

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

Whereas, on September 11, 1925, eighty-one members of First Baptist Church of Bryan withdrew from their home church for the purpose of founding College Avenue Baptist Church and called Pastor Roy Hollomon as its founding pastor; and

Whereas, College Avenue Baptist Church met for twenty-two months in the Bryan Courthouse before constructing its first building on the corner of William J. Bryan and College Avenue in Bryan; and

Whereas, the church was faithfully shepherded in its early decades by Pastors V.B. Brazeale, R.C. White, and James Landes, W.J. McDaniel through seasons of economic challenges and war; and

Whereas, the church relocated to Coulter Drive and changed names to Central Baptist Church under the leadership of W.J. McDaniel who was followed by the pastors Charles Pitts, Robert Polk, Andrew Heskett, Duane Riley, and Stan Blevins, whose leadership guided the congregation through seasons of growth alongside the community and university; and

Whereas, in 1986, the church called Dr. Chris Osborne as pastor, under whose 33 years of Leadership the congregation grew from approximately 1,500 members to more than 3,000, expanded its ministry reach at Texas A&M, and relocated to its present campus, adopting the name Central Church; and

Whereas, upon Dr. Osborne's retirement in 2019, Dr. Phillip Bethancourt was called as pastor, leading the church into its second century with a renewed commitment to community, discipleship, missions, and service; and

Whereas, Central Church continues to minister to the families of our community through vibrant Sunday worship gatherings, discipleship programs for all ages, mission partnerships around the world, and community outreach initiatives.

Whereas, for 100 years Central Church has proclaimed the gospel of Jesus Christ, shaped generations of believers, and served as a faithful witness in Bryan-College Station and to ends of the earth;

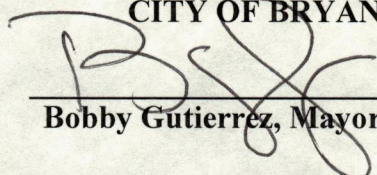
Now, Therefore, I, Bobby Gutierrez, Mayor of the City of Bryan, do hereby deem it an honor and pleasure to extend this expression of our esteem and best wishes to the Central Church on this memorable occasion of their:



100th Anniversary

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Bryan, Texas to be affixed this 11th day of September, 2025.

CITY OF BRYAN


Bobby Gutierrez, Mayor

Proclaimed this 11th day of September, 2025