



# Growing Through Faith

Kenly Missionary Baptist Church



## The Campaign

Our present plans are to build in phases on our new property. During the next several weeks, through various media, the campaign will begin to unfold. Begin praying and seeking God's leadership as you consider your three year commitment to our campaign. Remember we are giving back to God what is already His in order that He may further His kingdom through us.

Three incremental goals have been adopted by the *Growing Through Faith* campaign:

- **Challenge \$600,000<sup>00</sup>**
- **Victory \$750,000<sup>00</sup>**
- **Hallelujah \$1,000,000<sup>00</sup>**

## A Word From Your Pastor

Grace and Peace to you,

I am excited to write you concerning the status of our efforts to secure funding for the first phase of our building program of our church's family life center and day care / after-school care facility. The *Growing Through Faith* teams are currently meeting on a weekly basis as they prepare for the campaign. We are now moving into the communication phase, a time when you will be receiving information, dates, updates and encouragement from the teams. I hope you will see, as are our teams, this is an exercise in "faith giving."



Throughout our church's history we have had times when additions and modifications to the church facilities have been made. Over the last decade accelerated growth in active membership (136 to 332), average worship attendance (80 to 230) and average Sunday School attendance (60 to 146) has resulted in a need for larger facilities.

Twenty-five babies have been born in the church family in the last three years. We envision building a facility that will house a Christian day care and after-school care program, as well as, a recreation program for children and young people. In 2004 we purchased the present office building and twelve acres of land on Hwy. 222 West, both debts have been paid in full. A new family life center will enable us to hold larger social gatherings, and implement recreation programs. In addition, the new classrooms will house day care and after-school care ministries, as well as, our Christian education classes.

With this facility in place along with the buildings at our present location in Kenly, our ministry to God and our community will be greatly enhanced. I believe God is imparting His vision to us, but we must be faithful to continually seek His will in all we do. Hopefully, our actions will bring honor and glory to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our goal is to secure commitments from the congregation that will allow us to pay for the new building without incurring a large amount of long-term debt. We are challenging our church families to give over and above their regular tithes and offerings to the *Growing Through Faith* campaign over the next three years. Some may be able to give more and others less. We are not seeking equal gifts, but equal sacrifice. Ann and I have already made our commitment. I would not ask you to give sacrificially unless my wife and I were committed to do the same.

You will soon be asked to make a commitment. In the meantime, I ask three things of you. First, pray for God's will to be done. Second, ask God to help you assess what your sacrificial gift should be. Third, trust God to help you fulfill your commitment. I believe as we trust God He will reward our faith by manifesting His Spirit in our lives. A list of crucial dates will be published for you in the coming days. Please study them carefully and commit to being a part of each and every exciting opportunity.

To God be the glory,

*George Arant*

George Arant  
Pastor, KMBC

# Calendar Of Events

March 16th.....	Posters on Parade .....	Children's Sunday Morning Bible Study will participate
April 24th .....	Cottage Prayer Meetings .....	In homes 7:00 - 8:00 pm <i>(Nursery to 5th grade provided at church)</i>
April 24th .....	Youth Cottage Prayer Meetings..	Location TBA
April 26th .....	Festival.....	Willow Springs Country Club <i>(Nursery/child care provided at church)</i>
April 27th .....	Ingathering Service .....	During the 11:00 worship service <i>(Commitment Cards submitted)</i>
May 4th.....	Late Arrivals Received .....	Commitment Cards due to church office. <i>(For those unable to attend the Ingathering Service)</i>
May 18th.....	Celebration Sunday.....	During the 11:00 worship service <i>(Celebrating God's blessings)</i>

# Testimony

Pastor George,

Thanks for your letter telling of the plans for expansion and building of Kenly Missionary Baptist Church.

My husband, James Allen Hodge, is no longer living. In 2000 God called him home. Although we were not members of your church we often attended services when visiting family. We were members at local churches in Selma and Rocky Mount during our lifetime together.

I am 87 years old and have a great Christian caregiver who shares my home. I am a recovering victim of cancer. Praise God!

My income is limited but I'd like to have a part in your plans for the future Kenly Missionary Baptist Church. I will consider it an honor to join with you in prayer for God's guidance in every way as your plans unfold. May God bless your every step in "Mobilizing to Build"!

Sincerely,

Edith E. Hodge

*(Mrs. Edith E. Hodge is the sister-in-law of Rev. Ray Hodge, former interim pastor of Kenly Missionary Baptist Church.)*

# Campaign Leadership



**Campaign Co-Directors**  
Debbie Hudson and  
Martha Daughtry



**Team Leaders**  
Tim Moore, Joyce Moore, Wanda Sexton, Sherrill Dawson,  
Vickie McGranahan, Rick Stewart and Bob Hardie

# Your Questions Answered

- Q. How can I become more acquainted with the *Growing Through Faith* campaign?  
A. You will be invited to take part in a Cottage Prayer Meeting and the *Growing Through Faith* Festival. These events are paid for by the church and will be a time of fellowship, inspiration and information. The Cottage Prayer Meeting and Festival will be just a few of the great events in the coming months.
- Q. How and when will I receive my Commitment Card?  
A. Commitment Cards will be distributed during the Cottage Prayer Meetings on Thursday, April 24th. Commitment Cards will be mailed to those unable to attend the Cottage Prayer Meetings.
- Q. Where will the Cottage Prayer Meeting take place?  
A. A member of the Small Group Team will notify each church member of the location of their assigned Cottage Prayer Meeting. At a later date, the host/hostess will call to confirm your attendance.