

# Changes Made in the Last Seven Years January 24, 2024

1. **Outside of Main Building:** bought 562 and 574 Dixie Hwy buildings in 2017, and shingled the roof on both in 2019, built a handicap ramp at main entrance of church in 2017, removed 10 spruce trees (over 30' high causing damage to roof) in 2018, bought two storage buildings, poured slab, and installed walk-in refrigerator, built stage for outside services, and cleared off island areas in parking lot. In 2023 replaced all outside lighting around the property.

2. **100 New Street:** In 2018 moved Esthers Closet to back side of 574 Dixie Hwy building. Remodel of upstairs area changing over to gas stove and installing washer and dryer (gas) where the stairway was, remodeled downstairs kitchen with new cabinets, sink, washer and dryer, new floors in kitchen and dining room, installed  $\frac{3}{4}$  bathroom, and many other miscellaneous items. Building housed two staff members families from 2018-2023. In June of 2024 will house one staff family.

### 3. **Inside of the Main Building:**

- A. **Kitchen:** new stove and warmer, Installed new fryer, ice maker, and two commercial conv. ovens.
- B. **Gym Area:** replaced all gym lights with LED lights using 1/10 the wattage, installed five additional showers in men's restroom, and five in ladies' restroom.
- C. **Senior Adult Wing:** moved all senior adult classes to the wing, moved flowers (taking up four rooms in the church) to small room at the end of hallway, removed the library and made one room a men's, and women's restroom and the other into a small classroom.
- D. **Adult Rooms:** Moved Bruce's class to the old Bridge off of the gym, also now have a class in multi-purpose room and conference room on the second floor as needed.
- E. **Youth Rooms:** new carpet, paint and wood decorative wall built off of gym. In 2023 the youth department was moved to the entire 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.
- F. **Children Wing:** wall removed to make an area for children's church, painted, new carpet and an additional restroom installed.
- G. **Sanctuary:** the following new items installed/replaced: flooring, main projector, microphones, in ear monitoring system, three cameras, sound board, 12 individual hearing devices, computer, software, a 15' Christmas Tree, and to much more to list.
- H. **Main Entrance Hallway:** New flooring and trim on approximately 2,000 square feet of hallway and installed a new water fountain will bottle filler.
- I. **General:**
  - 1. Over 15 flat screen TVs installed for security, directions and information, teaching and live streaming/teaching).
  - 2. Approximately 1000 lights changed to LED with approximately 800 more to go.
  - 3. From four security cameras to almost 30 installed, security cameras have also been installed in Esther's Closet.
  - 4. 2 defibrillators installed (one outside the sanctuary and one at the gym).
  - 5. 195K btu on demand hot water heater installed to be used in conjunction with previous hot water heater (can now use one or the other or both at the same time).
  - 6. Painted several hallways.

7. Have replaced 12 air conditioner/furnace units.
8. Installed a shower in a third floor baptistry area.

4. **Salvations and Additions to the Church:** 92 Salvation baptisms and 141 other additions for a total of 333 from Jan 1, 2017 - Dec 31, 2023.

5. **Missions/Ministries:** Currently we give monthly to missionaries in Africa, Pakistan, Peru, and a church plant in Cincinnati. Locally we give monthly to Clarity Solutions, Sunrise Children's Services, Camp Salem, Hope Collaboration and TV outreach.

6. **SBC Rental Properties:** Painted five units, put door in to close inside stairway, and installed many new lights and flooring in a couple of the units. We currently have one large and one small upstairs units open, please pray these units will be rented soon.

7. **Ongoing and New Missions/Ministries:**

1. Ongoing-Operation Christmas Child (OCC), VBS, Security team, SS, women's retreats, Esther's Closet, Mission Hope for Kids is now Hope Academy for Kids (support with volunteers, facilities, and vehicles).
2. New ministries – Affordable Christmas, World Changers, Reup for men has 4 groups meeting weekly.
3. Our Ladies ministries now are:
  - a. In Stitches – Sewing group
  - b. Journey Makers – Widows and never been married
  - c. Above the Rest – 70 and older
  - d. Women of Hope – 45 thru 69
  - e. Glory Sisters – 18 – 44

8. **Attendance:** In the last 4 years our attendance has dropped by approximately 30% primarily due to Covid, and has currently come up to about 13% short of our highs.

