



## One evening in the dental clinic...

**T**his month in the weekly dental clinic at the Stowe Baptist Center a young woman came in with a cast on her arm. When Dr. Dan Stowe asked her, "What seems to be the problem tonight?" She replied, "I need the other half of these front teeth removed". Of course we asked her what had happened to them. She stated that her "ex" had broken in to her apartment and had beaten her with a baseball bat, including her mouth. Thus the missing teeth and broken arm. With your help we can continue to relieve physical pain through the dental program at Stowe Baptist Center each Monday night.

*"I need the other half of these front teeth removed".*



With your prayers and help we can give people, like this young woman, a hug and a message that there is hope. There is a God who loves her more than she's ever experienced on this earth.

# Giving to Grow testimony...

**Michael Brooks, Pastor/Director of the Stowe Center**

**J**anet and I attended a prayer retreat with my brother's church in Knoxville, TN. We were just trying to 'sneak in' and let the Lord refresh and renew us before we head into the fall schedule at Stowe Baptist Center. No one at the retreat knew who we were, or where we worked--we were simply 'Steve's brother and wife'. We did not attend the retreat to speak or share, but simply to listen.

## *God knows about the Stowe Center relocation!*



On Saturday afternoon a group of people offered to pray with us. The first prayer for me was this, "Michael, you walked in and sat down and we just kind of started to ask God what's going on and I saw you standing under a spotlight..." I won't write the entire manuscript, but suffice it to say: God knows about the Stowe Center relocation! He encouraged Janet & me through others who did not know. After the small group prayer time we shared

with them, perhaps 2 minutes, about the ministries we offer and about God providing a larger facility. I also mentioned I was nervous about securing the \$1.3M to purchase and rehab the facility. That night the pastor called us to the front of the room and prayed that God would see the project to completion. And the pastor stated that as a physical sign of God's approval and support of this ministry a punch bowl would be placed in the back of the room for any one to give to the building program that wanted. We still had not shared with the larger group what type of ministries we do- and never did. No other offerings were collected, not even for their own missionaries who were in attendance. The offering total came to \$956. God is good. If Christian brothers and sisters who are in a different state and members of a different denomination believe in what God wants to do in the inner city of Columbus, how much more we can believe and support what God is doing in our own midst. May God continue to bless the churches of MCBA as we do His will.



**October 14 Giving to Grow Banquet**  
6:30 p.m. @ Genoa Baptist Church  
**Kids' Fest**  
During the banquet at Genoa BC

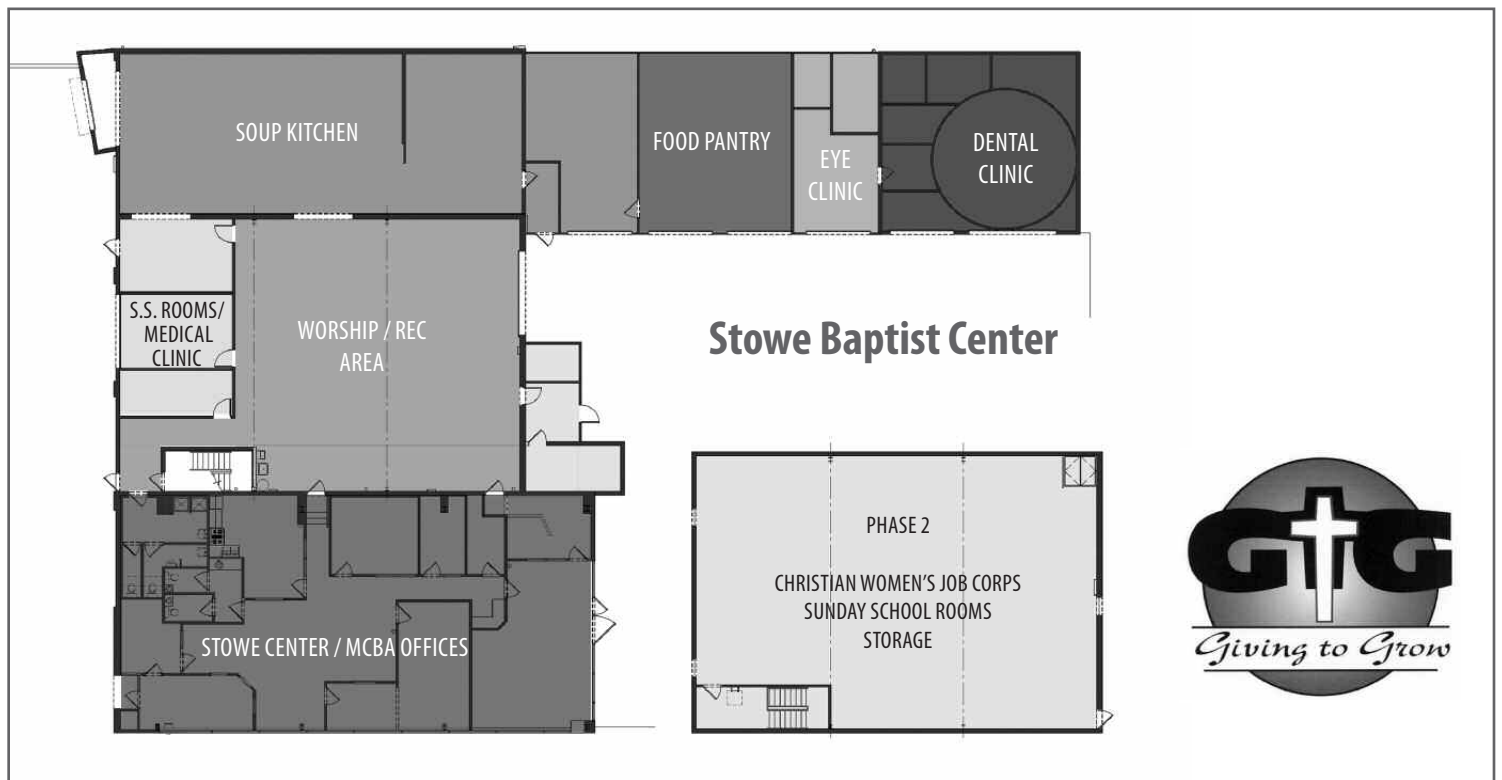
**October 26 Victory Service/Annual Meeting**  
Briggs Road BC  
Annual Meeting/Business Session – 4 p.m.  
Victory Service – 6 p.m.

