

BEYOND ALL WE ASK OR THINK

Today we celebrate our 44th annual Agape Feast. The journey of DSBC has been exactly like what Paul stated in our lesson text, “Now to **Him** who is able to do **exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think**, according to the power of that works within us, to **Him** be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.” (Eph.3:20-21)

We will mention a few early experiences of this journey. In 1973, a group of us met in a Presbyterian Church that had been converted into a Community Center in front of Woodlawn High School to discuss forming a church.

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In this meeting, we decided to form a church to teach categorical Bible doctrine in Birmingham, Alabama. Another group of believers who were searching for a Pastor Teacher, many in both groups knowing each other, became aware of our intentions and chose to assemble with us.

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After a couple of meetings, we merged in 1974 and started meeting weekly at this same Presbyterian Church/ community center. We carried our weekly children teaching supplies in our cars for seven years before finding a church building.

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In 1981, we moved to our present location. Purchased this church building, which was in rough shape, but the location was right providing easy access for our people who lived in the Roebuck, CenterPoint, Pinson, Palmerdale, Trussville, and over the mountain areas.

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We formed a committee for the restoration of the building to fit our needs: nursery, graded children classrooms, restrooms, fellowship hall, and finally an upgraded auditorium. It took us 20 years to complete it without accumulating any additional debt and today, this building is totally debt free!

Now it is 2018 and we are about to take this journey once again with a second generation of excited leaders to Moody, Alabama. We are currently looking for temporary meeting facilities and the right location to build a church building. Whatever ministry God has given to you, it is about to be expanded because...

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I am excited about sharing the 45th Agape Feast with an additional community, Moody, Alabama.