

# THE *Legacy* PROJECT





*Children's Church choir singing at the Airport Highway facility, 1993*

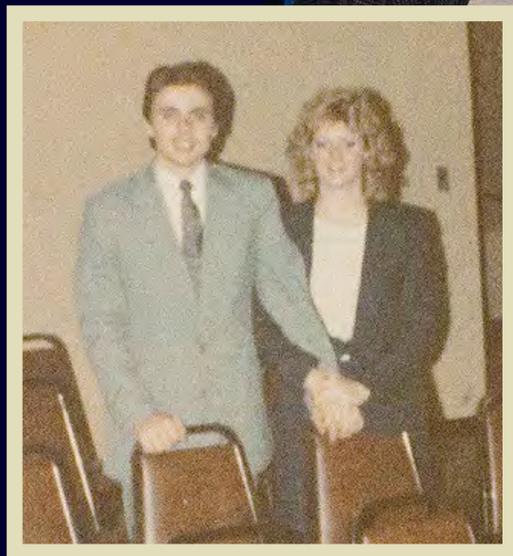
Thirty years ago my wife Kathi and I came to Toledo to begin what has been and continues to be an incredible journey of Faith and Hope. Starting in a hotel room and then moving into a storefront, to having incredible facilities throughout the entire region, God has had His hand on us and the entire Cornerstone Family. As I look back over the years and see the many pictures and watch various videos of our services and events, it touches my heart to see children that were born in the church now all grown up, serving in the church and having kids of their own in our Children's Ministry.

Over the years, we have been in a number of buildings from small storefronts to theaters and even our current Maumee Campus that was previously a grocery store. It is because of people like you that have sacrificed time, energy and resources that we have been able to accomplish everything the Lord has given us to do.

We are calling the next step in our journey, "The Legacy Project." The Downtown Toledo area is about to begin a brand new chapter and we feel the Lord is calling us to be part of it—ministering on both sides of the river and declaring that this City Can Be Won!

Over the next following pages we will take a look back at our journey and the many facilities God has blessed us with over the years, and we will look forward to our Legacy Project and some of the details of what the finished project will look like. When faith and generosity meet, miracles happen!

  
Bishop Michael Pitts





*Sunday morning service in the Central & Douglas storefront, 1986*



*King's Kids Children's Church in the Central & Douglas storefront, 1986*

# CENTRAL & DOUGLAS

The first facility for Cornerstone was a small storefront building on the corner of Central Avenue and Douglas Road. Thirty-five people attended the first service but soon thereafter word spread about the church. It was not long before the small storefront was filled and people stood along the walls on a Sunday morning.



*Sanctuary in the Byrne Hill Plaza 1988*

# BYRNE & HILL

With the congregation growing so much in the first year, the church moved to the Byrne Hill Plaza in November of 1987. The atmosphere was filled with music, prayer and teaching that began to draw people from across the region and from all different backgrounds. Soon after moving in, two Sunday services were needed and additional space in the plaza was secured to accommodate the increasing congregation.

