

**PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF
PASTOR DANIEL LEWIS
34 YEARS OF SERVICE AT TROY CHRISTIAN CHAPEL**

WHEREAS, Pastor Dan Lewis was born in Billings, Montana, on April 7, 1950, the youngest of four siblings. His education began in a two-room school house north of Billings. **Pastor Dan** graduated from North Salinas High School in 1968 and attended Conqueror's Bible College in Portland, Oregon, where he met Peggy, the love of his life; and

WHEREAS, After **Pastor Dan's** graduation from college, the young, newly married couple spent the next few years ministering in a variety of ways – as an evangelist to small churches in the western states, then as a short-term teacher at Caribbean Bible Institute in Kingston, Jamaica, and then as an associate pastor in Indiana. They also did some short-term work for Bible colleges in Zimbabwe and Kenya; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Dan and Peggy's children – three sons – reflect their journeys of ministry: Jamie born in Indiana, Travis born in Oregon, and Chad born in Mississippi. It was while teaching in Mississippi, that **Professor Lewis** met a student from Troy, and this meeting changed the direction of their lives. The Deacon Board of Troy Christian Chapel asked him to become the pastor of their church, and thus began what was to become a 34-year pastoral ministry; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Dan began his ministry of pastoring the congregation of Troy Christian Chapel in October 1981 when the church was on Big Beaver Road. They expanded and built the first part of the present chapel on Long Lake Road in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Dan and Peggy survived three church building projects, saw all three of their sons graduate from the Troy School District, and watched each of them go on to complete graduate degrees. Peggy, an art history major, recently retired from a career as a docent at the Detroit Institute of Arts; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Dan said that the greatest blessings in his pastoral ministry has been watching and nurturing the spiritual growth in our community. To date, he has conducted 146 weddings, 201 baptisms, and 182 baby dedications. While these are all wonderful milestones in a 34-year ministry, **Pastor Dan** says that one of the greatest blessings of his work as pastor has been mentoring several young ministers, some of whom are now pastors;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Troy extends special recognition to **Pastor Dan Lewis**, for his selfless and tireless service to our community and his congregation at **Troy Christian Chapel**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council and all of Troy's residents congratulate **Pastor Dan Lewis** for his 34 years of dedication and commitment and wish him and Peggy continued success in all future endeavors, especially doing mission work abroad as they continue to serve the Lord and the Kingdom of God. **Pastor Dan and Peggy** will be missed not only by his congregation but the entire Troy community.

Presented this 8th day of June 2015.