

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

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### **THE HISTORY**

Mt. Ararat was started with a handful of members in a house in 1944. Pastor Marvin Tuner has been pastor since 1988. Before the Hurricane Katrina there were approximately 80 members with active ministries. Those ministries included Men's Ministry, Young Peoples Choir, The Daughters of Marian Dance Ministry, four evangelistic teams, and Birthday for Jesus.

### **THE VISION**

We believe that God is with us, that He will add new members to our fellowship as we continue to do His will. He will replace those members that have been replanted in other parts of the United States.

### **CURRENT NEEDS**

We want to expand the church facilities to develop after school and summer programs for community children, with a focus on building literacy. We are involved in a Birthday for Jesus Christmas initiative, the annual community picnic at Audubon Park, and the "Senior Talk" weekly program. Our church's immediate needs are these:

1. The church needs wiring that will meet safety code. (The church consistently has power outages and no lighting in several areas).
2. The restroom area is in need of a total renovation with separate facilities for men and women, a separate family restroom for both genders, and facilities to accommodate the handicapped.
3. The base structure of the building needs to be shored up with pilings to correct the sinking of the building, which suffered heavy damage from Hurricane Katrina.
4. The internal structure of the church has a number of cracks running down the walls and ceiling, and the windows need to be replaced as many of the windows do not open, presenting a fire hazard. In short, the building needs to be gutted out.
5. The external structure of the building needs replacement of the sills and numerous boards around the base. The roof needs to be replaced with a energy efficient roof.
6. The church needs an office for the pastor. The church needs a fully functional kitchen, meeting room, Bible classroom, and several rooms for administrative functions.