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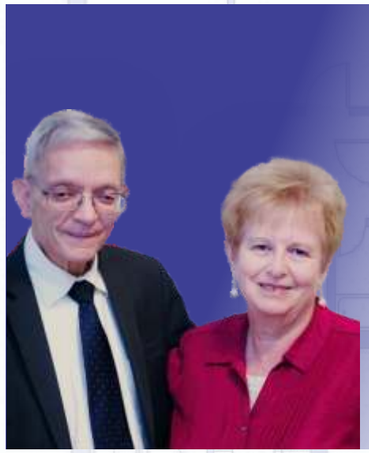


Dear Van Nest Family and Friends:

August 1st marked the 28th anniversary of Mary and me coming to the Bronx to be Pastors of Van Nest Assembly of God. The years have flown by and God has done great things in our midst. We have seen continuous growth and transformation in our church. Van Nest Assembly of God has become a spiritually healthy, multicultural, multigenerational church. The key to our success has always been prayer, worship, the Presence of God, and the preaching of God's Word. We are a "House of Prayer for All Nations."

Van Nest Assembly of God is a place of spiritual impact for people of all ages. There is nothing more important than a personal growing relationship with Jesus. We want everyone here, from children to Prime-Timers, to have a real life-changing encounter with the Lord. We also want to see everyone find a place of spiritual ministry and service in the Kingdom of God.

I've been told by other leaders, that no other church uses their building as much as Van Nest Assembly of God. Presently, the lower auditorium is the only large space we have other than the sanctuary. The Youth, Women's Fellowship, Men's Fellowship, Prime Timer's Fellowship, Sunday School, Children's Church, New Creations in Christ and Berean Bible School meet there. Also, the lower auditorium is the only place to meet for fellowship activities, special dinners, seminars or party functions. Obviously, we need more space, large meeting rooms, a commercial kitchen, a larger nursery accommodating more children, an elevator and additional classrooms to help serve the ever-increasing ministry demands of our growing congregation. The plan calls for improvements in our sanctuary with additional seating and remodeling of the lower auditorium.

The leaders of the church agree we are called to be the "light of the world," and to remain in our present location. The "*NEWDAY– Building Together for God's Glory*" campaign will cause the light to shine even brighter.

We need your prayers, your enthusiasm and your financial support. Together we can accomplish great things for the Kingdom of God.

Laboring Together in Christ,
Pastor David H. Hernquist

Everyone Who is Willing

By Rev. Harriette Daniel, Campaign Director

"God spoke to Moses: "Tell the Israelites that they are to set aside offerings for me. Receive the offerings from everyone who is willing to give." Exodus 25:1 -2 *The Message Bible*

In this Old Testament passage, God was looking for an offering that was suitable for a monarch. He wanted the best. The offering was used to build Him a dwelling place, a Sanctuary, where He would live among the Israelites.

The Lord did not designate a specified amount that they should give. The people made the decision because of their generosity and love for God. The offerings were to be received from those who voluntarily gave. God was looking for enthusiastic believers to willingly give of their possessions to build a house where He would dwell.

