

## History of New Birth Church

Isaiah 43:19 “Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

God has certainly done a new thing in our community. He has sent the New Birth Christian Ministries to change lives, renew hope, rebuild our communities, restore our faith, and rekindle our commitment to God.

On February 6, 1994 the doors of New Birth Church of God in Christ were officially opened to the public. The birth of this ministry actually begins one-year prior to the official day of establishment. The Lord spoke to our Pastor, Elder Patrick Wilson, to launch out into the deep; step out on His word to begin a ministry. During this time, the Lord had not specifically given Elder Wilson the time, the place, or the location of this ministry. Through prayer the Lord made himself known through His work that the time was nearing to launch out as the Lord commanded.

In the month of October 1993, Elder Wilson and his family relocated from Atlanta, GA to Macon. Being quickened by the Holy Ghost the search was now on for the home of the “New Birth Ministry.” It was as if the Lord himself came down from heaven and uttered these words to Elder Wilson: “The place, the time, and the location have been established.”

The faithfulness of God prevailed in our quest to see the ministry unfold before our very eyes. There were several leasing locations that were available during the search for the house of New Birth; however many there were, only one was New Birth. There was a church building for sale in the Laurel Acres Subdivision in Sandersville, GA. However the building was inoperable therefore causing immediate construction to begin. With the help from God and several family members, the doors of New Birth Church of God in Christ opened on February 6, 1994.

New Birth Church began with four (4) adult charter members and since that time New Birth has grown tremendously.

God has proven himself faithful to this ministry. In 1995, New Birth implemented several positive changes such as; the extension of its sanctuary, the formation of the Young Adult Choir, the naming of new Sunday School Teachers, Youth Coordinators, and a new Pastor’s Study.

In 1996, a meeting was called by the Pastor to share with the members that God had spoken and said to purchase the church. It was agreed upon unanimously by the members that we should buy the church and renovate. The New Birth members went to work almost immediately on its renovation. Each night for five months the brothers made a sacrifice to dedicate their time and talents in beautifying the house of the Lord. Not to forget the sisters of New Birth, they too labored with their talents such as

preparing good hot meals for the brothers, picking up nails, dusting and vacuuming whenever needed.

On Easter Sunday, March 30, 1997, we re-entered our sanctuary. The followings additions were added: a new choir stand, a new pulpit, an audio sound room, new bath rooms, a new kitchen, and a new Pastor's Study.

In August of 1999 the Lord guided our ministry into a new direction. It departed the Church of God in Christ International Organization, after which becoming the New Birth Christian Ministries.

In our remodeled location on 706 Sunhill Road Sandersville, the ministry prospered both spiritually and naturally with new members joining at an overwhelming rate. Our sanctuary became increasingly crowded on Sundays. With this type of growth, the Ministry began to seek God for direction. We soon acquired 26 acres of land in Tennille, GA.

In February of 2002 construction began on the new sanctuary and in June 2003 we moved into our new sanctuary. We are blessed by God to have such wonderful facilities: the Timothy Boardroom, the John Sterling Bell Multipurpose Room, office suites, classrooms, a commercial kitchen, Koinonia Hall (fellowship hall), state of the art sound system, and so much more. On the property we have a recreational facility which includes a walking trail, two full basketball courts, a baseball field, volleyball area, and a pavilion.

On January 21, 2007, Sis. Van Nessel Wilson was ordained as Co-Pastor; Elder Clifford Coleman was ordained as our first youth pastor. Several others were ordained as Ministers.

As the vision continues to unfold, we solicit your prayers that God will continue to bless the efforts of our commitment to the call of this ministry.

Behold, I will do a new thing.....  
It Shall Be Done.....