# AIRPORT HIGHWAY



*Airport Highway facility before renovations began, 1989*

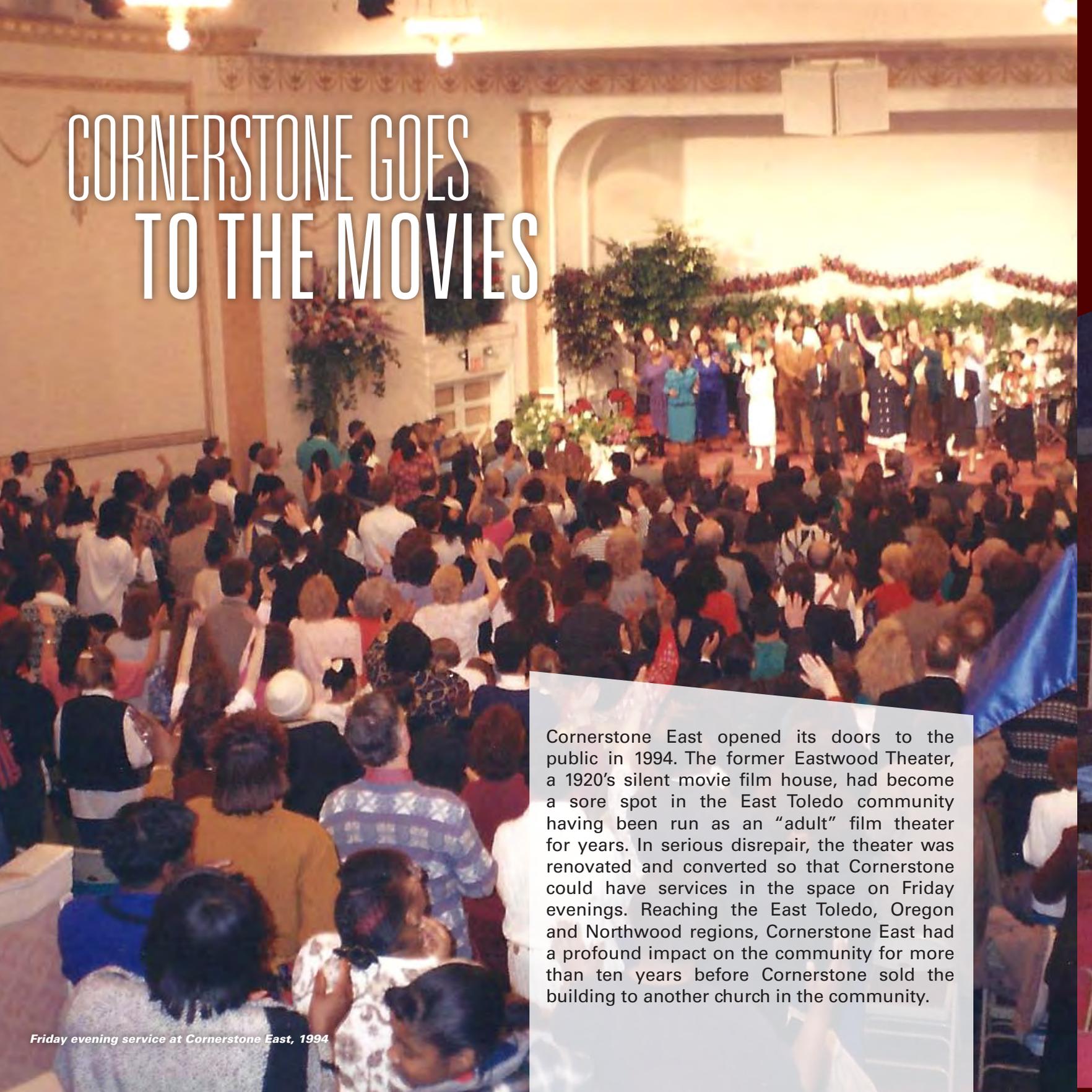


*Sunday service at Airport Highway, 1991*

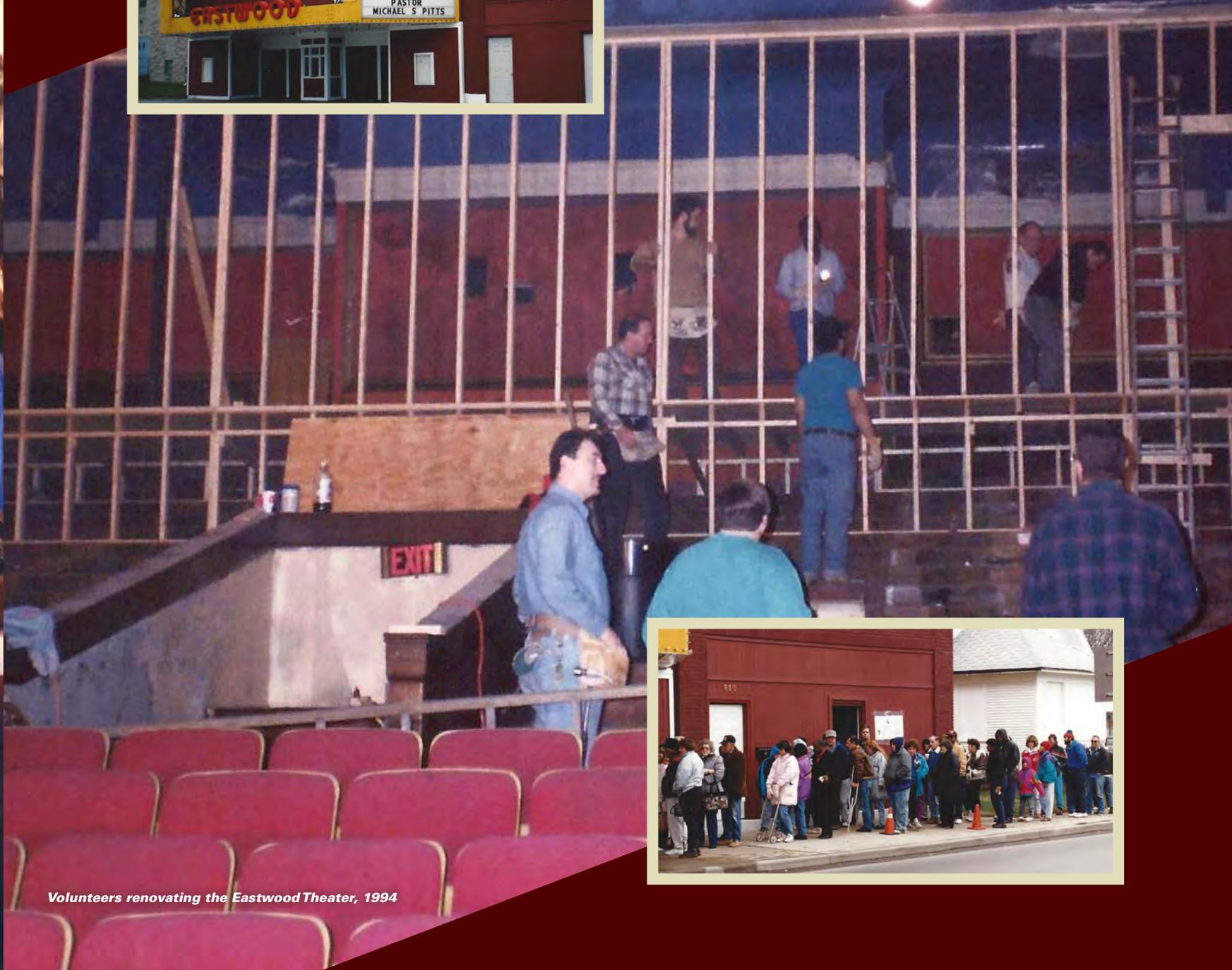
In October of 1990, Cornerstone secured a larger facility on Airport Highway near Holloway Road and started holding services. Within the first couple of weeks the building filled to capacity and the church had to start holding multiple services on Sundays again. It was in this facility that Pastor Pitts first went on television and it is when we began hosting nationally and internationally renowned guests and speakers. Cornerstone also had to hold services on larger holidays like Easter at the Toledo Masonic Auditorium (presently the Stranahan Theater) and had special services at the Toledo Zoo Amphitheater.