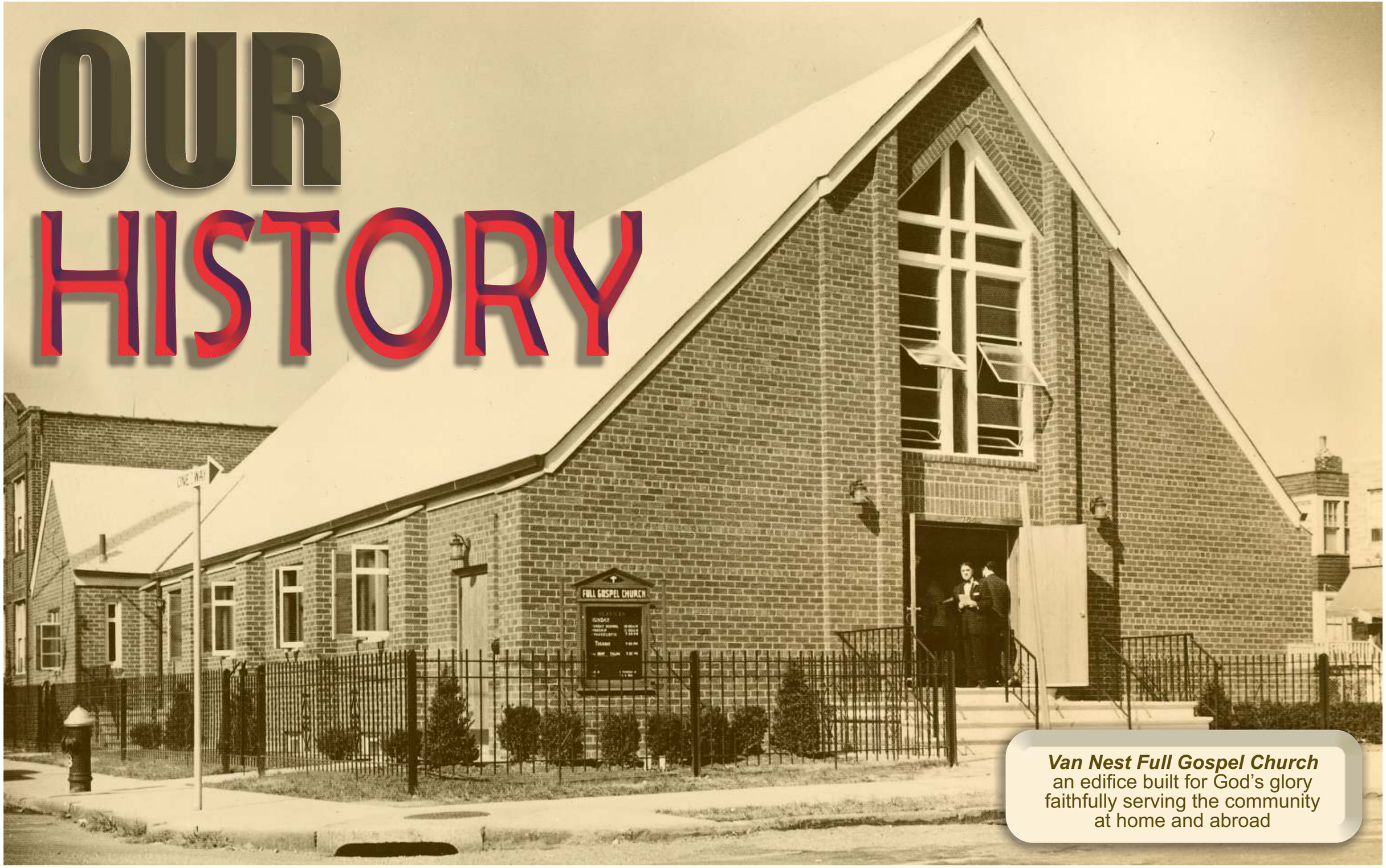
God is again looking for believers who will abandon all reluctance and give their offerings for our new building. There is no requisite amount that each person should give. We just have to be eager to give.

Our new building will be a place devoted to the King of Kings, our Savior. It will be a place where God dwells and we will continue to learn about His character and holiness. It will be a place where we meet God and we will experience His power. It will be a place built by believers who were willing to give.

God loves those who give with abandon and reckless love. He is pleased with recipients of God's abundant grace that give liberally. He delights in those who is willing to give.

"Let giving flow from your heart, not from a sense of religious duty. Let it spring up freely from the joy of giving – all because God loves hilarious generosity!" 2 Corinthians 9:7 The

OUR HISTORY



Van Nest Full Gospel Church
an edifice built for God's glory
faithfully serving the community
at home and abroad

Our History

Where We Have Come From

In 1934 a group of born-again ladies from the Van Nest area felt the need to have a church in their community. Seeking God's guidance in this matter, they began with home prayer meetings under the spiritual leadership of Pastor Silvio Margadonna. After door-to-door witnessing, God provided rented space for them at 1722 Adams Street. Weekly prayer meetings continued in this new facility.

