

God's City of Refuge - Our Heritage

God's City of Refuge began as the Non-Denominational Holiness Church in the 1960's. It grew out of having Bible Study in the Pastor's home and other homes of the saints in the North River community.

The first church was a small wooden building on Laurel Road in North River and a larger building was later erected in the same location.

In the Mid 1960's, the ministry expanded, and a church was built in the Bogue Community on Bogue Loop Rd in Newport, N.C.

In the 1970's, the ministry expanded even more. Twenty-two and a half acres of land was purchased on Hibbs Rd. in Newport, N.C., and the present church structure was erected, and dedicated to the Lord in August 1989, thus combining the two churches. The purpose of the move of the Church to its new location was, to further the vision that God gave the Apostle; to build a facility where people could come and be nourished and equipped for the Kingdom of God. Therefore, the two churches combined and incorporated as **God's City of Refuge**.

Through the years, God has been faithful, and we have experienced phenomenal growth, and to accommodate the continuing needs of the Church, additional facilities will be constructed as needed.

We, the Church, believe the Bible to be the inspired infallible Word of God.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." II Timothy 3:16

We believe that the requirement for salvation is repentance, water baptism by immersion in water in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38

Our ultimate desire is to present every man mature, according to *Colossians 1:28* and *Ephesians 4:13*.

God has called **God's City of Refuge** for a great work in these last days, not only to build the Saints, but to minister to the broken hearted. God has called us to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.

Our Mission is to carry out the vision that God has given us for

“God’s City of Refuge”

Then the Lord answered me and said, “write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it, for the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end, it will speak, and it will not lie.” Habakkuk 2:2, 3

“Where there is no vision, the people perish.”

Proverbs 29:18

Our Vision

1. To teach men to hear God’s voice. Rev. 2:7, Psa. 46:10
2. To build a strong relationship among the believers. 1 John 1:7
3. To teach men to put on the whole armor of God. Eph. 6:10-18
4. To build strong relationships in the home, thus creating strong families.
Psa.127:1
5. To bring unity to the Body of Christ. Eph. 4:13, Psa.133:1
6. To teach the holiness of God and how to walk in it. Heb. 12:14
7. To teach men how to walk in victory in the midst of every circumstance.
Eph. 4:24-32, Philippians 2:15-17
8. To put the kingdom of God and His righteousness first. St. Matt 6:33
9. To raise up young champions for the kingdom of God. “Remember thy creator in the days of thy youth.” Ecclesiastes 12:1
10. To help all men see that they have been reconciled by Christ. Gal. 3:22-29
11. To help the Body of Christ see that we must walk in the consciousness of the vision. That we have been joined to the Lord Jesus Christ, he that is joined to the Lord is one Spirit, Jesus said, “I do nothing of myself unless I see my Father do it.” St. John 5: 19-20
12. To open the eyes of all men and to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Christ Jesus. Acts 26:189
13. To present every man mature in Christ according to Col. 1:28
14. To mature the Saints for the work of the ministry.