



Breaking Ground

Restoration Community Development Corporation

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Building on the Foundation

RCFC Breaks Ground for Expansion to House New Learning Center and Uplift Program

By Natasha Johnson

On Sunday, April 10, 2005

Restoration Christian Fellowship Church (RCFC)

commemorated 19 years of successful ministry and service at its annual Founder's Day celebration.

RCFC founders, Overseer Joseph L. Ingram and Senior Pastor, Emogene M. Ingram, along with the congregation and many others, broke ground for the construction of the newest phase of their building project under the Restoration Community Development Corporation.

As a local assembly, Restoration Christian Fellowship Church has always been actively involved within the Sicklerville community since its inception in 1984.

Restoration's vision and mission has remained consistent: **to help cultivate the spiritual, educational, physical/nutritional and social well-being of the individuals in our community in order to improve the quality of life and, thereby, aid in the development of a healthy, productive and thriving community.**



As part of a long-range plan under the Restoration Community Development Corporation, RCFC is pleased and excited to announce that the Little Restorer's Learning Center will be open for matriculation in September of this year. It will also include a Mentoring and Tutorial Assistance program for children and youth before and after school. The Learning Center programs will remain open throughout the year; first, during the regular school year and second, for summer camp programs and additional academic training. In addition, the Center will offer a variety of convenient flexible schedule options.

Little Restorer's Learning Center

A comprehensive, sequenced, and biblically-based learning curriculum has been selected for the childcare students enrolled in our Little Restorers Learning Center. For this program, Restoration will accept infants through four years of age. Each age group will be introduced to an age-appropriate curriculum; infants and toddlers will make strides toward independence, social awareness and verbal communication. The program will encourage each child to explore their world through a variety of hands-on activities; the Center's two and three years old will be introduced to and taught the basic building blocks of all learning

such as numbers, colors, the alphabet, shapes, sequencing and categorizing; three and four years old preschoolers will develop kindergarten-readiness skills. The Center will provide activities to promote visual perception, fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, patterning and sequencing necessary for success in reading and writing.

Uplift Mentoring and Tutoring Program

The Uplift program will offer mentoring services to children before and after school. This program will be available to students from preschool through the middle school grades. Students enrolled before school will be prepared for the day



spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually. We will also emphasize proper organization in preparation for the school day.

The objective of the Uplift program is to train students in successful methods of study for greater understanding, enhancing their desire to learn and, ultimately, their ability to retain information and utilize what has been learned. This method of training has been the foundation on which we build confidence in each student regarding their academic ability while also cultivating a love of learning. Students will be able to receive the academic assistance they need while being trained and nurtured by Christian adults who desire the best for them and expect the best from them.

A unique and very attractive feature of the Uplift program is: where proper arrangements have been made with The Center and the appropriate Transportation

Department, children (including pre-school children who attend public school in Winslow Township's half-day programs, i.e. FLAG) may also be transported to The Learning Center from their respective schools.

In order to help balance our students' educational and social skill development, they will have the option of participating in a variety of scheduled Clubs within the Uplift program. These Clubs will be offered at various times throughout the year; they include a Chess Club and tournaments, Computer literacy, Foreign Language, a musical instruments Club, Dramatic Arts and a variety of Sports Clubs. Please note that the establishment of each Club will be based on students registration and participation.

In conjunction with RCFC's mission, the founders are convinced that education should take into consideration and attempt to address the various characteristics of an individual. In this way, each child can evolve into a complete and well-rounded person. As our students grow and flourish in a structured

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learning environment that challenges, stimulates and encourages, they, in turn, will be equipped to produce positive change within their own spheres of influence, and, eventually, in society at large.

Founder’s Day Celebration 2005

By Karon L. Adams

On April 6th, 7th and 10th, Restoration Christian Fellowship

Church celebrated its 19th Founder's Day.

Everyone who attended had a wonderful time in the Lord. We had anointed Speakers each night including: Evangelist Marlene Simmons on Wednesday evening, Evangelist Shirley



Graham on Thursday evening, both were from Holy Temple COGIC of Toms River, NJ. On Sunday morning the 10th, we were blessed to hear Elder Wayne Howard from True Spirit Ministries of Pleasantville, NJ.

The truly amazing thing about this Founders' Day Celebration is how the Word of God came forth. Each speaker was right on point with the goals, vision and direction of this ministry and they



confirmed through the prophetic Word of God that He is well pleased with our leaders. Evangelist Simmons spoke on redeeming the time. We do not have time to tarry, time is running out and we must be about our father's business. This message was certainly timely in light of our new G-12 Program. Evangelist and Pastor Shirley Graham spoke about "Why do you stand here gazing up" (speaking about when Jesus ascended to Heaven). Her message spoke to the fact that we again, must not waste time, but care about the things that Jesus cared about. We must love what Jesus loved and he loved the lost, the children, and the disenfranchised. We are instructed through His Word to go out and reach the lost and help the hurting. Each one of us can make a difference and help build the Kingdom of God. So, as you can see, the messages were very

inspirational to say the least. This writer certainly left each service feeling energized and motivated to continue her journey.

What is Founder's Day?

In case you don't know what a Founder's Day Celebration is, here is some information to help you understand. Founded in 1984 by Pastors Joseph L. Ingram and Emogene M. Ingram under the leading of the Holy Spirit, the ministry began as a Bible Study with a group of people meeting in the Pastors' home. On July 16, 1986, (Founders' Day) the Church was incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the state of New Jersey. So, a Founder's Day celebration is to commemorate the date that a ministry officially began to be recognized by the State as a church.

Over the next few years the church grew and services were held at various locations. In December of 1993, **RCFC** purchased sixteen and one-half acres of land at our present location. The **Vision** of **RCFC** has been unfolding ever since. Our new sanctuary, completed in 1998, was the first of a three-phase project. We have just broken ground on the second phase of our Vision, which is for a

Christian Learning Center. The third phase includes plans for administrative offices, an Activity Center for the youth, and a Home for Unwed Mothers.

About our Leaders:

Overseer Joseph Ingram was an elementary school teacher who retired after 30 years of service. During his tenure, he received various awards including a Certificate of Recognition for being an

Outstanding Teacher in New Jersey presented by then Governor Christine Todd-Whitman. Overseer Ingram has a love for youth and has been involved in the community and on various boards trying to make a difference in children's lives.



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Pastor Emogene Ingram worked at RCA for many years. She later went back to school and



became a substitute school teacher all the while being actively involved with the church and community. Pastor Emogene Ingram, has served on



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various mayor's boards and was most recently appointed to serve on the Human Relations Commission by the Mayor and governing body of Winslow Township. In addition, she has received many awards for her dedication and service to the community. Overseer and Pastor Ingram have both done too many things to mention here. However, more detailed information is available at the church. That is another reason why you need to come and visit with us to see who we are and to learn what we are about. And you know what? I'm sure there