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7 Fincher, Ford, Galliher, Gaston, Gipson, Gordon, Graham,  
8 Grantland, Greeson, Grimes, Guin, Hall, Hammett, Hammon,  
9 Harper, Hill, Hilliard, Hinshaw, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard,  
10 Hurst, Irons, Ison, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Knight, Laird,  
11 Letson, Lewis, Lindsey, Love, Martin, Mask, McAdory,  
12 McCampbell, McClammy, McClendon, McClurkin, McCutcheon,  
13 McDaniel, McLaughlin, McMillan, Millican, Mitchell, Moore (M),  
14 Moore (P), Morrow, Newton (C), Newton (D), Oden, Page, Payne,  
15 Robinson (J), Robinson (O), Rogers, Salaam, Sanderford, Scott,  
16 Sherer, Shiver, Spicer, Taylor, Thigpen, Thomas (E), Thomas  
17 (J), Todd, Treadaway, Vance, Ward, Warren, White, Williams  
18 (J), Williams (P), Wood and Wren

19 RFD: Rules

20 First Read: 25-MAR-10

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8 COMMENDING FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LEEDS ON ITS 100TH  
9 ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, it is a great privilege to extend  
12 commendations and congratulations to First Baptist Church  
13 Leeds on the occasion of celebrating 100 years of service to  
14 the glory of God; and

15 WHEREAS, First Baptist Church Leeds was organized on  
16 April 10, 1910, with 15 members; Reverend James Stewart served  
17 as the first pastor, and worship services were initially held  
18 in the First Presbyterian Church building on the second Sunday  
19 of each month; the first two deacons were ordained in July  
20 1912; and

21 WHEREAS, after property was acquired on Ashville  
22 Road, a new wooden building was erected and the first service  
23 was held on July 8, 1913; by April of the following year, the  
24 congregation had grown to 68, and morning and evening services  
25 were held each Sunday; and

26 WHEREAS, the original wooden building was eventually  
27 dismantled, and usable materials were salvaged for use in a

1 new structure that was dedicated on October 23, 1938, and  
2 still stands on Ashville Road; and

3                   WHEREAS, the present site of First Baptist Church  
4 Leeds was acquired in November 1966; plans were presented in  
5 July 1969, and the completed building was dedicated on  
6 December 3, 1972; and

7                   WHEREAS, as the congregation continued to grow, a  
8 Christian activities building was added in November 1989; and

9                   WHEREAS, in its Centennial year, the church  
10 continues to be blessed with an outstanding music ministry,  
11 Women's Missionary Union, children's ministry, and a dedicated  
12 deacon ministry; and

13                   WHEREAS, the congregation is also blessed with a  
14 true man of God, Reverend Ray McKenzie, the current pastor who  
15 has led the church since September 2007 and continues the  
16 tradition of dedicated service to the members, the community,  
17 and the glory of the gospel; now therefore,

18                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
19 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That First Baptist Church Leeds is  
20 honored and commended on the occasion of celebrating its 100th  
21 Anniversary, and this resolution is offered in highest tribute  
22 to this venerable institution, along with heartiest  
23 congratulations and best wishes for the future.