

**Presented to
Pastor Larry L. Thompson
In Honor of his
20th Pastoral Anniversary**

- WHEREAS,** Dr. Larry L. Thompson is the senior pastor at the First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale; and
- WHEREAS,** on Sunday, August 24, 2014, Pastor Thompson was recognized by First Baptist Church for his 20 years of service to the Church and to the Fort Lauderdale community; and
- WHEREAS,** Pastor Thompson's heart for the people of Fort Lauderdale can easily be seen through his vision, innovative approach to ministry, and his involvement in the community; and
- WHEREAS,** under Pastor Thompson's leadership, First Baptist Church recently completed construction of its 60,000 square-foot addition, the Community Life Center. The new expansion includes a child development center, a global café, and downtown's largest banquet center; and
- WHEREAS,** Pastor Thompson is recognized by his peers as a dynamic, personable and practical communicator. Because of his strong sense of the important experience of worship, First Baptist Church has successfully transitioned from a traditional homogenous congregation to a multicultural community with members from over 70 countries and more than 13,000 congregants; and
- WHEREAS,** Pastor Thompson's background in theatre and drama has positively contributed to the national acclaim of the annual Christmas Pageant attended by over 50,000 South Floridians and televised nationwide; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Lauderdale is honored to issue this proclamation in recognition of Pastor Thompson's 20 years of service and do wish him a very happy and blessed 20th anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, as City Commissioners of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, do hereby proclaim **August 24, 2014** as:

**Pastor Larry L. Thompson
20th Anniversary Day**

in the City of Fort Lauderdale and do congratulate Pastor Thompson on this milestone anniversary.

DATED this, the 3rd day of September 2014.

Mayor John P. "Jack" Seiler



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

