

**A Proclamation
By
Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

WHEREAS, Prentiss Baptist Church was founded in September 1902 by seventeen charter members—the first sanctuary was constructed in 1905 and replaced in 1937 by the building still in use; and

WHEREAS, the current resident church membership is 409—926 have been baptized since the 1920's when the church began keeping records; and

WHEREAS, Prentiss Baptist Church members actively support a number of missions in their community, State, in North America, and internationally--\$99,016 was given to mission causes in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Prentiss Baptist Church members have also actively participated in missions—since 1982, 290 members have participated in various mission endeavors in nineteen states and thirteen countries on five continents; and

WHEREAS, Prentiss Baptist Church operates the Early Childhood Education Program, the only state certified childcare center in Jefferson Davis County and employs 23, including the church staff and the Early Childhood Education Program; and

WHEREAS, God has blessed the Prentiss Baptist Church in Prentiss, Mississippi over the last 100 years and the church continues to praise Him for His blessings during their Centennial Celebration:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim September 29, 2002, in honor of

PRENTISS 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 19, 2002, in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

**RONNIE MUSGROVE
GOVERNOR**