# PROCLAMATION

**06-2025**

**CELEBRATING THE 250th ANNIVERSARY OF**
**LITTLEJOHN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, LENOIR, NC**

**WHEREAS,** Littlejohn United Methodist Church, originally began between 1770 and 1775 as the Littlejohn Meeting House, a small one-room log house which was erected in the far east section of the cemetery, and

**WHEREAS,** earliest land grants of Rowan County, where this area of North Carolina was originally situated, was owned and gifted by Eli Littlejohn, whose brother, Rev. Abram Littlejohn was one of its earliest acting ministers, and

**WHEREAS,** early Methodist believers, along with those of the Baptist and Lutheran faiths, worshipped in the Littlejohn Meeting House, likely meeting on different days of the week and month, held one united theme or goal ~ that of spreading God's Word into the rural areas of Western North Carolina, and

**WHEREAS,** the Baptist and Lutheran believers separated from the Littlejohn Meeting House between 1778 and 1785 to establish their own meeting houses or churches, and

**WHEREAS,** Methodist Bishop Francis Asbury and countless dedicated circuit riders and ministers dedicated themselves to growing their congregation in the rural foothills of Burke County, which subsequently became Caldwell County, and

**WHEREAS,** Littlejohn United Methodist has maintained its mission to learn, experience, and be the love of Christ in this community and around the world, and

**WHEREAS,** Littlejohn United Methodist has continuously ministered unto the Lord and this community for these past 250 years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,** the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners recognize August 24, 2025, as a day to celebrate 250 years of faith, unity, and God's blessing on Littlejohn United Methodist Church.

Adopted this the 22 day of September 2025.

Randy T. Church, Chairman

Attest: Abigail L. Rich

Abby Rich, NCCCC, County Clerk