# CORNERSTONE GOES TO THE MOVIES

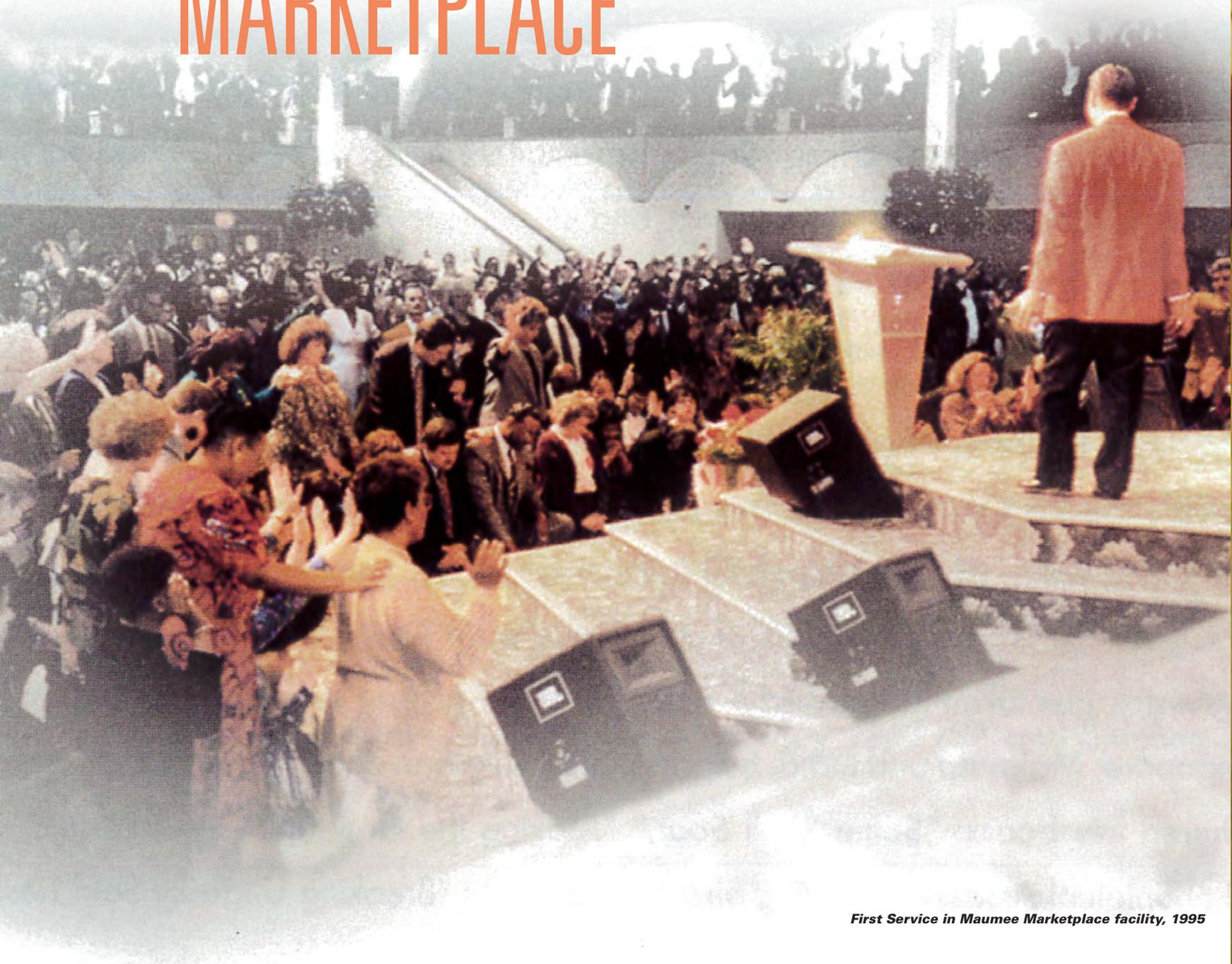


Cornerstone East opened its doors to the public in 1994. The former Eastwood Theater, a 1920's silent movie film house, had become a sore spot in the East Toledo community having been run as an "adult" film theater for years. In serious disrepair, the theater was renovated and converted so that Cornerstone could have services in the space on Friday evenings. Reaching the East Toledo, Oregon and Northwood regions, Cornerstone East had a profound impact on the community for more than ten years before Cornerstone sold the building to another church in the community.



*Volunteers renovating the Eastwood Theater, 1994*

# MAUMEE MARKETPLACE



*First Service in Maumee Marketplace facility, 1995*

At the same time as Cornerstone was opening Cornerstone East, we were working on a new facility to accommodate the ever-growing congregation. A vacant grocery store was available in the Maumee Marketplace and when Pastor Michael Pitts walked through the doors he said, "This is it." It took more time, money, volunteers and city meetings than anything Cornerstone had ever done before. In addition to the physical building, the purchase included additional parking and green space across Dussel Drive. Officially



holding the first service early in 1995 to a capacity crowd, Cornerstone continues to see lives touched and changed, inside and outside the walls of this facility, since that first Sunday.

Over the two decades Cornerstone has been in the Maumee Marketplace, this facility has hosted thousands of people at our various events, conferences, outreaches and gatherings. With dozens of classrooms and state-of-the-art technology, we believe this facility serves as a reflection of the greatness and excellence of our Heavenly Father.





*Current look at the sanctuary of Cornerstone (Maumee Campus), 2015*



In 2000, we launched "Kingdom Builders" project, a multi-million dollar addition to our Maumee Campus facility. This addition added children's classrooms, multi-purpose meeting spaces and a 400 seat Performing Arts Center that we use for a variety of meetings, performances and services. Children love to come to our themed classrooms where they get to learn about how they can have a relationship with Christ and that they are world shakers and history makers. In 2006 we had a major renovation to the sanctuary of the church bringing a more modern design and updated sound, lighting and video technologies to our services.



