

Alpharetta Adventist Church Milestones

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1889

First Alpharetta church established

December 2003

- Small group starts meeting in homes and begin planning new church plant
- Through local brochure, previous Alpharetta church discovered

March 2005

- Group leaders meet with Atlanta North Adventist Church board members to discuss endorsement of the new church plant
- Atlanta North Church sends their associate Pastor, Rusty Williams, to help persuade local churches to permit rental of their buildings on Saturdays. A church is found under construction, and slated to be ready by opening day.

June 2005

The new rented church is not ready for the first service and there is a scramble to find a temporary meeting place.

June 11, 2005

Opening Day at Alpharetta United Methodist Church. Each group member took on multiple duties with enthusiasm. 150 in attendance. Harold Cunningham speaker. Offering exceeded rent for the month. It is interesting to note that this church was across the street from original First Alpharetta Adventist Church.

July 16, 2005

Rented church is ready and first service is held at Francis Road facility. At the time, the address was Alpharetta, but was annexed into the city of Milton in 2006.

November 2005

First community outreach with Health Fair

June 2006

First anniversary celebrated with 85 members attending regularly

October 2006

First Evangelism Seminar

December 2006

Mission Group status is upgraded to official Church status with 72 people become charter members.

Summer 2009

Building campaign launched, our Motto was " Unless the Lord builds the house they labor in vain who build it." Ps. 127:1

2011

Church Building Committee Chair, Rick Mosley encouraged us to begin looking for property. We had raised \$100,000 in the first 6 years. With the downturn in the economy, we felt led to purchase 10 acres at 5091 Union Hill Road. Developed an architectural Master Plan for this location.

2012

Approval to begin construction of the church was delayed until we could pay the land off. After this disappointing news, it prompted us to begin fasting and praying, and with the upturn in the economy we felt led by God to sell that piece of property. The sale was not what we expected. We wanted to build on that property not sell it.

2013 Received a \$507,000 increase of the sale of Union Hill Property in May. Began searching for another property.

2014 Found a beautiful horse farm very close to our present location. In December, Went under contract with another 10 acre on Hopewell Road in December.

2015

We continued praying and we were going to start a Building Campaign in 2015, but we never closed on the contract at Hopewell Road. Again, we wanted to close and build, not be in a dispute with the neighbors. But this was not the property God had for us. He did give us a blessing of \$164,000 for our trouble of a 1 year delay.

2016

Continued to experience strong growth, and with consistent increases in membership and tithe, on June 1, we became a 1 church district. We no longer shared our pastor with another. We continued to pray, and believed we found the right piece of property on Fowler Road. There was some initial resistance to our Conditional Use Permit. However, God worked this out for good, and this resulted in changes to our Master Plan and a savings of \$60,000 from the contract price. We also dropped 1 acre of land from the purchase as it was too expensive and had become devalued in our eyes.

2017

Trusting in God during this entire process has taught our members to increase our Faith in God. He cares about Alpharetta Church, the surrounding community and it is very evident that God is leading. Just 9 weeks after receiving our Conditional Use Permit, the county changed zoning rules, making our church the last church in Forsyth County to be able to build over 10,000 sq. ft. on a secondary road. We praise God that we have paid for land and are now in a position to actually build.

A Start of Construction Celebration was held Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 11:00 am.

2018

The year of construction!

2019

The new Alpharetta Church received its Certificate of Occupancy April 17, 2019.

First service at 375 Fowler Road is held April 20.

GRAND OPENING CEREMONY held June 22, 2019

2020

March 14: Church suspended indefinitely due to COVID-19

April 28: Luke Steen voted in by church board as Head Pastor

June 6: Services resume with caution