

Resolution

ORDER NO: 2015-1088

DATE: August 18, 2015

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

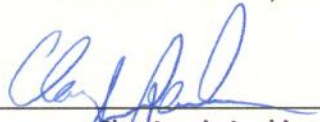


BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 18th day of August, 2015 on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner of District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

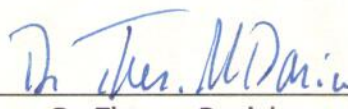
- WHEREAS**, August 2015 marks the 100th Anniversary celebration of Sims Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, the very first African American church organized in Garland, Texas. Sims Chapel Missionary Baptist Church was founded and organized in 1915 by the Reverend A. L. Sims, along with nine charter members. The first building and place of worship was erected on the corner of Roosevelt and State Streets in West Garland; and
- WHEREAS**, In 1968, under the leadership of Reverend T. J. Price, Sims Chapel Missionary Baptist Church was relocated and built in its present location at 317 Parker Drive, Garland, Texas. In addition, the sanctuary was remodeled, and a fellowship hall completed in 1999 under the pastorate of Reverend V. L. Baines, to accommodate the growing needs of the church community; and
- WHEREAS**, Uplifting and serving the community is a bedrock principle near and dear to Sims Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. In the mid 1920's to the early 1930's, Sims Chapel served as an educational facility for African American students in Garland; and
- WHEREAS**, Sims Chapel Missionary Baptist Church continues to faithfully serve and provide assistance to the elderly, food for the needy, emergency relief support, support of home and foreign mission efforts, and to promote scholarships for graduating seniors; and
- WHEREAS**, Presently, Reverend Richard C. Jones serves as Pastor of Sims Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. He joins a long line of dedicated and devoted pastors, men, women and children – servant leaders – who have worked countless hours to preserve and carry on the church's rich history. Leaders and members regularly go above and beyond the call of duty to protect, provide and promote the welfare of the community they serve; and
- WHEREAS**, Sims Chapel Missionary Baptist Church has been in existence for 100 years and will proudly continue its legacy devoted to serving God and the Garland community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dallas County Commissioners Court, Dallas County residents and community leaders, congratulate Sims Chapel Missionary Baptist Church on its 100th Anniversary, a significant milestone, and for its unwavering commitment to serving the needs of the community with compassion.

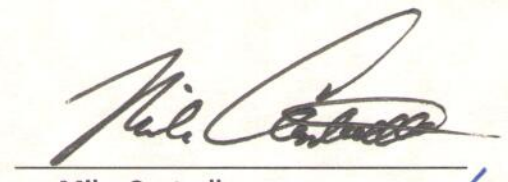
DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 18th day of August, 2015.



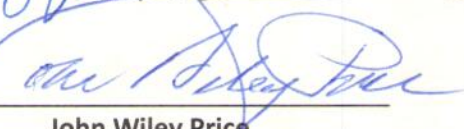
Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge



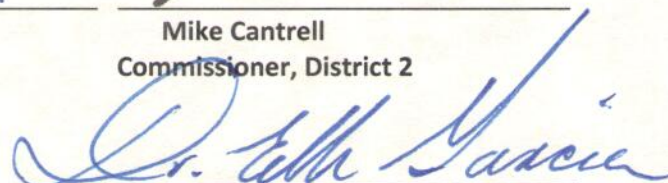
Dr. Theresa Daniel
Commissioner, District 1



Mike Cantrell
Commissioner, District 2



John Wiley Price
Commissioner, District 3



Dr. Elba Garcia
Commissioner, District 4