400 seat Performing Arts Center



*Bible Safari, one of our children's classrooms built as part of the Kingdom Builders project*

In 2014, Bishop Pitts felt a calling to do something for the East Toledo community again. It had been almost a decade since Cornerstone had held services in this area. After some searching, we discovered that the Eastwood Theater was once again available. Unfortunately the facility had extensive damage and was deteriorating. Our team, faithful volunteers and partners joined together and helped, again, to renovate and restore this beautiful theater. Ever since revitalizing the theater, our Eastwood Campus has been bringing hope and peace to the East Toledo, Northwood and Oregon communities. In addition, we were able to partner with Toledo Cinema Group to bring current Hollywood movies back to the neighborhood allowing this community a safe place to enjoy family entertainment.



TAKE

*Front of the remodeled Eastwood Theater, 2014*

To You  
Let endless praise res



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The Downtown Toledo area is currently undergoing a major transformation. The city's core was hit hard by the decline of manufacturing in the late 1990s and many residents and businesses were leaving the downtown area. In 2002, the Toledo Mud Hens moved to downtown, and since that time a growing movement has started to see the heart of this region revitalized. Various additional projects like The Huntington Center, redevelopment of the warehouse district, the Metroparks' planned Middlegrounds park and the newly opened Hensville have helped spark a new era of growth for the Downtown District. Early next year, Promedica Healthcare will move its headquarters downtown – bringing over 1,000 jobs to the heart of the city. In addition, the 22nd Century Committee, which is composed of various business and community leaders, is developing a Master Plan to make downtown a vibrant and exciting area to work, play and live.

During a meeting concerning the downtown revitalization, it was emphasized that as part of the new redevelopment, a place of worship was necessary. The participants in that meeting agreed that Cornerstone Church could make that happen. Earlier this year we began to look for a property where we could potentially place a new campus. We found that location at the corner of Summit and Perry Streets and are proposing to turn this location into the Downtown Campus of Cornerstone Church.

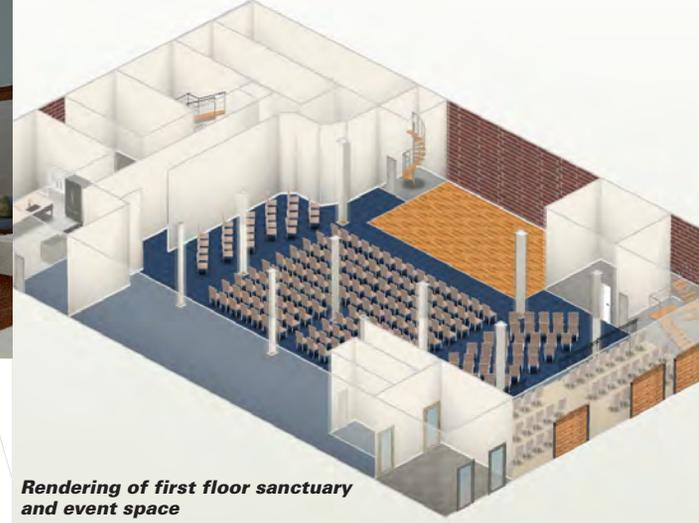


*Proposed Perry Street Side of The Summit facility*



*Proposed nighttime view of The Summit facility*





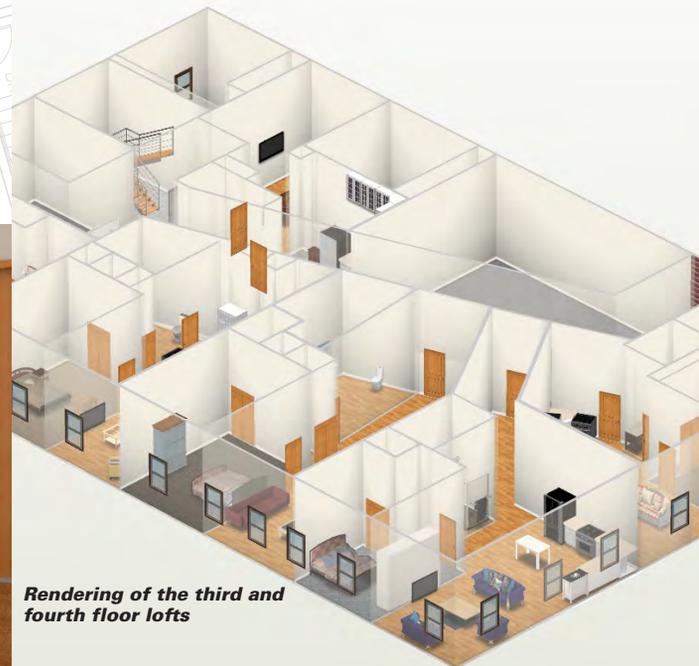
**Rendering of first floor sanctuary and event space**