The Italian Christian Church of Van Nest (the former name of Van Nest Assembly of God), held their first evening service on November 3, 1934 under the leadership of Rev. Vincent Zizzo and Rev. Francesco DiPucci. At this opening service God blessed them with a new convert, Peter DiVito. In addition to the prayer meetings, Monday and Wednesday evening services were added as well as Sunday school. All the services were in Italian.

Groundbreaking service May 24, 1959

In 1942, the Italian Christian Church of Van Nest purchased a building at 702 Rhinelander Ave, one block from our present location. In 1950 Rev. Dominick Tuminaro became the new pastor, ministering in English. As the church continued to grow, new facilities were needed. Land was purchased at our present location, 755 Rhinelander Ave. The groundbreaking ceremony took place on May 24, 1959.

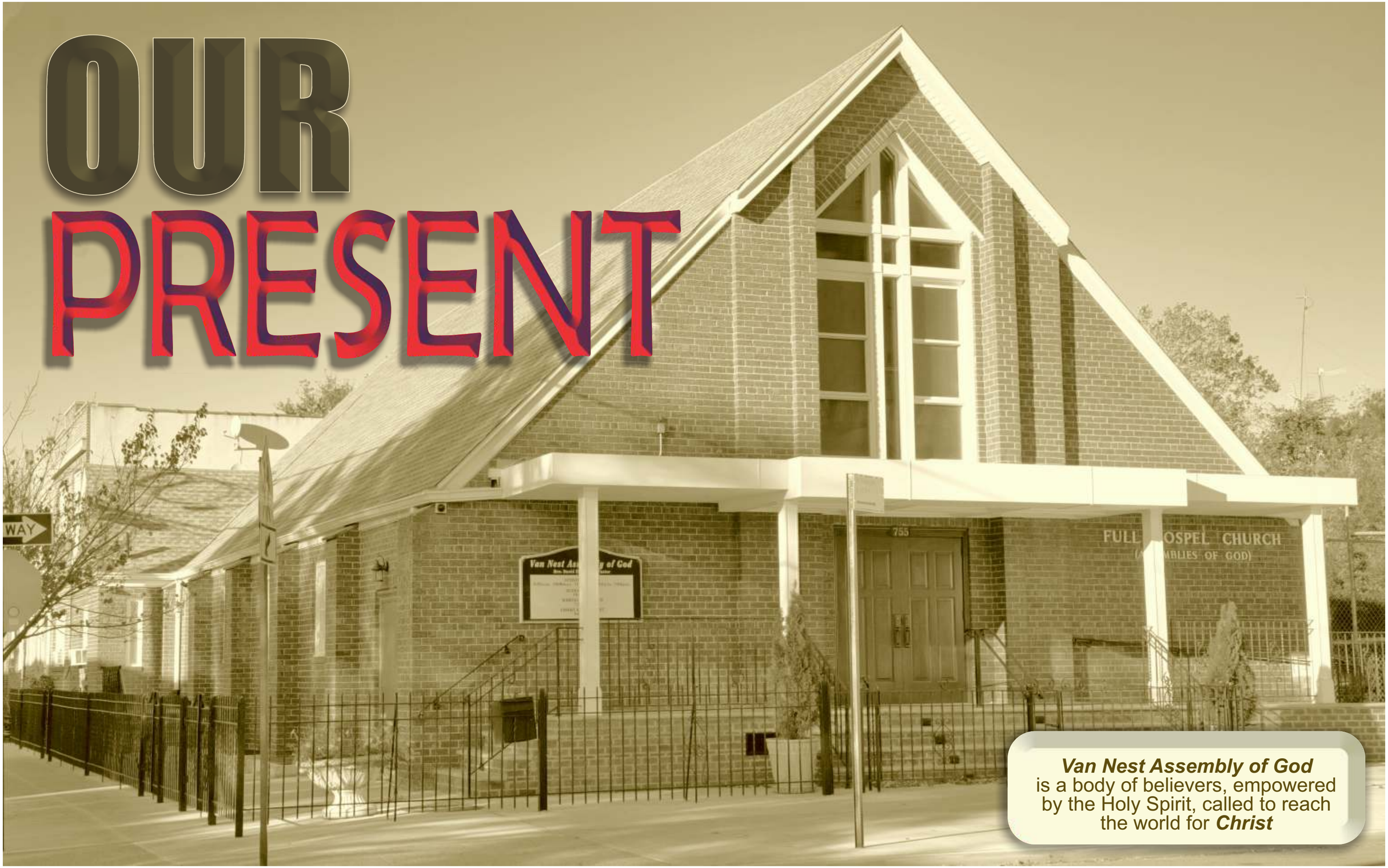
The church was completed on May 12, 1961 and dedicated to the Lord on September 24, 1961.

