

HISTORY OF NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIAN CENTER

In the spring of 1982, while Pat Doyle was plowing a field, the Lord gave him a vision of a Spirit-filled church and ministries that would be birthed from it. In the summer of 1982 a small group of Spirit-filled believers began to meet in the home of Pat and Elaine Doyle in Lee, Fl. In October of 1982 they were joined by L.A. Joiner, Pastor of New Covenant Christian Center in Valdosta, Ga. and Jim A. Johnson. There the Holy Spirit confirmed in the hearts of those present the need for a Spirit-led church in Madison County.

On October 31, 1982, New Testament Christian Center held its first service at the Woman's Club Building located near Lake Francis in Madison. Jim A. Johnson served as pastor/teacher of the group. In March of 1983 Jim L. Johnson and wife Annette were called to pastor the church. The church began to meet in the MARC building located on Sumatra Road in Madison in the summer of 1983.

In March of 1984 Jim L. Johnson felt God had called him to another church and as he left, Jim A. and Carolyn Johnson moved from Valdosta to Madison to pastor the church once again. During Jim A. Johnson's time at New Testament, a Christian school was formed and now continues teaching grades K-12. This school was part of the original vision Doyle had for NTCC.

In the late summer of 1984, it was necessary to move out of the MARC building, and the church began to meet in the Fine Arts Auditorium at North Fl. Junior College. The church purchased property on Hwy. 90 east of Madison and began to build a church facility in early 1986.

In the fall New Testament began to have regular services in the original Fellowship Hall (old Learning Center for school, now part of Food Bank room and Children's room), and in the early summer of 1987 the sanctuary was completed. Jim A. Johnson left to pastor a church in St. Mary's, Ga. in July 1990.

At that time Pat Doyle served as pastor and was installed as such in November 1990. A tremendous revival began in Sept. 1993 and continued going strong for two years. At that time the sanctuary was doubled in size and a new pastor's office and prayer room was constructed.

In 1998 a new Fellowship Hall was completed, and the School, Children's Church, and Youth moved into a separate 10,000 sq. ft. debt-free Educational Building in August of 2006. The third part of the vision, given to Pat Doyle in the original vision in 1982, is yet to come, and at the right time, we believe the Lord will complete what He has begun.

On August 30, 2020 Justin Riegsecker, was officially installed as the new pastor replacing Pat Doyle (and wife Elaine) who retired as senior pastor. Justin and wife, Rebecca (a daughter of Pat and Elaine Doyle) will lead the church on in the path the Lord has chosen.