

A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove

WHEREAS, in 1835, after the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek (1830) with the Choctaw Indians and the Treaty of the Pontotoc (1832) with the Chickasaw Indians, white settlers flocked into the newly opened land of North Mississippi, and organized Hernando Methodist Church in 1836; and

WHEREAS, in 1852, the members of Oak Grove Baptist Church (average membership of 63) bought from the Methodist Congregation a house of hewn logs then the site of the old building and was used until the close of the 1850's—the purchase included the building and the contents only, it was then replaced by a frame building—in June of 1883, the church bought the land the building was on for \$15.00 and added an acre for the sum of \$25.00 in April of 1886; and

WHEREAS, during the War Between the States, the women of the community would meet in the Oak Grove Church building and make uniforms for the soldiers; and

WHEREAS, another building, built in 1912, was the third since the Baptist came into possession of site—it was a small but well kept frame building with an organ placed near the pulpit, gaslights from mantle lamps replaced the tallow candles of the first building to serve the congregation during evening services; and

WHEREAS, to accommodate the church growth in the 1950's two rooms were added to the back of the church—later on a larger room was added to the back of these two rooms to serve as a nursery and a fellowship hall—in 1973, Sunday school rooms were added to each side of the building; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, the church was continuing to grow—there was no room for expansion on the current building so under the guidance of God and the leadership of Rev. Bob Good, the congregation purchased ten acres on Oak Grove Road and built a new building—an addition has already been added; and

WHEREAS, God has blessed Oak Grove Baptist Church in Hernando, Mississippi over the last 150 years and the church continues to praise Him for His blessings during this great celebration:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 6, 2002, in honor of

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

and their love and dedication to an awesome God, their community and the State of Mississippi.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, September 25, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR