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Victory Temple Church moves to new home

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The people at Victory Temple know very well the importance of having a home.

With that in mind, a special dedication service, Dec. 2, celebrated the church's new location at 14203 Wallisville Road.

"We are just excited about being here in the community," said Kevin Taylor, Victory Temple pastor. "We feel like this is where God put us."

The congregation was established in 1941 on Texarkana Street in Houston. Then, it was known as Houston No. 2 Church of God. Under the leadership of the Rev. R.D. Ashcraft, the church's growth was so great that they had to move to Harbor Street, where the church changed its name to Harbor Street Church of God.

In 1958, pies were sold to help fund the building's bricks, sheetrock, carpet and air-conditioning. The pastor at that time was W. R. Collins, who was instrumental in finishing the much needed upgrades to the church. The last brick was placed by Ashcraft's father, "Pop."

Later, in 1972, land was purchased and the church moved to Ashland Street in Channelview, and the name was changed again, this time to Woodforest Church of God, and still later, to Woodforest Worship Center.

During the tenure of the Rev. Phillip Meadows as pastor, the church added its sanctuary and built a fellowship hall in the back of the church.

When Taylor and his wife, Diana, arrived in 1990, they led the congregation in a building program. The result was the Victory Center, a multi-function building with a gym, kitchen, classrooms and evangelist quarters. It was then the church changed its name once again to its present name, Victory Temple.

In May, a door opened for the church to expand its horizons toward a new location.

"God blessed us as we were able to burn the note on the property," Taylor said. "He then opened doors for us to purchase more property with an existing building which allowed us to expand our borders."

The church's new home includes a large sanctuary with two video screens, a kitchen, a nursery for toddlers and infants, an office for staff members and a pastor's office.

During the dedication service, the Rev. Dan Boling, Texas state overseer for the Church of God, and the Rev. Tim Hill, general overseer, were guest speakers.

Former pastor Robert Cannon and his wife, Sylvia, were in attendance, as was Precinct 3 Constable Ken Jones and his wife, Pat.

"We are a church for all cultures," Taylor said. "Everyone is welcome to come and visit. There are a lot of good days ahead of us."

More information about the church is available by calling 281-458-4001.