Happy to have their own house of worship, they celebrated the Lord's supper at the first meeting in the new location. God again set His seal of approval by giving them a new soul in that first service.

The church's name changed to Van Nest Full Gospel church. In the late 1980's the church's name changed again to Van Nest Assembly of God.

After 40 years of faithful ministry to Van Nest Assembly of God, Rev. Dominick Tuminaro retired. August 1, 1990, Rev. David H. Hernquist became the new pastor.
The church has continued to grow and develop into a house of prayer and a multicultural missionary minded church.

OUR PRESENT



Van Nest Assembly of God
is a body of believers, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called to reach the world for ***Christ***

VAN NEST MINISTRIES

SUNDAY
SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MONDAY
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP SMALL GROUP

TUESDAY
MID-DAY PRAYER MEETING
SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY
BEREAN SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE

WEDNESDAY
PRAYER MEETING
PRIME TIMER'S FELLOWSHIP

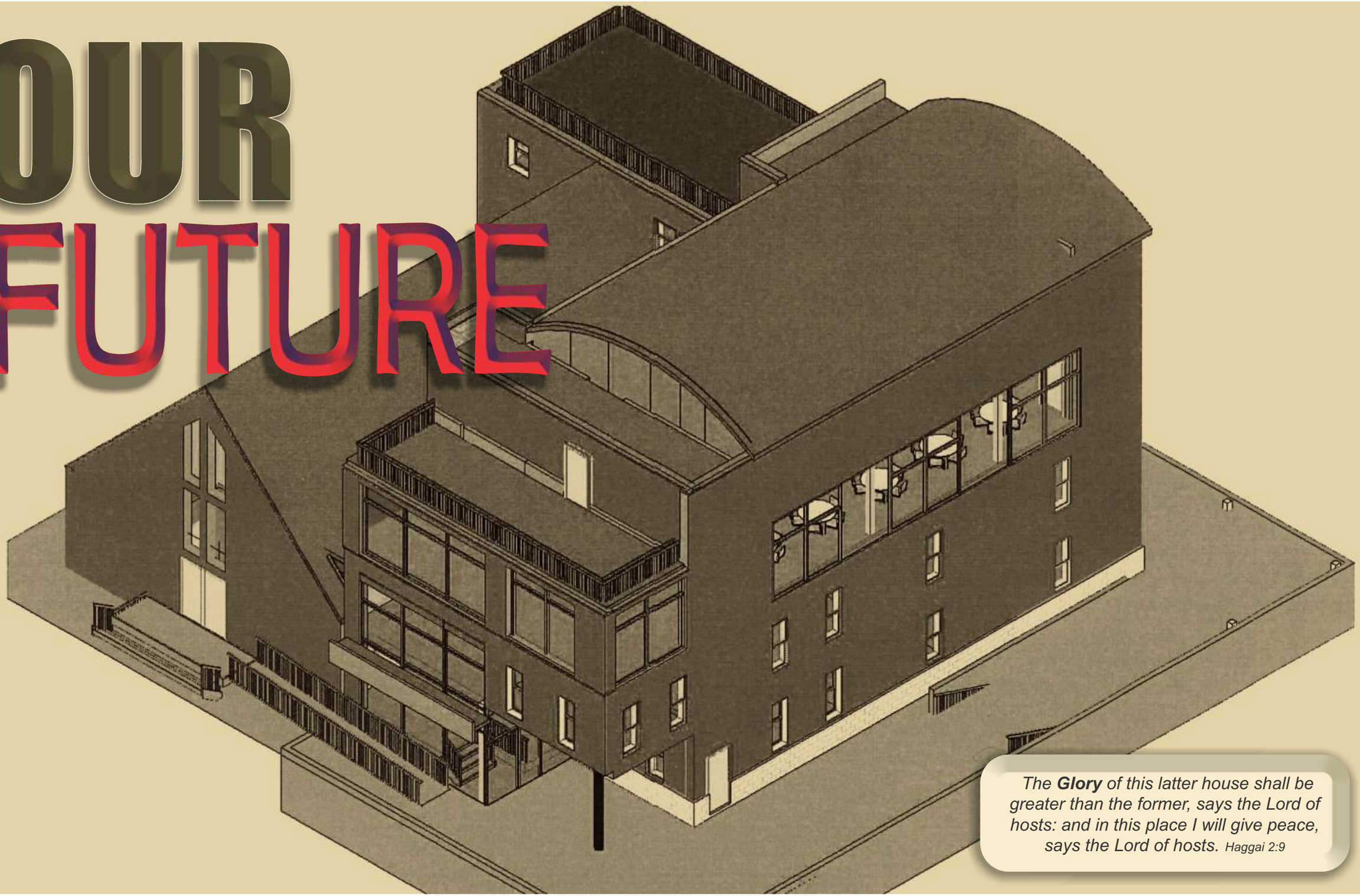
THURSDAY
NEW CREATIONS IN CHRIST
LIFETREE CAFÉ

FRIDAY FAMILY NIGHT
PRESCHOOL & TODDLERS
PIONEER GIRLS
ROYAL RANGERS
YOUTH MINISTRY
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
ADULTS
MUSIC MINISTRY

SATURDAY
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
HEALING ROOM MINISTRY
STREET MINISTRY - EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
EARLY MORNING PRAYER
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

OUR FUTURE



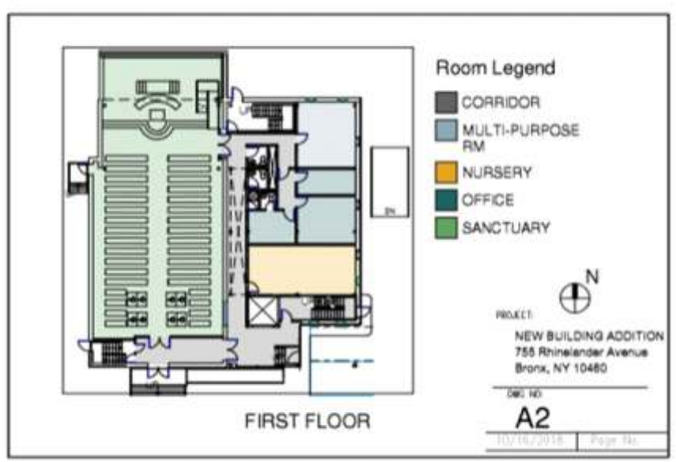
*The **Glory** of this latter house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts: and in this place I will give peace, says the Lord of hosts.* Haggai 2:9

