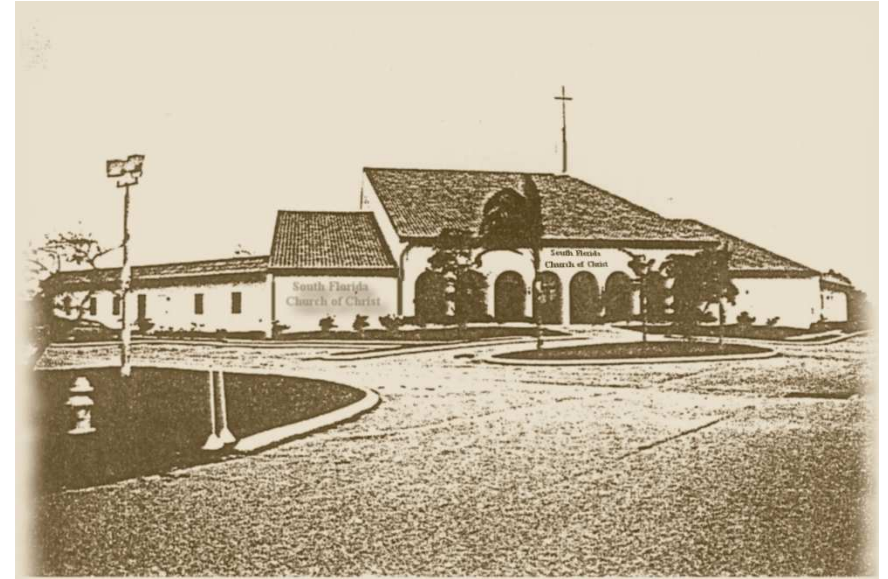


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Palm Beach - Broward - Dade

1972-2005

Proposed Facility Purchase





In view of God's mercy we exist to:
Reconcile the Lost to Christ
Mature the Redeemed in Christ
Mobilize Disciples for Christ



What has already been done?

- 6/2001 Building Task Force
- 4/2004 Vision Planners
- 1/2005 \$1.1 million in reserves
- 5/2005 F.A.S.T.
- 6/2005 Contract with Cornerstone
- 8/2005 Close Date
- 1/2006 MOVE - IN!

Why should we proceed?

Our Vision plan includes a community based focus and future neighborhood outreach. In order to fulfill our core values, "Everyone should know God personally" and "The church must reflect God's mercy", we can use the building as a vehicle to establish a beach-head in each county. The Broward Campus, as the first step to achieving this goal, will begin the process of building purchases, after which Palm Beach and Dade will pursue their facilities. The church building, in combination with the school will facilitate our ability to *Reconcile* the Lost to Christ, *Mature* the Redeemed in Christ and *Mobilize* Disciples for Christ.

How and when will we proceed?

Over the next several weeks, members will be asked to lead components of the capital campaign. Once selected, they will begin assembling teams to carry out the various functions required by the plan. The teams will then enter into a period of spiritual awareness where God's will and blessings will be sought. In late October the plan will be announced to the congregation at large.

South Florida Church of Christ Core Values

- The Bible is inspired by God and our sole authority.
- Everyone should know God personally.
- Mankind is lost and must be born again.
- Disciples of Jesus form God's church.
- God commands his disciples to be unified.
- The church must reflect God's mercy.



What is now proposed

There are a couple of elements that should be considered at the outset when discussing proposed facilities in three counties. First, it is important that our weekly contribution is not affected by a campaign. Second, our Special Missions annual contribution needs to continue with the same reliability as in years past.

With that in mind, the first facility that God has made available, in Broward County, is ours. For the purchase in Broward, the bank required us to reduce our debt ratio – hence the need for a stewardship campaign.

With \$1,050,000 (\$350,000 x 3) for special missions, and another \$950,000 toward debt reduction at the Broward facility, the first \$2 million will be restricted funds set aside for special missions and debt reduction. The remaining portion pledged above and beyond \$2 million is proposed to be used as described below.

VICTORY GOAL:	3.7 M	1.1 M	Missions 3 yrs @ \$350,000
		0.952 M	1st Mortgage ARM
		0.447 M	Cornerstone Note
		0.6 M	Campus 2 Reserve
		0.6 M	Campus 3 Reserve
		3.7 M	

CHALLENGE GOAL:	5.1M	1.1 M	Missions
		2.0 M	Broward Debt Reduction
		1.0 M	Campus 2 Reserve
		1.0 M	Campus 3 Reserve
		5.1 M	

MIRACLE GOAL:	6.0 M	1.5 M	Missions
		2.0 M	Broward Debt Reduction
		1.0 M	Campus 2 Reserve
		1.0 M	Campus 3 Reserve
		0.5 M	Campus 4 Reserve
		6.0 M	

Timeline of Touchstones

- 10/30/1972** Incorporated as Westside Church of Christ of Broward
- 1976** Built building off Hiatus in Plantation Acres
- 1977** Name Changed to Plantation Church of Christ (Richard Bellmore)
- 1982** Began renting 7th Day Adventist gym in Plantation Acres
- 1986** Built River Grove Church of Christ on Orange Drive (Bruce Williams)
- 1987** Listed as "Boston Affiliated Church", (July 26, 1987 Boston Church of Christ Bulletin)
- 1989** Changed name to Miami/Fort Lauderdale Church of Christ (Sam Laing)
- 1992** Sold River Grove building, went to rented facilities (Phil Lamb)
- 1992** Focus our resources on missions reflecting a change in our philosophy
- 1992** Affiliated with ICOC / CSA World Sector
- 1993** Changed name to South Florida Church of Christ (Phil Lamb)
- 1998** Considered purchasing a facility (Andrew Giambarba)
- 2003** Philosophical reexamination (John Brush, Tom Kuhn)
- 2003** Established need for multiple campuses
- 2004** ICOC / CSA entities dissolved as ecclesiastic bodies
- 2004** Vision Planners (Core Group)
- 2004** Established a concerted 5 year plan including a building purchase
- 2005** Cornerstone opportunity & purchase
- 2006** Broward Campus on Orange Drive, Davie



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Today's South Florida Church of Christ is the product of the combined dreams and visions of its faith-filled members. To understand the SFCC in 2005, we should look at its beginnings, touchstone decisions and recent past.

