



## Metanoia: Rooted in Transformation

*2025 Covenant Partner Update for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina*

### Our Focus

Metanoia is a nonprofit community-led development movement in North Charleston’s historic Chicora neighborhood. Our name means “to change one’s heart and mind,” and that spirit of transformation guides all we do. We listen constantly and walk with families to build on their strengths and release their brilliance – all while rejecting barriers that have historically limited opportunity within the community.

Our current work includes:

- **Youth Leadership:** Empowering 100+ young people through afterschool, summer, and entrepreneurial programs.
- **Affordable Housing:** Constructing 17 new homes for first-time buyers and preserving dignity through 15 critical home repairs for local homeowners on a fixed income.
- **Economic Development:** Incubating local Black-owned businesses and advocating for equitable policies alongside residents.

We don’t treat neighbors as clients but as co-creators of a new future together —using the God-given talents within each of us for a thriving community.

### A Life Transformed: Mrs. Steven’s Story

Mrs. Stevens, a longtime resident and home health aide, raised her three children in Chicora. When her aging HVAC system failed, she endured winters with only space heaters—often moving in with relatives during the coldest weeks. This past December, Metanoia’s critical home repair program, made possible through faithful partnerships, installed a brand-new system just in time for Christmas. “It was the biggest blessing,” Mrs. Stevens shared. “I finally felt at home again, warm and with my family.” Her story reflects the dignity, joy, and well-being at the heart of Metanoia’s mission.

### The Power of Our Partnership

Metanoia was born through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina. More than 23 years later, your kindness continues to sustain this work—not from a distance, but with us, shoulder to shoulder. Together, we’ve transformed boarded-up homes into places of safety and promise, helped scholars find their voice through books and song, and proven what’s possible when we lead with proximity and purpose.

### Ways to Pray and Partner

- **Pray** for wisdom and courage as we expand housing and youth efforts amid gentrification pressures.
- **Pray** that our 2026 Freedom School scholars will grow in literacy, joy, and self-worth.
- **Pray** for us as we head to a financial closing and start construction on our largest project to date, the renovation of the Old Chicora Graded School to house the new Cristo Rey Charleston High School.
- **Partner** by inviting us to speak at your church or scheduling a visit to see the work firsthand.

### Questions

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