

COMMUNITY FOCUS



Above, At the video camera, sound and audio boards are Kathy Caswell, Elliott Mattox, Paul Hardin and Dennis Hunt. Below, a view from the balcony.



Building a dream come true for many

By Judy Judge

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"I've been dreamin' about this for a long time," said an emotional Clay Mynear, Chairman of the Carlisle Christian Church Board, as Bro. Steve Smith, minister, presented to him the shovel used on Apr. 22, 2007 to break ground for the 7,680 square foot Family Life Center dedicated Sunday, Feb. 24.

Approximately 325 attended the dedication service held in the new building. It was a service of praise and thanksgiving to God and to all who have worked so hard to make this dream a reality. "We want this building to be a blessing not only to this church, but to the community as well. God was in this project from the very beginning," said Mynear.

While a few things remain to be finished on the exterior, church members and youth worked diligently to ready the building for Sunday's dedication.

It was an enthusiastic and emotional time for Bro. Steve Smith, minister for the past 21 years, who was heard asking another member of the church staff if he had ever thought she'd live to witness this day. Her reply was, "Never!"

It was a memorable occasion for youth minister, Tony Smith, who sees this new building as an aid to recruit young people and their families, into a church environment.

The building contains three large classrooms and a state-of-the-art sound, audio and video center on the second level.

A four, large meeting room, church office, storage room, restrooms, a large kitchen, gymnasium and stage area occupy the first floor.

Two 9 X 12 feet remote controlled screens are available for Power Point presentations, DVD and television viewing.

Each classroom is equipped with state-of-the-art communication tools for teaching purposes.

An Open House was held that afternoon, where cake and punch were served to a number of folks from the community who came to view the new facilities and wish the church well in their endeavors.



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Carlisle Christian Church minister Bro. Steve Smith presents symbolic shovel, used during ground breaking to Board Chairman, Clay Mynear.

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