Cornerstone's Downtown Campus will meet in The Summit building (formerly the Event Center) at 23 N. Summit Street. This facility will allow us to hold services seating up to four hundred people on the main floor while having children's classrooms and meeting rooms on the second floor. The current plan includes keeping both floors available for public and private use, allowing the space to be active throughout the week. The third and fourth floors of the building will be turned into loft style living to help meet the growing need for housing in the Downtown District. The best part about this location is its proximity to many of the core assets of downtown. The building sits in the same block as the newly opened Hensville, right next to Fifth Third Field and two blocks away from the Huntington Center.

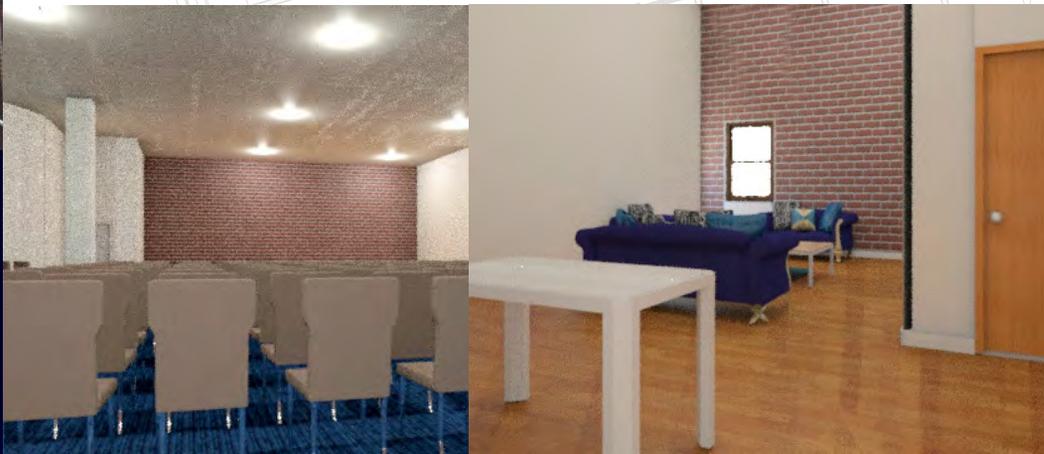
We are committed to seeing our city won for Christ and we believe this new Downtown Campus is another step in that direction. Although it takes a step of faith when embarking on this next part of our journey, we keep moving forward with audacious faith to see lives changed and individuals dedicate their lives to Christ. When we work together, we will see it accomplished. At Cornerstone, dreams become reality through the power of partnership!



**Rendering of second floor offices classrooms and multi-purpose rooms**

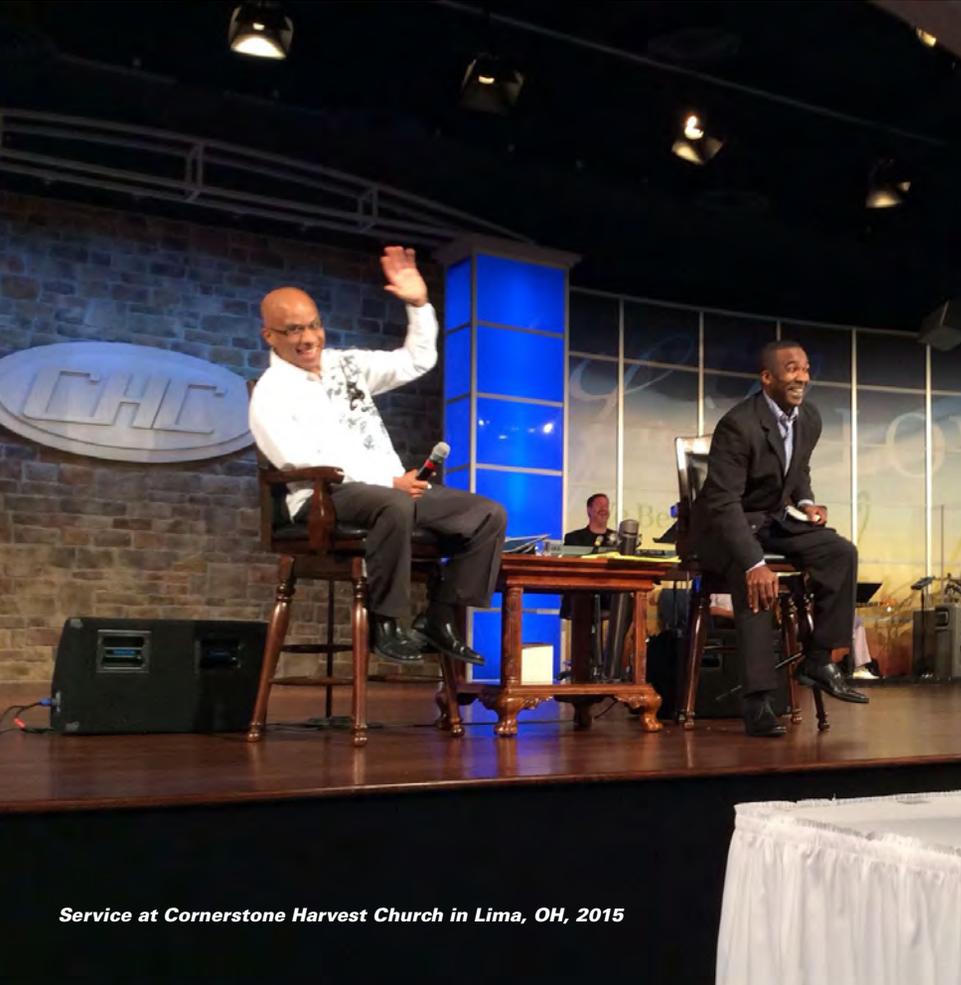


**Rendering of the third and fourth floor lofts**





*Exterior of Wayne Campus, 2015*



*Service at Cornerstone Harvest Church in Lima, OH, 2015*

## REGIONAL EXPANSION

In 1995, Cornerstone extended its reach beyond the Toledo area into Lima, Ohio. Hundreds of people every week come and gather together in this region that is about an hour from Toledo. Cornerstone Harvest not only has powerful services but also provides one of Lima's premiere daycare facilities and has a community school, serving hundreds of children with an incredible learning atmosphere and educational experience.

In 2001, Cornerstone began to hold meetings in the greater Detroit, Michigan region. We recognized the need to establish a church in this area, and in 2003 purchased a facility that is now Cornerstone Wayne Campus. This location serves Wayne and Canton, Michigan along with the Greater Detroit Metropolitan area.



*Some of the Pastors and leaders in the Cornerstone Global Network, 2015*

# BEYOND THE REGION

The reach of Cornerstone Church extends far beyond the Northwest Ohio region through the Cornerstone Global Network. The Network is comprised of over 100 churches and ministries in the United States, Mexico and South Africa. Cornerstone Global Network, through various callings and expressions, serves to strengthen the body of Christ and its members, working collectively for a greater expression of the Kingdom of God.



*Lifegate Church in Independence, MO*



*One of nearly 100 churches in Mexico*

# OUTREACH COMMUNITY



Heal the World

Cornerstone Church is committed to making an impact both locally and globally with our partner organization, Heal the World. Our local outreaches include but are not limited to supporting a variety of organizations from shelters, pregnancy centers, feeding area youth and many more. One of our most recent projects that Cornerstone is involved in is partnering with the City of Toledo to reopen the Navarre Pool and Savage Park's Splash Pad.

Cornerstone's outreaches extend beyond the local area and stretch around the world. Working with strategic partners, we have been able to help fight human trafficking, provide aid in Somalia and the Congo, build houses in Haiti and more. One of our continuing projects is the Cornerstone Academy in Ghana. We have built a clean water well and school in the town of Odokono N'kwanta. Hundreds of children in the region come to the school to obtain an education and improve outcomes in their community and region.



*Members of a Cornerstone Team visiting and helping construct the Junior High of the Cornerstone Academy in Ghana, 2014*



*Above: The Splash Pads at Savage Park  
Right: Navarre Pool  
Both water areas will be opening in Summer 2016 with partnership  
between Cornerstone, the City of Toledo and other sponsors*



*WOW JAM, block outreach and party on East Broadway Street in Toledo, 2014*



*A group of volunteers during Cornerstone's Volunteer Outreach Week painting a house in East Toledo, July 2015*



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