



Growth Mindset

**The Pavilion, CLGI
"Humble Beginnings"**

Pastor Jenkinson



Humble Beginnings

Bible Study

The Lord restored Bible Studies in 2016 a year after the tragic loss of Pastor Davis. We had 5 attendees.

Storefront church was about 1000 sq. feet. (Miracle)

Started with a small account (approximately \$3K)

Being good steward over God's money-we were frugal and saved. We had a dream-vision.

Faithful tithe payers. Corporate tithing (Important)

Consistent prayer life-combat spiritual challenges, fear, discouragements, setbacks..

The Lord Added Souls

Much prayer and fasting's, Psalm 127: 1, "Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain that build it."

2017 - God sent a family of two (2) original members

2018 - God sent a family of five (5) we prayed for kids and the Lord sent them.

2019 - More members joined, and the storefront church was getting tight. It dawned on me that we needed to start thinking about transitioning from that location. It was quite comfortable though since we were only paying \$700 monthly for rent.

The Big Move (Sacrifice)

For several years, we commuted from Jacksonville FL to Brunswick GA on Sundays, Tuesdays & Fridays.

Two other members were making a similar trip.

Eventually, we heard the Spirit saying it's time to relocate. This was during the height of the pandemic. It wasn't easy, but we made up our minds.

We wanted to impact the Brunswick community, but we knew we would not be effective living in another state.

God gave us the courage and the comfort to sell and relocate. We had to demonstrate to the members in Brunswick that we were all in.

Shared Vision

Adding to the spiritual growth and net worth to the organization was our focus.

Shared the vision with members and all agreed.

Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

Started looking at properties using a "sources sought" approach. It appeared that all the descent properties were all out of our price range (be realistic).

Frustration and disappointment set in, but is there anything too hard for God to do?

I questioned if we were ready, or did we need to wait.

The Lord sent confirmation soon. Min Stephens ran a Missions revival and blurted out "Pastor Jenkinson you need to get out of here!" I said to myself, thank you Lord. Shortly after the owner wanted to sell the unit to another offeror.

God Sent Destiny Helpers

Lord sent more destiny helpers right in time. (Very important) Destiny workers are saints who are ready work in the gospel and willing to go all the way with you.

After much searching, the Lord took us to a Mini Strip Mall located at 4501 New Jesup Hwy. The asking price was \$349,900.0 for a 5K square foot property on 0.53 acres with 4 units and an existing renter. We had faith that we could get it for less than asking price.

Brought the proposal to the congregation seeking their commitment. They were all on one accord and ready to work. Neh 4:6, "...for the people had the mind to work."

Traditional Loan (Option 1)

Attempted to ascertain property via a commercial bank.

Too many stringent requirements; such as having at least 100 members, list of members, certified financial statements, monthly and annual revenue, church assets. (We had no debt, but we had no credit history)

They commented that we were too small.

CLGI Mortgage Buyout Program (Option 2)

- Met requirement-not as stringent as the Mortgage Companies.
- Provided active church roster and financial position - certified annual and monthly financial statements, Income and Expense reports.
- Ensure that bank accounts are the name of the church, and not in the name of the Pastor, or Trustees, Church officials.
- Recommend ascertaining a sound financial platform (Church trac).
- Resume from the Pastor (must be in good standing)
- Vested Monies: (1) Pledges from the Saints, family and friends, (2) Down-payment from the Pavilion, (3) East GA District support, and (4) SEJ Jurisdiction support (corporate tithes)
- Go Fund Me

Closed on Building

Original
Asking Price:
\$349,900

Final
Acceptance:
\$265,000

(including closing cost)

Renovation Plan (Phase 1 and Phase II)

- Phase 1 is completed as planned with some exception (cudos to our architect Min Agyemang). We are currently worshiping in the building.
- Phase II is partially complete-tentative completion date set for end of mid September 2022.

Church Dedication

- Dedication date is currently set for Sunday, September 25, 2022. All are invited to attend. Contact Min Glenn Jenkinson @ (904) 655-4877.
- Enjoy a Spirit filled service - Dr. Joseph White, Founder and Presiding Bishop, will be in attendance, along with Bishop Jay Johnson and many others.