# Did you know?

**Y**ou, as a member of a church in the Metro Columbus Baptist Association, now own 888 Parsons Avenue! Your trustees 'closed' [signed all the necessary documents] on September 25th and took possession of the building! The building that our churches have prayed and fasted and searched to find has been found! The purchase price was \$629,500. The rehab and other fees will cost about the same, totalling \$1.3M for the building and Phase One of the rehab costs. Giving to Grow is crucial because we cannot use the building for worship, youth/children's activities, dental, soup kitchen, eye clinic, etc. until the phase one rehab is completed. The office, with some minor modifications, should be able to be used sooner,

depending upon an occupancy permit from the city of Columbus. The occupancy for all the other areas depends on a 'change of use' from a body shop to a place where people gather. And the rehab depends on the Giving to Grow campaign.

A future Phase Two will finish the 2nd floor of 888 Parsons, to make room for Christian Women's Job Corps offices and computer lab, two children's Sunday School classrooms, storage space and a space for youth.

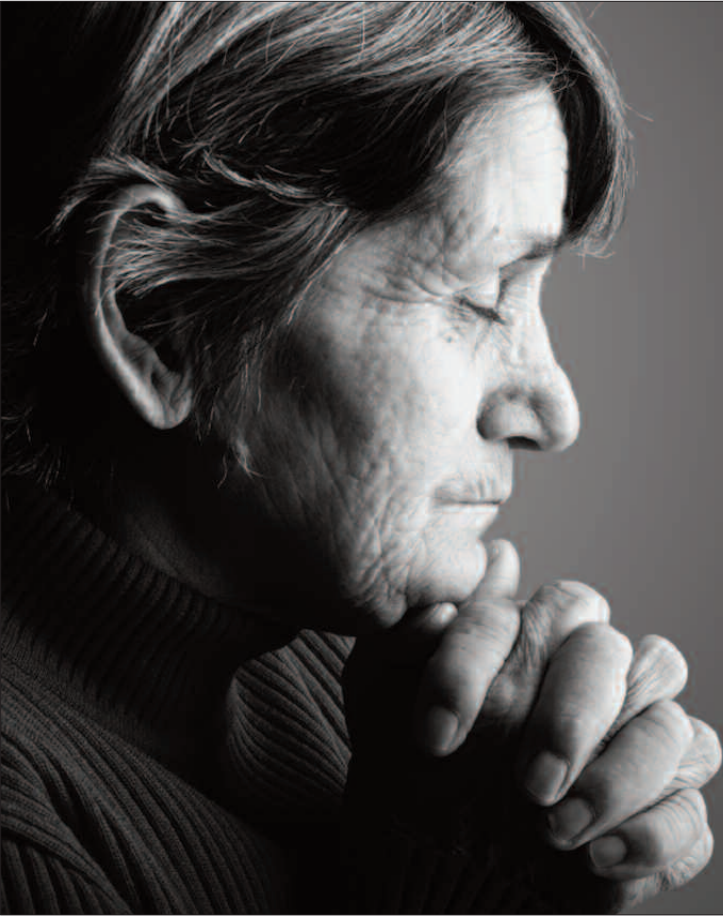


## Reserve Your Place at the Banquet

The Giving to Grow Banquet promises to be one for the history books. Never has our association taken on such a major project...with so many churches included...with this level of financial commitment. It's taking our association to the next level, and is God's preparation for the levels that are to come: a city-wide impact—for every major area of town—in our nation's 15th largest city. Your inner city ministry, the Stowe Center brings credibility to your church. You don't just talk about God's love; you staff, fund and supply a real-time, hands-on, major min-

istry to those who don't have. When asked, "What does your church do in terms of practical ministry?" The answer is two words: Stowe Center.

*To make a reservation for the banquet – either respond to the Banquet Hostess who will be calling for your reservation or call the Associational Office @ 614.230.0250 or e-mail [info@metrocolumnbus.org](mailto:info@metrocolumnbus.org).*



*No amount is too large &  
No amount is too small.*

Each of us has to seek the Lord and ask Him. It's a spiritual journey each of our task force leaders has taken and each has committed to an amount. As you spend time with the Lord and seek His face, He will let you know the right amount for you and your family to invest in the poor and needy in central Ohio—with the purpose of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.



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