

IMPORTANT STUFF

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Our Story of God's Leading Continues:

We learned that TDOT was going to be widening Hwy 30, and our congregation would be "homeless." Was it true? Would it really happen? Other times such discussions were heard and then nothing happened.

After confirming that yes, it was true, the improved highway will indeed be making us "homeless," we prayed and started checking out options.

We found a church for sale and with huge help from our Conference Family (Thank you GA-Cumberland Conference of SDA) we have been able to find and move into an "all on one level" building. Having been built in the early 70's there is work to be done and spaces to be reworked. The entire move has been an act of faith and the Lord has not let us down.

Our conference team came to inspect. After we had done our walk through, "Good Bones" was the expression used. Any time there are laminated beams supporting the Sanctuary roof other things can be adjusted but the basic structure was solid. It was good and would make a good home for our church family.

We made an offer and thought it was a good offer. Another congregation made an offer. Their offer was accepted. Though disappointed, we trusted the Lord. We kept praying, thanking the Lord for His leading. About two weeks later the congregation who won the bid withdrew their offer. We dropped our offer by fifteen thousand dollars. Our offer was accepted.

The offer to sell did not include the very comfortable chairs in the Sanctuary. Current purchase cost was over fifty dollars each. There are 134 chairs. The realtor we were dealing with understood the chairs were included, so we did as well and included them in our offer. The seller allowed us to keep the chairs (a value of at least \$7,000).

Although a growing congregation we have a small congregation by any standard. How could we afford to

own TWO CHURCH BUILDINGS at one time? We asked the Hispanic SDA group if they were interested in using the Mulberry Church building. An agreement was reached. This arrangement has fostered the growth of the Hispanic Group. They have filled up our old building, are faithfully covering the cost of that facility until TDOT makes their offer.

We continue to walk by faith, to walk through the doors God continues to open for us. We are so very thankful.



The Sanctuary of our "new to us church" seated 134 and our regular attendance is between thirty and fifty. We made plans to segment off a portion of our oversized Sanctuary to create an Evangelistic Center, which we call "The Gathering Place."

Where would the money come from to make this happen? We wanted to be part of "Pentecost 2025," a full evangelistic exploration of God's Word.

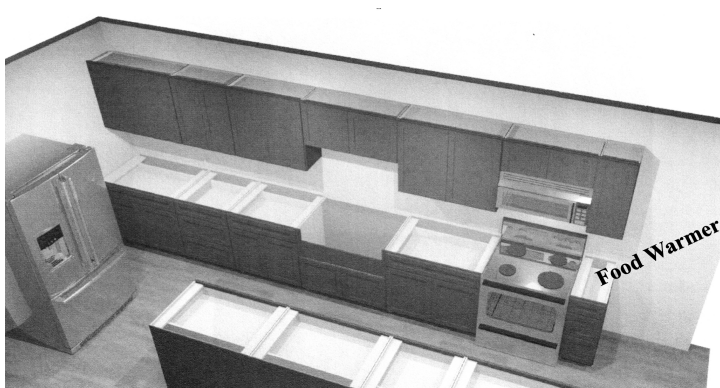
Thank you to the family of Gladys Lincoln whose daughter Sharon Holland visited our church while helping her sister close up her mom's home after her recent passing. She saw the note in our bulletin about the expenses we are facing, and funded this Evangelistic project!

THANK YOU JESUS for loving friends.

HEALTH AND HOSPITALITY CENTER:

Cooking Classes, including food preparation demonstrations, will be possible with the updated Health and Hospitality Center. The serving deck can be used as a demonstration deck with overhead “can lighting” shining directly down showcasing the plant based food preparation and bar stools pulled up for close observation... We need rightly configured space to make this an enjoyable and practical setting.

Our first Sabbath on Broadway had 50 attending our fellowship meal. Our problem is we have seating for thirty-four places at tables with four of them facing the wall, almost like they are being punished!



Moving the kitchen area, and moving one interior wall, allows us to increase our seating to fifty-six and if we add a chair at the end of each table bump that up to sixth-three!

After considering building on to the back of the fellowship hall area we realized that \$70,000 to \$84,000 (based on the cost per sq foot of \$250 to \$300 a square foot) (used by Risk Management as a replacement cost formula) was just too much and still not a great outcome.

See the attached floor plan of the Kitchen & Fellowship Hall rework and note we end up with workable space at a cost of **\$47,000 materials and labor. This new space makes it possible for us to have Cooking Schools and increase seating by 64%.**

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Before improving our Fellowship area in October 2025, We partnered with the GA-Cumberland Conference, the Southern Union and the North American Division and proclaimed twenty-six full Evangelistic messages straight from God's Word.

With that major effort behind us we are turning our attention to the Health and Hospitality Center.



WE NEED HELP. It is hard to admit but we just don't have the resources to renovate the Kitchen & Fellowship Hall,

\$47,000 Kitchen & Fellowship Hall

“I Cast All My Cares Upon You.” Is our worship Prayer Song each Sabbath morning. Another favorite song we like to share is: “I Will Sing of the Goodness of God.”

It is true all my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God!
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What is the Lord inviting you to do to help us prepare His house for service to our community?

We are walking by faith and planning our first Plant Based Cooking Class the first Thursday in April!

