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

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

21 WHEREAS, shortly after this implementation in 2015,  
22 an offer to purchase two properties adjacent to the current  
23 sanctuary were received and deeds were signed; upon receiving  
24 deeds to these properties, plans were presented to the  
25 membership later in 2015 to erect an Activity Center as an  
26 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 LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
4                   HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, 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.