9. **Finances:** God has blessed us and continually blesses us. Besides paying all our bills and salaries, we have paid down the original church loan from approx. \$400,000 to \$135,503.80. Thank you all for your giving.

10. **Vehicles:** We were given two vehicles, used them for two years, and gave them to another church/ministry. We also purchased a 9-passenger handicap small bus and still use it as needed.

11. **Personnel:** Seven plus years ago, we had four full-time employees, today we have four 35 - 40 hour a week employees, one 25 hours a week employee, two 15-20 hour a week employee, and three 10 or less hours a week employees and the staff salaries on the budget have raised very little.

12. **Evangelism:** Stuffed 15,000 door knockers, delivered to over 12,000 homes, and handed out over 20,000 truelife.org cards. We also have been utilizing Rightnowmedia in homes and in our church. In addition, Pastor John has organized prayer walking and witnessing teams and started weekly prayer at the church every Saturday.

13. **World Changers:** In the last six years we have provided materials and worked on over 100 homes in our area. This year's Radcliff World Changers week will be June 24-29, 2024. We will need your support through finances and volunteer hours.

**14. Mission Trips:** In 2021 for the first time in approximately 10 years our church went on a mission trip to Northern Indiana and conducted a VBS, hosted block parties, and worked on major remodeling/construction on a church plant. In 2023 went to Birmingham, AL with World Changers and in 2024 will be going to Boone, NC with World Changers.

**15. Social Media:**

1. Our website, Facebook, YouTube, live streaming, and podcast have continued to evolve and improve.
2. Our church having access to Rightnowmedia is a great tool with over 20,000 bible studies and videos (if you don't have Rightnowmedia send your email to [churchmail@stithton.org](mailto:churchmail@stithton.org), and ask to be added).
3. Produced our own Discipleship video series called "Following Jesus", and a series called "What We Believe" that teaches the principles of our Faith, Salt and Light series about the hard to address subjects.
4. Produced live Broadcasting funerals for families and friends that cannot attend in-person.
5. Produced video devotionals, testimonies, and content that preserve our history and promotes our church. We have over 1,500 Facebook followers and over 180 YouTube subscribers which both are growing every year.

**16. Revivals:** We have had five revivals in the seven years compared to one in the ten previous years. We have also had several revival services with many of the churches in our association. Pastors in our association have met weekly to pray for revival for about two years, and our churches have met several times for corporate prayer with other churches in our area. We have scheduled an area revival here at Stithton April 7-10, 2024.

**17. Services on Local TV:** Seven years ago, we started broadcasting our services on local TV. Several of our homebound members watch every Sunday evening at 8pm.

**18. Events we have Hosted:** Kentucky Bluegrass Challenge Graduations, Severns Valley Assoc. of Baptist, now Lincoln Association of Baptists meetings and revivals, Kentucky Baptist, Church of God of Prophecy State convention, Christian Strongmen, and Robbie Valentine Basketball Camp. In addition to this, we are a meeting space for community programs that assist in addictions and recovery, an available gym that is utilized by local churches, schools, and sporting groups, and a kitchen that prepares meals for local volunteers and organizations.

**19. Concerts Hosted:** The Berry Brothers, Living Truth Quartet, Carman, Karen Peck and New River, The Issacs, Blackwood Quartet, Dallas Holm, Jason Crab, Nevaeh, Collingsworth Family, Gold City, Joseph Habedank and Taylor Family, Riley Harrison Clark, Still Water, Daryl Mosely, The Perry's, and WNDRS Worship.

**20. Our Current Greatest Needs:** Win the lost to Christ, disciple our children through adults and help meet the needs of our community.

**21. A few pastors** are starting to meet to see how to meet the needs in the community of Radcliff working together. Please pray for wisdom as we meet together.