

MAY 2008



South Carolina CBF volunteers will have a chance to help refurbish this building in Greenwood at the 2008 Fall Work Day, Saturday, October. 4. First Baptist Church in Greenwood took the lead in purchasing the building and will convert it to the United Center of Greenwood, where various local agencies that work with the impoverished in the area will be housed.

"It's Time" leads to SC/CBF Fall work day project

As a result of an "It's Time" study, First Baptist Church in Greenwood has initiated a partnership with a nonprofit agency to purchase a building that is capable of housing many of the agencies — nonprofit and government — in one place that the impoverished in Greenwood need. Eventually it will also have a soup kitchen and homeless shelter. The church's vision is to provide a place close to where those in need live, where they can be treated with respect, dignity and compassion.

The building is structurally sound with everything in working order — plumbing, electricity, security system. It needs cosmetic work and Fellowship volunteers will be asked to help improve the building's appearance at this year's Fall Work Day, Oct. 4.

UPDATE Metanoia

Metanoia was begun as a ministry of SC/CBF to help an impoverished neighborhood in Charleston rebuild itself.

1 Metanoia has recently broken ground on two more new homes in its homeownership program. Financial literacy classes were begun in April with more than 125 people attending every week for 17 weeks. Increasing home ownership has been a goal of Metanoia's since its beginning.

2 Metanoia is gearing up for doubling the size of its summer Freedom School. One hundred students on two campuses in the community will participate. The Freedom school is a five-week daily summer program that offers intensive reading and values education for students in grades 1-6. It supplements the ongoing Young Leaders Program offered throughout the school year.

3 Metanoia also recently reopened the Chicora Farmer's market to bring fresh, locally grown produce into the community which currently doesn't have a grocery store.



Metanoia's Young Leaders developed their entrepreneurial and business skills by selling brownies at a local book sale this spring.