

**PROCLAMATION
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
WOODSIDE BIBLE CHURCH**

WHEREAS, In 1955, **Woodside Bible Church** began as Big Beaver Baptist Church by Rev. Harold Moran, who gathered a few local families to meet in each other's homes. Enthusiasm grew, and they moved their meetings to the former Troy City Hall on Wattles and Livernois; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, Big Beaver Baptist changed its name to Troy Baptist Church and added an educational program. In 1965, Rev. Martin Turner led Troy Baptist as pastor; and

WHEREAS, The Rev. David Anderson arrived at Troy Baptist as its third pastor in 1970. Adjacent properties were purchased to make room for parking and future growth; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, Troy Baptist Church broke ground for the fifth and largest building project in the church's history to date—a new 1,200 seat auditorium and office complex. The first service was held in the new auditorium in March 1981, and remodeling continued in the few years following to accommodate a still-growing congregation; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, Dr. Douglas Smith came to Troy Baptist, and attendance more than doubled under his leadership. In 2002, Troy Baptist officially became **Woodside Bible Church** to better reflect its true identity of Bible believing and Bible teaching. Three Sunday services were now held each week, and plans moved forward on construction of a new building on 35 acres in northern Troy. In 2003, ground was officially broken; and

WHEREAS, On February 12, 2005, **Woodside Bible Church** moved into its current facility at 6600 Rochester Road. The 128,000 sq. ft., two-story building has two entrances with TV monitors and maps. The main auditorium seats 2,550 for four weekly worship services. There are 28 offices, 9 adult fellowship rooms, 18 classrooms, 6 nursery rooms and 1,090 parking spaces. During the Church's 50-year history, dozens of ministries have met the needs of the community. The new facility will enable **Woodside Bible Church** to continue that mission, including ministries for men, women, children, teens, adults, small groups, music and drama, AWANA, Bible studies, recovery groups, and mission outreach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Troy City Council does hereby congratulate **Woodside Bible Church on its 50th Anniversary** and recognizes its impact upon thousands and thousands of lives, not just in our local community of Troy, but across the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council joins the citizens of this community in appreciation and celebration of **Woodside Bible Church's 50th Anniversary**.

Presented this 24th day of July 2005.