



Proclamation

- Whereas,** In May 1923, the late Rev. E.J. James founded the Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church; and,
- Whereas,** the Church started in a small house on Scott Street (1923), then moved to a new building at the corner of 20th and Biddle Street (1925), then to Beaumont Street (1928), then to Dayton Street (1930) until it was demolished in 1949, then worshipped at the First Baptist Church on Bell Ave until the sanctuary was rebuilt; lastly relocating to its current house of worship in Berkeley on Natural Bridge Rd in Ward 5 (2012); and
- Whereas,** the church was led by the late Rev. E.J. James (1923-1925), the late Rev. Fred McDonald (1925-1965), the late Rev. W.B. Rouse (1965-1978), Rev. Norman E. Owens Jr. (1978-1997), and currently by Rev. Willie E. Kilpatrick (1999-current); and,
- Whereas,** through the years the church has created several ministries like the Food Pantry Ministry, the Social Services Ministry, the Ministry of Helps, the New Membership Ministry, the Single Ministry, the Teens-in-Touch Ministry, the Scholarship Ministry, the Transportation Ministry, the Youth and the Young Adult Choirs, the Substance Abuse Ministry, the Prince of Peace Steppers, and the Sign Language Ministry; and,
- Whereas,** the church is a solid God-fearing community of believers who consistently engage in ongoing missions and projects such as “Bags of Hope” for the homeless, college scholarships, Christmas family adoption programs, step recovery programs, girls and boys mentoring programs, public school reading programs and serving meals in local shelters; and,
- Whereas,** the Prince of Peace is a historic church that has served as a beacon of light in the St. Louis Metropolitan area for 100 years.

Now, Therefore Be It Proclaimed, I, Babatunde Deinbo, Mayor of the City of Berkeley on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby extend our Congratulations to the Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church for celebrating 100 years of service.

Attest
Deanna L. Jones

City Clerk



In witness whereof, I have, hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Berkeley to be affixed.

Babatunde Deinbo

Mayor of the City of Berkeley, Missouri

This 17th day of April, 2023