



City of Munford, Tennessee
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Dwayne Cole, Mayor

**ST. MARK AME CHURCH PROCLAMATION
Honoring 165th Anniversary**

WHEREAS, St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church was originally founded as Zion White Church in 1858 by ten black slaves and took its name from the town of Mt. Zion, the original name of the City of Munford, and

WHEREAS, the church was not welcomed by the white citizens of Munford and was moved outside the city limits and, through a series of relocations, ended up at 842 Tipton Road within the city limits of Munford, and

WHEREAS, the church was destroyed by fire on November 18, 1985, and was rebuilt under the leadership of Reverend John E. Madison and dedicated under the leadership of Reverend Dennis C. Dickerson in March of 1986, and

WHEREAS, at the dedication service, Rev. Dickerson delivered the message, "Can Anything Good Come Out of Munford?" text taken from John 1:46, and today we answer emphatically, YES! and,

WHEREAS, current Pastor Dr. Dave Louis Adams, Sr. has honorably and capably served this congregation for many years, as well as serving as Presiding Elder of the Paris-Jackson District for a time, and

WHEREAS, St. Mark AME Church has contributed to the general welfare and education of black children in South Tipton County by assisting in the establishment of the George R. Ellis School for the black students of the area and donated the land where it was located, and

WHEREAS, St. Mark AME counts among its congregants many educators, leaders, and citizens of influence in Munford, Tipton County, and the West Tennessee region, and

WHEREAS, St. Mark AME continues to minister to the needs of the citizens of Munford and live out their theme: The Church Where We Love Each Other as Jesus Loves Us.

NOW, therefore, I, Dwayne Cole, Mayor of the City of Munford, Tennessee, and on behalf of our governing body and all citizens, I do hereby commend and salute the leadership and congregants of St. Mark AME for their contributions to the spiritual well-being of our citizens and encourage all our citizens to Celebrate with them on the 165 anniversary of St. Mark AME.

Dated this _____ day of August 2023

Dwayne Cole, City Mayor

Sherry Yelvington, City Recorder