Cellar

CELLAR
FIRST FLOOR

Cellar
- Elevator access to upper floors
- Underground parking

First Floor



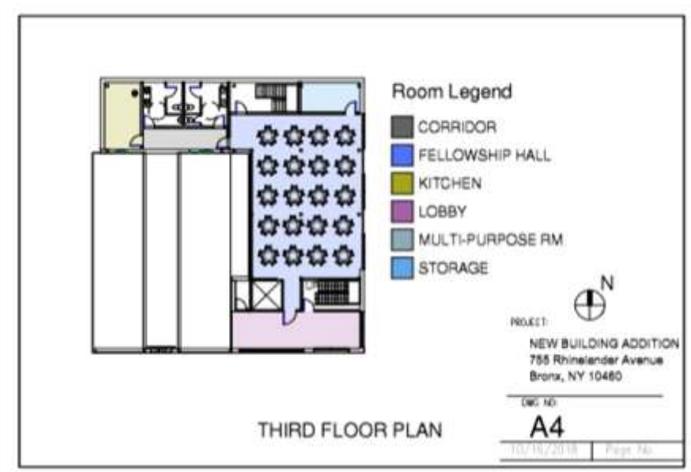
1st Floor
- Elevator
- Larger nursery
- Lobby joining annex to church sanctuary
- Multipurpose meeting rooms
- Office

Second Floor

SECOND FLOOR
THIRD FLOOR

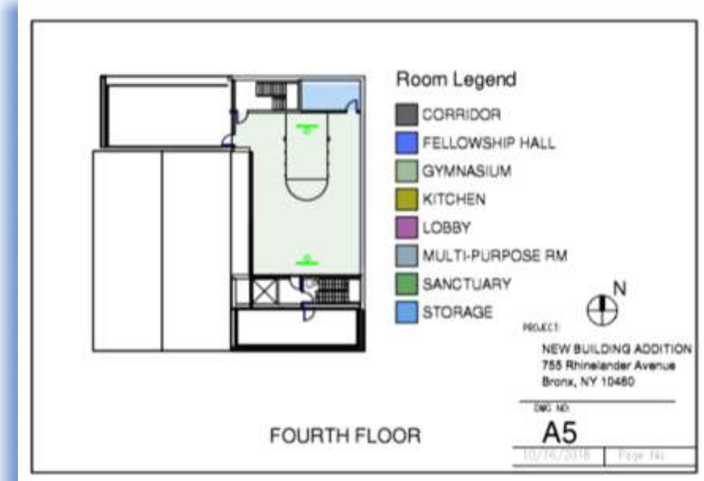
2nd Floor
- Bathrooms
- Multipurpose meeting rooms
- Storage room

Third Floor

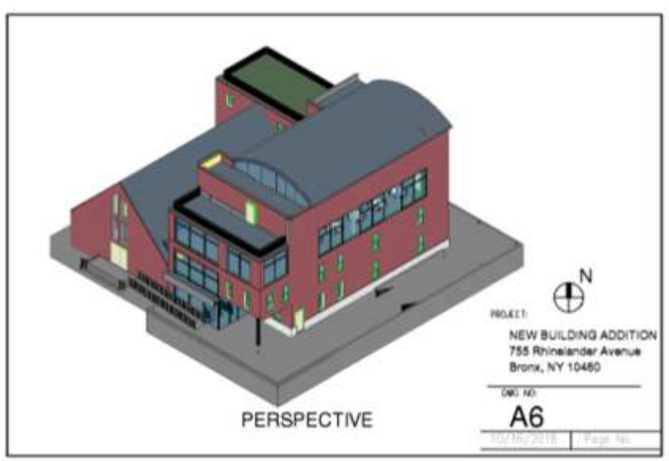


3rd Floor
- Bathrooms
- Commercial kitchen
- Large fellowship hall
- Storage Room

Fourth Floor



Future Building



FOURTH FLOOR SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS

4th Floor
- Half gymnasium
- Storage Area

Sanctuary Improvements
- Altar area
- Bathrooms
- Handicapped seating
- Lobby
- Youth center

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How You Can Help - Giving for the Glory of God

