

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Roy Hargrave was born in Kennett, Missouri, and grew up in nearby Rector, Arkansas. He was nine years old when he was saved by the grace of God in a country Methodist church in his hometown. Dr. R. A. Hargrave was licensed in the ministry in 1974 and ordained in 1975. He pastored five churches before coming to Ormond First Baptist in 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1997, under Pastor Roy's leadership, the church relocated from a downtown five-acre site to a 45-acre campus at its current location at 2080 West Granada Boulevard. The church later purchased adjacent property, bringing the size of Riverbend's campus to 112 acres. In 1998, Ormond First Baptist became Riverbend Community Church; and in the year 2000, the church instituted a theological training school, called Riverbend Bible Institute; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Roy's philosophy of ministry includes a strong commitment to solid, expository proclamation from the pulpit. "*The Lord builds His own church*" is one of Pastor Roy's favorite sayings, and he believes that the means He uses to build it is the clear, God-anointed preaching of the "whole counsel of God." Pastor Roy also heads a media ministry called "GraceWorx," which has world-wide live streaming; and

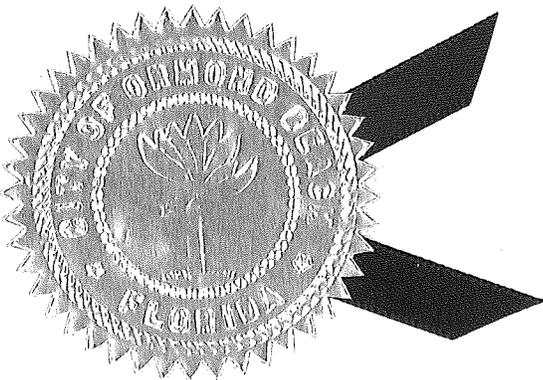
**WHEREAS**, Riverbend has been blessed to have Pastor Roy as Senior Pastor for the past 25 years. During this time, he started the Riverbend Academy and Promise Land Preschool; Riverbend Bible Institute for theological training for lay people; GraceWorx; Men's Shepherding training for men to be biblical men, husbands, fathers and churchmen, along with Women of Grace training for Riverbend women to be biblical wives and mothers; Persevering Saints, a senior adult ministry; Home Educators at Riverbend, a support group for home schoolers; Military Family Support including prayer, notes, and care packages for overseas military personnel; Disaster Relief Ministry to give skilled help for disasters, both local and away; and Hometown Harvest-fest, a safe, family-oriented Halloween alternative;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ed Kelley, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 14, 2014, as

## DR. ROY HARGRAVE DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and call upon all Ormond Beach residents to join with me on this day to celebrate Dr. Roy Hargrave's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Riverbend Community Church, and for his years of service to the glory of God and our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen.



*Ed Kelley*  
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Mayor