



Commendation

By the Mayor of Prattville, Alabama

WHEREAS, Bethlehem Christian Methodist Episcopal Church was founded as a mission to do God's work in Autauga County over 100 years ago. In 1904, a handful of Christians moved to Autauga County from Lowndesboro in search of a way of life; and,

WHEREAS, as these Christians became permanent residents, the decision was made to establish the first Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in Autauga County. Before a building could be constructed, these strong believers worshiped together under a brush arbor near Fay's Station; and,

WHEREAS, under the pastorate of C. F. Hall, the place of worship was moved from Fay's Station to East Sixth Street, known then as Happy Hollow, and was named Hall's Chapel CME Church. It was Rev. W. J. Martin, successor to Rev. Hall, that rebuilt the church and renamed it Bethlehem Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. As years passed, the Lord placed on Rev. Maxie C. Jackson's heart to move the Church from its previous location at Happy Hollow, to its current location on the corner of Sixth Street and Chestnut Street; and

NOW, THEREFORE, on the occasion of the church's 109th anniversary, I, Bill Gillespie, Jr., Mayor of the City of Prattville, Alabama, do hereby commend

Bethlehem Christian Methodist Episcopal Church

in Prattville, for its mission and work among the people, and wish for this ministry continued success and service to mankind as it continues to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.



Given Under My Hand and the Seal of the City of
Prattville on the 26th day of May 2013.

Bill Gillespie Jr.

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