



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, for 20 years, **Dr. Pierre J. Crawford** has been a faithful and dedicated servant of God serving as Senior Pastor of Center Baptist Church and is to be commended for his steadfast Christian leadership over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, his outreach is not limited to Center Baptist Church, but he also serves the community on a city, county, state, national and international level and is affectionately known as the “hugging” Pastor; and

**WHEREAS**, **Dr. Crawford** is a dynamic and humble pastor who has demonstrated excellence in his calling as a “Man of God” and for that reason, the members of Center Baptist Church want to extend to him and his family their sincerest love and are proud to call him their Pastor, Leader and Friend.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on behalf of the Gastonia City Council, I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor, do hereby recognize and celebrate

**Dr. Pierre J. Crawford**  
**On the occasion of his 20<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary**

for his many years of dedicated and faithful service to Center Baptist Church as well as our community, state and nation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed, this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, two thousand and nineteen.

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Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

Attest:

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Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk