



### Portageville Church Project Complete



**Portageville  
Community Baptist  
Church**

It seems like a long time in coming, but finally we are at the end of our building project. We started this project in May of 2017 and we hit many road blocks along the way. Some of us thought we would never finish but we persevered and waited on the Lord till finally we are nearing the end of this necessary project.

On September 24, men started to arrive in our area from Maryland, Georgia, Florida, and New York to begin a four-and-a-half-day span that would see almost everything done that was needed.



**Grace Mission to The  
World Work Team**

The group that came were of a variety of ages. Usher was the senior coming in at 93 years old. On Saturday, September 25th, the crew gathered at the church and began to labor for the Lord. Each man was committed to his task and much was done in that day. Sunday, we worshipped together as brothers and sisters and enjoyed a fellowship dinner that day. On Monday morning, around eight o'clock, the crew arrived and worked until dark when they would have their supper together. The folks from the church provided lunch and supper for this God sent team. Every day until Thursday afternoon they worked diligently accomplishing several tasks. Siding was put on three sides of the church building, the foyer which had been gutted was sheet rocked, mudded and sanded, braces were placed strategically to secure the main floor of the church, and our fellowship hall was fixed which was damaged by a tree in a windstorm two years ago. It was much work but the dedication with which this team worked was incredible. We want to thank Grace Mission to The World for the way they blessed us here at Portageville Community Baptist Church. There were so many blessings! We still have to put on new gutters and the project will fully be complete. Praise the Lord! We were also able to do some work in our sanctuary. The sanctuary has new paint, carpet, and pew chairs. We are very pleased with how great things turned out.



**Renovating the  
Foyer**



**Fellowship Hall  
Roof Repair**



**First Side Underway;  
getting ready for the  
Siding**



**Siding on thBack  
of the Church**



**Sanctuary complete  
with new paint, carpet,  
and pew chairs!**

## Thinking About Nehemiah

As a missionary pastor I often think of Nehemiah and his God given desire to repair the breach in the walls as well as see the people spiritually restored. This summer, here at Emmanuel Baptist, we have been endeavoring to “rebuild the walls” so to speak. One area that we have been able to progress is to continue making necessary repairs to the property.

The first area that received a great deal of “man hours” was that of the painting of the parsonage. Due to older cedar shakes, the scraping of the siding is very time consuming, much more so than traditional clapboard. With two sides completed in 2020, this year we finished the final two. Repairs to the back deck were also done this fall, as it was literally coming off its supports and some of the decking was rotten. We have to wait until the spring for the new pressure treated wood to be sufficiently dried, and then it will be stained.

The walkway to the church is another area that desperately needed repairs. The front walkway at Emmanuel Baptist Church has been in dire need of repair for over a decade. It has been a very real safety hazard. People have fallen and/or gotten hurt over the years. The finances are a little better at the church, so we made this repairing the walkway a priority of getting completed. Since a cement job such as this, was more than anything in “our wheelhouse,” we opted to have a professional take on this task. We eventually, were able to hire a local professional to get the job done, who did a spectacular job!

One final area we hope to complete in the near future is the sheet rocking of the church office. Prior to my coming to EBCB, there had been a leak above the pastor’s office at the church that resulted in the sheet rocked ceiling coming down and damage to the walls. We have someone in the congregation that is proficient at this and has volunteered to do this. However, due to the labor shortage in our country, he works at a facility that requires 24-hour staffing, and has needed to

work a great deal of overtime making him unable to work on this task just yet.

As we continue to work on these physical issues, like Nehemiah, we are also striving to have continued spiritual growth in our people. Nehemiah was looking to repair the walls to keep enemies out. We as a congregation need to continue to get beyond our church walls to reaching our community for Christ!

“And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province *are* in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also *is* broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.” Nehemiah 1:3



**Helpers Scraping Paint**



**Cedar Shakes being Scraped and Primed**



**Beautiful Completed Project!**



**Church Sidewalk Needing Repair**



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**2021 Annual C.P.A. Pastors' Retreat a Great Blessing**



**C.P.A. Missionary Family**

Our C.P.A. Annual Pastors' Retreat was held July 19-23. We were so thankful to be together after having to cancel in 2020 due to the Corona Virus pandemic. We had such a wonderful time together. Much fun and fellowship marked the week with great food also. We shared from the Word of God and we encouraged one another to continue to serve the Lord with gladness. Many future decisions await us at headquarters but we are assured God is going to do great and mighty things.

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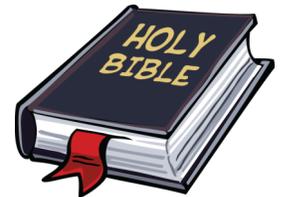
**Please Pray For Us**

Please pray for the board of Church Planters to America. At this time we are awaiting a well to be drilled for the headquarters building. This was necessary as the water was connected to Tom and Carol Buckley's home. Carol has sold her home and has moved to Pennsylvania to be closer to family. Because we will no longer have anyone on sight at headquarters, many decisions need to be made in the near future. Please pray for wisdom.

We are excited to see what God has in store for Church Planters to America as we continue to carry the burden to reach America with strong, Bible believing churches. Please note that the contact number for C.P.A. is now 315-868-1294. This is Director Rob Andreas cell phone. If you have any questions please call. Thank you for your prayers.



**C.P.A. Headquarters Building**



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 REVIVAL, WE  
 MUST REVIVE  
 OUR  
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