tireless dedication, they laid the foundation upon which this church stands today- a beacon of hope, love, and transformation in our midst; and

Whereas, While we gather to commemorate this significant anniversary, we are reminded of the countless lives that have been moved and transformed within these walls. From baptisms to weddings, from Sunday sermons to community outreach programs, New Salem Baptist Church has been a steadfast pillar of faith and a source of strength for generations; and

Whereas, Under the steadfast leadership and guidance of Pastor Cary Baptiste, this church has nurtured the spiritual growth of its members while reaching out with compassion to meet the needs of our community. Your unwavering commitment to preaching the gospel, fostering unity, and serving others has inspired us all to live our lives with purpose and compassion; and

Whereas, We reflect on the rich history of New Salem Baptist Church, let us also look to the future with hope and anticipation. May we continue to uphold the values of faith, love, and service that have defined us for the past century, and may we remain steadfast in our commitment to spreading God's love and light in our community and beyond; and

Whereas, On behalf of the Second (2nd) District Council woman and the entire community, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each and every member of New Salem Baptists Church on this momentous occasion. May God bless abundantly as you continue to shine brightly as a guiding light and inspiration for generations to come.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that South Bend City Councilwoman Ophelia Gooden- Rodgers, Second (2nd) District Thank New Salem Baptist Church.

Section I. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon it being signed, and approved by, Councilwoman Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers, Second (2nd) District.

Signed and Approved this 19th Day of May 2024 in the City of South Bend, County of St. Joseph, in the State of Indiana.



Ophelia Gooden Rodgers

Councilwoman Ophelia Gooden Rodgers,
2nd District South Bend Common Council

