

The old shopping center is 244,000 square feet and sits on 22 acres overlooking south Jackson and it is about to become the “Light on the Hill.” The move to the “Hill” is not about a new and grander sanctuary. It is much bigger than that. God’s word says: *“Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.”* (Isaiah 58:12)

Revitalizing the Old Ellis Shopping Center provides hopes in the midst of a community facing deterioration and decay and stands as a testament to what God can do when we are obedient. The facility is not just for us, but for our children and our children’s children. It will take all of us embracing the vision of restoration with faith to produce the money needed to support the project. We know with God all things are possible and we will produce a light that will shine in Jackson, Mississippi and beyond for Christ.

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Renaissance South

Making God’s Passion of Hope and Restoration Real



To understand “Making God’s Passion of Hope and Restoration Real with Vision Renaissance South” we have to take a brief look back at how New Horizon Church International (NHCI) began. Bishop Ronnie C. Crudup, along with 56 charter members, founded New Horizon Baptist Church in September 1987. The name was inspired by the Holy Spirit who instructed Bishop Crudup to “go and start a church that will be on a new horizon.” After meeting in several locations around the city of Jackson, the congregation experienced such tremendous growth, moved into the church on Belvedere Drive in 1990, to continue our commitment to reach, teach and equip believers for the work of the Lord.

God continued to bless us under the leadership of Bishop Crudup and the work of the church has continued to grow and thrive; developing ministries to serve local communities and communities in Africa. Five years ago, New Horizon Church joined the Fellowship of International Churches to further God’s mission of reaching non-believers for Christ becoming New Horizon Church International.

Now, twenty-two years since the church’s inception, our membership has grown to more than 2,000 members and we must expand. God blessed the church to obtain property on McDowell Road and we believed that was where we would build a new church, however the project stalled. Then, Bishop Crudup received a Word from the Lord to be a “renovator” and that God had a better place for “His” will to be manifested. The Lord turned Bishop Crudup’s attention to an “old raggedy shopping center” formerly known as the Ellis Avenue Shopping Center, on the corner of Ellis Avenue and Raymond Road and told him we are to restore the property.