



WHEREAS, South Gastonia Church of God was established in 1933 as a local Place of Worship in the City of Gastonia, North Carolina. Those early days saw amazing church growth with many people being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Spirit, with many added to the church membership. Today the South Gastonia Church of God is still one of the largest congregations in the state denomination in North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, the following Pastors labored to provide strong leadership and community support during its 90 year history:

Rev. B.F. Darnell: 1934-1939	Rev. Ray Collins: 1945-1955	Rev. Ray E. Loftis: 1974-1993
Rev. H.R. Corley: 1939-1941	Rev. C.R. Callahan: 1955-1956	Rev. Bobby Gilley: 1993-2022
Rev. W.M. Stallings: 1941-1944	Rev. C.F. Koshewitz: 1956-1957	Rev. Adrian Franklin: 2022-Present
Rev. George D. Lemmon: 1944-1945	Rev. A.V. Childers: 1957-1974	

The Church's long history bore witness to tumultuous times including the post recovery of World War I, the Great Depression, Prohibition, World War II, and many other critical times in the community's history; and,

WHEREAS, in 1982, Victory Christian Academy (VCA) was established by Reverend Ray E. Loftis to provide a Bible based Christian education for K-12 grades. Since its beginning, VCA has impacted thousands of students and many other lives in the community through its mission of "Educating One Child at a Time" and has many Alumni who are leaders in their communities across the State; and,

WHEREAS, in 2021, Reverend Bobby Gilley was recognized as the "Best Clergy" in the People & Places category through the 2021 "Best of the Best Gaston" community feedback by the Gaston Gazette. Reverend Gilley is also the longest serving Pastor with twenty-nine years of ministry and faithful service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners extends their sincere appreciation and congratulations to all the Pastors and Leaders, past and present, and to all who have contributed to the success of the

South Gastonia Church of God

in recognition of their 90 years of service to the South Gastonia community. Gaston County is extremely grateful for the church's investment in providing spiritual and community support across all socio-economic and cultural lines.

Chad Brown, Chairman

Cathy Cloninger

Kim Johnson

Allen R. Fraley

Tom Keigher

Bob Hovis, Vice-Chairman

Ronald E. Worley