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CELEBRATING THE COMPLETION OF THE DR. C.L. HOGUE  
ACTIVITY CENTER AT NEW GREATER FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST  
CHURCH.

WHEREAS, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and  
the leadership of Pastor Carlton L. Hogue, a three-fold  
mission for New Greater First Missionary Baptist Church, known  
as the "THREE Cs": Clergy, Church, and Community, was  
presented to the membership in 2014, to elevate its thinking  
and prepare hearts for being of service to others; in this  
plan, God was at work showing the members how to move forward  
by aiding their leader, members, and the needs of the  
community when called upon; and

WHEREAS, shortly after this implementation in 2015,  
an offer to purchase two properties adjacent to the current  
sanctuary were received and deeds were signed; upon receiving  
deeds to these properties, plans were presented to the  
membership later in 2015 to erect an Activity Center as an  
attachment to the current edifice; and

1           WHEREAS, during the morning worship services on  
2     December 15, 2019, it was approved by the Church that the  
3     Activity Center would be named the Dr. C.L. Hogue Activity  
4     Center; and

5           WHEREAS, in every proposal to have new conveniences  
6     added, a period of preparation had to take place; with the  
7     leadership of Pastor Hogue, many financial milestones were  
8     witnessed during 2016 and 2017; and

9           WHEREAS, the membership continued to follow  
10    leadership by praying and paying from 2017 until present; on  
11    December 15, 2019, Ground Breaking Ceremonies were held after  
12    the morning service; clearing began at the site on February  
13    15, 2020, and construction of the Dr. C.L. Hogue Activity  
14    Center officially began February 17, 2020; and

15          WHEREAS, news of a virus outbreak that would affect  
16    the entire world was on the horizon; the members understood  
17    that man can plan, but God can unplan; on March 8, 2020,  
18    Pastor Hogue gave the members the Word on how to deal with the  
19    situation "IN THE MEANTIME," Jeremiah 29:4-7; and

20          WHEREAS, the method of worship changed to  
21    teleconference on Sunday, April 12, 2020; financial  
22    obligations never waivered and attendance for online service  
23    averaged 86 families per Sunday; because of the faithfulness  
24    of the members, the building project resumed in mid-April  
25    2020; construction "hick-ups" caused other minor delays;  
26    however, the members never lost hope and the Dr. C.L. Hogue  
27    Activity Center was completed on December 28, 2021; to God Be

1 The Glory as the church continues to be "ABOUT OUR FATHER'S  
2 BUSINESS, Luke 2:49; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
4 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That it is a unique privilege to  
5 commend the New Greater First Missionary Baptist Church, which  
6 is honored for the completion of the Dr. C.L. Hogue Activity  
7 Center on December 28, 2021; and by copy of this resolution we  
8 convey our congratulations and best wishes for the future.