



RESOLUTION

In Loving Memory

for the Life and Leadership of

Rev. Dr. Tommy Lee Brown, Pastor

New Free Hope Independent Church

Whereas; it pleased the Almighty Jehovah God to grant life to Tommy Lee Brown of Tifton, Georgia, on Friday, August 25, 1950, and to come take a walk from his earthly labor to eternal rest on Saturday, December 9, 2023;

Whereas; Rev. Dr. Tommy Lee Brown, a faithful minister of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and beloved Pastor of New Free Hope Independent Church dedicated his life to the service of Jehovah God;

Whereas; Rev. Dr. T. L. Brown, Pastor, was an honorable soldier, dedicated husband, caring father, loving grandfather, supporter for his family, and those whom he held dear to his heart;

Whereas; Rev. Dr. T. L. Brown, Pastor labored tirelessly in God's vineyard and at New Free Hope Independent Church, building legacies, fulfilling commitments, and passionately teaching and leading God's people;

Whereas; it is with humility, sadness, and deep sorrow that we acknowledge the passing of our beloved Pastor, Rev. Dr. T. L. Brown, a fallen star whose memory will forever shine bright in our hearts;

Whereas; Rev. Dr. T. L. Brown, Pastor faithfully served as the Shepherd of New Free Hope Independent Church for an 42 1/2 years, demonstrating unwavering commitment to his sheep and providing leadership that will be missed;

Whereas; Jehovah God did not allow Rev. Dr. T. L. Brown, Pastor to suffer a long grievous sickbed, but rather a short stint of a lone-confusion state unto death, we thank, honor, and praise Jehovah God and will seek to find joy and comfort in His decision through our time of sorrow;

Whereas; we express our profound gratitude of thankfulness to Jehovah God for the blessings of time He allowed us to borrow Rev. Dr. T. L. Brown, Pastor a tree planted by the river of water, bringing forth abundant fruit that enriched our church, community, and the world;

Whereas; Rev. Dr. T. L. Brown, Pastor was a wonderful teacher of God's Word, was always there for every one of us, offering leadership guidance that inspired and touched the lives of everyone who knew him;

Whereas; we resolve that Pastor Brown faithfully shepherded the flock of sheep that God entrusted to him, embodying the principles of love, faith, and devotion to the teachings of Christ;

Whereas; Pastor Brown's legacy is marked not only by his steadfast leadership but also by his role as the 12th child of John and Susanna Brown, a devoted husband to Deloris Murry, a loving father to Latisha Brown Sweeney (James T. Sweeney) and Shaun C. Brown, and a cherished grandfather to Tyra and Briana Sweeney;

Whereas; Dr. Brown answered God's call into the ministry in April of 1975, subsequently joining the United States Army in October 1976, he was honorably discharged from the army in 1980, and in April of 1981, Rev. Dr. Tommy Lee Brown became the Pastor of New Free Hope Independent Church in Blythewood, South Carolina, where he continued to shepherd the congregation until his untimely death;

Whereas; Dr. Brown's educational journey reflects his dedication to spiritual and intellectual growth, culminating in degrees from Lake Sumter Jr. College, Chicago City College, Erskine College, and Columbia Bible Institute;

Whereas; Pastor Brown's life mottos, "We know not what the future holds, but we thank God we know who holds the future," "You cannot lead where you do not go, you cannot teach what you do not know, and you cannot reap what you do not sow," and his favorite scripture, John 3:16, serve as enduring reminders of his deep faith and commitment to spreading the message of God's love.

Now, therefore; be it resolved, on Saturday, the sixteenth day of December in the 2023 year of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that the Board of Directors of New Free Hope Independent and the church family stands before Jehovah God as a witness to the life and testament of our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Tommy Lee Brown.

Therefore; be it known, that we, the members of New Free Hope Independent Church, extend our deepest condolences to the family of our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Tommy Lee Brown, express our gratitude for his tireless service, and honor his memory as a faithful servant of God. May his legacy continue to inspire and guide us in our Christian journey.

Therefore; let it be further known, that we know the deep loss and sorrow your family is experiencing. We want to share in your sorrow but recognize that the Lord has accepted into His presence a good and faithful servant.

Therefore; be it further resolved, that we the members of New Free Hope Independent Church will mourn with the family and continue the great work of our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Tommy Lee Brown.

Be it further resolved; that we honor and celebrate the life and contributions of our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Tommy Lee Brown, recognizing his unwavering dedication, inspiring leadership, and the hand of guidance he brought to all who knew him.

Be it finally resolved; that the New Free Hope Church Board of Directors pledges continued support to the family during this time of sorrow and commits to preserving and sharing the enduring legacy of our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Tommy Lee Brown; the New Free Hope Independent Church shall continue to operate together as one body faithfully executing the Will of God,

The New Free Hope Independent Church shall continue to be a witness compelling other to accept Christ as Lord and Savior, the New Free Hope Independent Church shall execute reclamation to reunite and reinvite back all lost or fallen members, and the New Free Hope Independent Church shall before Jehovah God, within the church, and throughout the community.

In Witness Whereof, we, the Board of Directors, members, and affiliates of New Free Hope Independent Church, affirm this resolution On Saturday, the 16th day of December, in the year of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 2023, acknowledging the impact of our Pastor Rev. Dr. Tommy Lee Brown (T. L. Brown) on our lives and community.

Respectfully submitted, Rev Robbie Bowman, Assistant Pastor
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