

PROCLAMATION



New St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church Centennial “100” Anniversary and Service

WHEREAS, in 1923, Reverend Grant and Lady Grant came together with a small gathering of people to begin worship in a small building on Myrtle Street, Dundee Florida, naming it “The First Colored Baptist Church.”

WHEREAS, the members were: Brother & Sister Robinson, Sister Mary Jones, Sister Annie May, Sister Christina Williams, Sister Wille Payne, Sister Ruby Alexander and T. Lamb.

WHEREAS, under the direction of Reverend Joseph Savage Sr and Lady Savage the church was relocated and renamed “St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church”.

WHEREAS, in 2006 the church street name changed to 305 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street, under the leadership of Pastor Garrett.

WHEREAS, in June 2019, Rev. Jimmy L. Downing Jr. and Lady Shenita Seeden-Downing were called to “New St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church”. Pastor Downing is described to be a “Man of Vision”, and where there is “Vision”, there is Hope.

WHEREAS, under the direction of Rev. Dr J. L. Downing Jr. and Lady Downing, New St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church is seeking to continue to have a positive impact in their community and with the citizens of Dundee.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Samuel Pennant, Mayor of the Town of Dundee, do hereby proclaim April 2023 to be the Centennial Celebration for New St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church and extend congratulation to the members of this congregation on their Centennial Anniversary.

Dated this ____ day of ____, 20__

Sam Pennant, Mayor

Attest:

Trevor Douthat, Town Clerk