

## **CHURCHES SUPPORTING CHURCHES ADOPT-A-CHURCH PROFILE**

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### **THE HISTORY**

Cornerstone UMC began in 1986 with two congregations merging to form a new church, with the mission of being inclusive of all peoples and welcoming all in the name of Jesus Christ. Beginning primarily as a Caucasian church with African Americans, over the past twenty years it has become primarily African American with Caucasians. It reopened on April 1, 2007.



### **THE VISION**

To welcome and to love all persons. The church is open for community groups, and we are doing door-to-door outreach to meet people in the community.

### **CURRENT NEEDS**

Our outreach involves securing funds for rebuilding homes. The ministers help both church members and community members with case-management services to secure house-building funds that are disbursed through nonprofit agencies. We have begun a new Coffeehouse Ministry to minister to people who are feeling great stress in their lives. This ministry offers music, fellowship, and a relaxing space to rest in. Our church has also begun to develop a children's ministry, including a children's choir, to meet the needs of young people. This is in addition to the Sunday school that has already been operating. Finally, we are in the process of revising the New Situations Community Development Corporation program, which provides job skills through pre-journeyman programs for electrical and plumbing careers. We are in need of:

1. New playground equipment for the children.
2. Funds for a full-time music director.
3. A bus for transportation for ministries.
4. Technical assistance in installing computer technology for worship, internet connections, and computers for a community computer class.
5. Funds for Coffeehouse Ministry, a community ministry (musician fees, coffee, tea, food, etc.).
6. Funds to supplement the pastor's salary after June, 2008.
7. A new church sign.