

e-NEWSLETTER # 1

Imagine a place ...

Our vision is to see the good news of Jesus Christ bring healing to broken people and salvation to lost people. By expanding our physical resources, we will expand our potential for reaching and discipling people. By pursuing the purchase of the building and property at 478 Columbia Industrial Boulevard, we will expand our ministry space from 8,500 square feet of currently leased space to 20,000 square feet.



This is our first IMAGINE e-Newsletter. We're excited about our dream at Mosaic to be an authentic community of faith led by prayer, energized by the gifts of many kinds of people who

are dedicated to being in mission both near and far ... to become a demonstration of the Kingdom on earth. We are passionate about reaching people who have been hurt by life with a message of God's healing power through Jesus Christ. We are strongly committed to the values of worship, prayer, evangelism, mission, discipleship and authentic Christian community.

We believe this project to purchase a building we already occupy will allow us to maintain our focus on what matters most: bringing the love of Jesus Christ to bear on lost and hurting souls.

Carolyn Moore Pastor

Can a warehouse be a church?

From the beginning, we at Mosaic have been intentional about reaching a diverse population with the good news of Jesus Christ while offering healing to people with all kinds of hurts, hang-ups and habits.

Our warehouse sits right in the middle of this vision, both geographically and theologically. Mosaic's space is situated near middle-class homes, apartment complexes and townhouse communities. New developments in our vicinity, including more apartments and townhouses, are continually being proposed. While growth in our county is indeed headed "out," it is also happening aggressively in what is now being developed as Evans Town Centre. Within a three-mile radius there are hundreds of acres of undeveloped property, much of it for sale or already in process of being developed. We are strategically located where our people are and where growth is happening, because growth is happening all over our county. Geographically speaking, we believe we have found an excellent location for Mosaic's first home.

But is a warehouse the right place for a church? In our case, yes. This warehouse fits beautifully with our vision and personality. As a community focused on hands-on ministry and outreach, we consider ourselves much more a workforce preparing for ministry *in* the world than people in need of a sanctuary *from* the world. Our warehouse is a unique, versatile space that physically reminds us of Jesus' call to "go out and make disciples of every nation." It calls us to be about the work of Christ. Theologically, it fits.

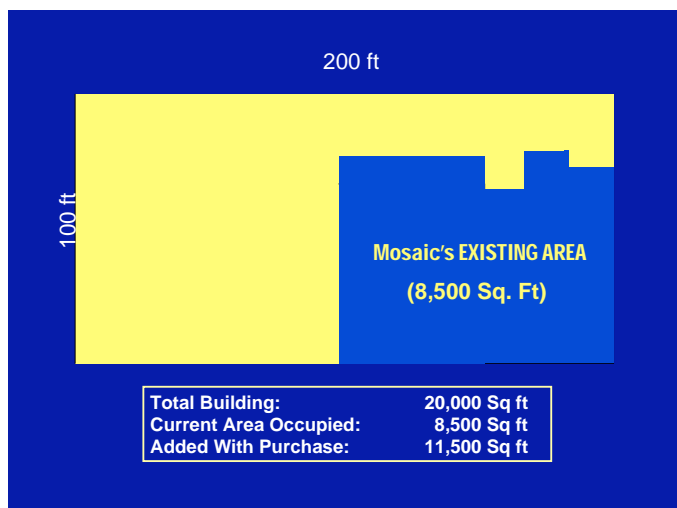
Do we need more?

When we moved into this building a few years ago, our Sunday attendance immediately rose by an average of fifty persons. Since then, it has grown again by fifty, with our children's ministry receiving much of that growth. To accommodate the need for classroom space, we've added a second worship service. Even so, we use every square inch on Sundays for worship and discipleship. During the week we often find ourselves without adequate space.

Given this excellent “problem,” our Finance Team and Trustees began meeting in early 2008 to pray over and evaluate how best to accommodate our growth and position us for the future. It became quickly apparent in our discussions that the purchase of our current building would be our best option. It gives us more than double the space at a price we could not begin to meet if we were to buy land and build something new. And we will have invested in a property that is clearly situated to appreciate in value.

By purchasing our building, we’ll have immediate access to an additional 1500 square feet of space. This will help both MoTown (children) and One80 (youth) to better accommodate their growth. The rest of the building will be developed as funds become available, but even as undeveloped space we’ll have the option to either rent for additional income or use creatively for children’s or youth events.

Our challenge is to raise funds for the purchase of the building and land we currently lease.



FACTS

- Appraised value of the property at 478 Columbia Industrial Boulevard: \$1.2 million
- Negotiated purchase price: \$937,000 (includes \$200,000 in credits for building improvements and \$63,000 in credits from our lease/purchase agreement)
- Current lease payment: \$2200 monthly (with bi-annual taxes, we pay an average of \$2700 monthly)
- 2007 tithes and offerings (in-house): \$181,000
- 2008 budget: \$235,860
- Other assets: savings = \$17,000; property in Ellijay, GA appraised at \$180,000

Purchasing this building:

- More than doubles the space at a price we could not begin to meet if we attempted to buy land and build something new in Columbia County.
- Provides immediate access to an additional 1500 sq. ft. for both MoTown (children) and One80 (youth) to accommodate their growth.
- Provides for the future. The remaining 10,000 sq. ft is for future expansion, as funds become available.
- Helps finance the future This area also provides 10,000 Sq Ft immediate rental opportunity for additional income.

To meet our challenge, we envision raising at least \$500,000 in three year commitments towards the purchase price of \$937,000. Once those commitments have been made we will pursue a loan to complete the purchase.

How do I know what to give?

Step one: Pray.

Step two: Consider your sacrifice.

Step three: Commit and trust.

