

Office of the Mayor
Tomball, Texas

Proclamation



- WHEREAS** Sunday, August 30, 2009 marks the 125th anniversary of **Salem United Methodist Church**, which began as Spring Creek A. M. E. Church under a brush arbor in Spring Creek Park in 1874, under the leadership of Reverend Thomas Cole and a small group of dedicated members; and
- WHEREAS,** Spring Creek A.M.E. Church became **Salem United Methodist Church**, a connectional member of the United Methodist Church in 1962; and
- WHEREAS** we give honor for the abiding Christian commitment of those who in faith began the work, who have given so unselfishly to help the work thrive, and who have provided service where the need was great; and
- WHEREAS** descendants of the earliest families—the Mays, Smiths, Lakeys, Pyles, Osbornes, Blackshears, and Jacksons—and a former pastor, Reverend Jackson, still attend worship services, led since July 2008 by Salem's sixteenth pastor, Dr. Dorothy Terry, whose vision for **Salem United Methodist Church** is that the congregation continue in spiritual growth and in expanded discipleship activities; and
- WHEREAS** the Tomball community has benefitted from the influence of **Salem United Methodist Church**, a congregation of a few members who have big hearts full of faith, hope, and love; and
- WHEREAS** it is a privilege to be able to extend the expression of our esteem and best wishes to the members of the congregation of **Salem United Methodist Church** on their 125th anniversary;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GRETCHEN FAGAN, Mayor of the City of Tomball, do hereby proclaim Sunday, August 30, 2009, as:

“SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 125TH ANNIVERSARY DAY”



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

Gretchen Fagan

ATTEST: *Devin Spurr*

DATE: *June 15, 2009*