



**I Can Do All Things  
Through Christ...**  
Philippians 4:13

# CANEY BAPTIST CHURCH

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## *April 2009 Update*

Dear Friends,

The new, beautiful and much larger Caney Baptist Church building is now complete! We moved into the new church for the first service on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. Volunteers from many different states, as well as right here in Kentucky, came out to serve the Lord by helping us build this new facility to worship, praise and serve Him. The members of Caney Baptist Church worked extremely hard, too: coordinating, planning, hosting, deciding, cleaning, painting, and every other odd job imaginable.

The new 9,000-square-foot building rests on a 2.5 acre lot at the mouth of Trace-Caney Branch which we purchased years ago. If you have not seen our new church, please join us for Sunday Morning services or, if you are a member of another church, come by and let us show you around. Brother Lawrence and Sister Martha live next door in a mobile home, or you are welcome to join us during one of our evening services (listed on this website). Any one of us will be thrilled to give you the grand tour! It truly is a sight to behold!

Our available funds as we entered into the building project this past spring were approximately \$210,000, and our budget for the building – considering that 90% of the work would be done by volunteer labor – was \$375,000. We have been blessed to be able to add an additional \$40,000 through fund-raising projects and generous donations. We have also secured a building loan for \$100,000 which we felt could be comfortably repaid based on our monthly income. We have been told that we now have a ***One Million Dollar Building*** – at a cost to us of barely \$400,000.

The additional funds we raised during the year covered the cost of new pews, tables for the fellowship hall, kitchen cabinets, and the pastor's study bookshelves. The Sunday School teachers bought much of their own room furnishings (though some items were donated), and several significant donations were received to help us purchase a sound system and a new baby grand piano. The inside is now complete, and we are preparing to work on a permanent church sign, landscaping and the parking lot. We expect those final touches to cost from \$30,000 to \$50,000 by the time all is done.

The dedication program has been set for May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and we invite you to join us for that momentous morning! Keep watching the website for updated postings!