Weekly			Monthly		
Weekly	Yearly	3 Year Total	Monthly	Yearly	3 Year Total
$ 50	$ 2,600	$ 7,800	$ 100	$ 1,200	$ 3,600
75	3,900	11,700	200	2,400	7,200
100	5,200	15,600	300	3,600	10,800
200	10,400	31,200	400	4,800	14,400
300	15,600	46,800	500	6,000	18,000
400	20,800	62,400	600	7,200	21,600
500	26,000	78,000	750	9,000	27,000
1,000	52,000	156,000	1,000	12,000	36,000

Luke 6:38 - Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

Methods of Giving

You may make commitments to *"NEWDAY – Building Together for God's Glory"* campaign in the form of cash, faith promises, securities, and real estate gifts. Faith promises can be fulfilled over a three-year period in whatever increments that are most convenient to you. Your contributions are tax deductible.

Gifts in the Form of Stock, Securities or Real Estate

A gift of stock, securities or real estate that has increased in value can be another advantageous way of giving. Gifts of this type allow you to make the following choices:

1. Make a significant gift without affecting your standard of living.
2. Avoid paying sizable income tax on the appreciation of the stock, securities or real estate that would occur if you were to sell them.
3. Secure a Federal Income Tax deduction.

Frequently Asked **Questions**

Q: Why do we need to expand?
A: We need to expand to accommodate our current needs and the needs of the future.

Q: How much money do we need to raise in this campaign?
A: $3,500,000. The Lord has already provided 1.1 million, so we are believing the Lord for 2.4 million.

Q: When will the building be completed?
A: We plan to break ground Easter 2019. We anticipate completion August 2020 with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Q: What changes, if any, will be made to the existing building – sanctuary and lower auditorium?
A: The plans call for a remodeled sanctuary with some additional seating, a remodeled lower auditorium, improved bathrooms, and a larger nursery.

Q: How does the program work?
A: Each member of our church family will be asked to commit to a faith promise for the next three years. The faith promise is over and above the regular tithes and offerings to the church. These commitments are paid weekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly over a 3-year period (156-weeks).

Q: What is Commitment Sunday?
A: On November 4th, you will be given a card to record your faith promise toward the building campaign. You will be asked to formally and confidentially present your commitment. Most commitment decisions will have already been made in your home after prayerful consideration.

Q: Will I be asked to commit publicly?
A: No. The choice to give and the faith promise amount are a personal matter between you and God. Although everyone in the church has different giving potentials and the amount they give will vary, we should each be challenged to give willingly to expand God's Kingdom.

Q: Will I have the opportunity to revise my commitment?
A: Yes. You may revise your commitment any time during the 3-year period.

Q: Can we make a family commitment?
A: Yes

Q: What do we need?
- A: People who will catch the vision for Kingdom increase in Van Nest Assembly of God.
- A: People who will earnestly pray for God to bring to fruition this NEWDAY campaign.
- A: People who will give sacrificially, every person doing their part.

Q: Do you think God will help me meet a commitment that right now seems beyond my means?
A: Yes, just as surely as He helps us in any other area of life. A large commitment often means large faith. A small commitment, sometimes, but not always, means little faith.

Q: When do we start giving to our commitment?
A: After you have prayerfully considered your commitment amount, you can begin to give.

Q: What is Victory Sunday?
A: Victory Sunday is November 11th. On this day we will announce the total amount received in pledges for the next three years.

Q: Will my past contributions to the building fund count for this new campaign?
A: Since this is a new campaign, we need you to make a new pledge. Your past contributions went toward the 1.1 million.

Q: Will the baptism tank remain?
A: Yes, but it will be relocated when the platform is remodeled.

Q: Will the stained-glass cross above the platform be moved?
A: Probably. We hope to relocate it to another place in the building.

Q: Are we losing any parking spaces?
A: No. We will have the same number of spaces.

Q: Where do we park during the construction phase?
A: We will probably have to use street parking while we look for parking lots in the area.