1972-1985: Foundations

The SFCC was founded as the Westside Church of Christ of Broward in 1972 as a church with its heritage firmly seated in the Restoration Movement. With only 80 members, its vision was to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Broward County. As the congregation grew numerically and financially, it considered the benefits of a permanent facility and built its first building on Old Hiatus Road in Plantation Acres. The structure was about the size of an average house. To reflect the location, the church name was changed to Plantation Church of Christ in 1977. Richard Bellmor was the preacher and later became the first evangelist for the church. The congregation quickly outgrew its cozy building and, in 1982, began renting the Seventh Day Adventist Church gym in Plantation Acres. In the mid-1980s, Bruce Williams served as the leader of the church.

At the same time, a campus movement was making inroads in the Churches of Christ. In particular was the Crossroads Church of Christ in Gainesville. Chuck Lucas, the campus minister, had introduced "one another" concepts, which resulted in astounding growth. Chuck taught many people who would later influence the South Florida Church of Christ. Three notable individuals were Kip McKean, Sam Laing and Bruce Williams.

1986-1992: A Pivotal Period

In 1986, the name was changed to River Grove Church of Christ, and construction was completed on a building on Orange Drive in Davie. That same year Bruce Williams moved to San Francisco, and Richard Bellmor once again served as the evangelist with assistance from Paul Pruitt and Keith Sandoval. In 1987 the church was listed in the Boston Church of Christ bulletin as a "Boston Affiliated Church," meaning we supported and receptive to the discipleship ideas flowing from Boston under the auspices of Kip McKean.

Sam Laing assumed the church's leadership in 1988 and the name changed to Miami/Fort Lauderdale Church of Christ, reflecting a broader vision. Sam helped the church continue the implementation of discipleship. During this period, our ties with other "Boston Movement" churches deepened. The Miami/Fort Lauderdale Church was named a "pillar church" by Boston in its efforts to coordinate leadership and mission work

1992-1999: Growth and Trials

With 1992 came several changes. Phil Lamb replaced Sam Laing as the lead evangelist. The name of the church was changed to South Florida Church of Christ. The River Grove facility was sold to direct resources to mission work. The SFCC became affiliated with the International Churches of Christ (formerly the "Boston Movement") and a portal for evangelizing Florida and South and Central America. During this period, many churches were planted in Latin American countries under the direction of the South Florida Church. The congregation enjoyed impressive growth.

In 1998 Phil Lamb moved to Los Angeles – then the headquarters of the ICOC – with a number of members from the church. Andrew Giambarba was appointed the church's lead evangelist.

2000-2005 The Recent Past

For six years, through the year 2000, the churches of this fellowship pursued a carefully laid worldwide mission plan, which was to plant a church in every nation with a metropolis of 100,000 or more people. Incredibly, this plan was accomplished during 2000. Good news and growth in the mission field provided a measure of satisfaction and excitement among the U.S. churches for a while. In 2001, although the highly structured church culture was well-established in the U.S. churches, direction was lacking because the prime objective had been fulfilled. It seemed there was no clear new goal and members' resources and energies had been taxed.

During these years, the membership demographic was evolving to more mature families. They require more stability and community identity than campus students and young married couples. This shift has caused us to rethink the way we minister.

Over the next two years, the congregations of the fellowship had to navigate the difficult matter of redefining purpose and mission. Several of the larger U.S. congregations lost lead evangelists. Many churches reorganized into small community congregations because of inability to attract or finance ministry staff.

In late 2002, the South Florida Church of Christ's lead evangelist resigned from the ministry. This left an elder-led congregation. After a year of seeking outside counsel on regrouping and redefining the church's core values and driving force, this congregation is enjoying moderate steady growth and financial stability and surplus.

Here and Now

Due to the success and stability the SFCC is enjoying, as well as mild winters, many families from other churches in the fellowship continue to move to South Florida. The church has spent many months of defining and developing lay leadership and surveying the members as to their needs and desires. From this, it has become apparent that a church home is on the minds of most members.

Over the last two years, the SFCC has rethought its overall mission and core values. A couple of factors have contributed to this reevaluation. Changing circumstances gave us pause, prompting us to determine our priorities. And the demographics of our church have changed dramatically since the mid-1990s, reshaping our thinking.

We were not idle in 2003 and 2004. We were able to reflect, but we also looked forward to examine how and what we wanted to build in South Florida to bring glory to God. Our core values spoke to our priorities of evangelization, unity among the membership, benevolent service to the community and maturing our members. A campus that would serve as a church home is a vital element to facilitate these dreams.

Besides the intangible benefits of a building, there is the very tangible reality of the South Florida real estate market. In comparing the midterm benefits of renting versus owning, it became apparent that owning is the better path for good stewardship.

After careful study of these factors and measurable trends, the church is ready for the mission of capital fundraising to obtain a church building, fund missions and provide seed money for future campuses.