



The Birth of Red Bank Fellowship Church: A 47-Day Journey of Faith **(A Global Methodist Church)**

We invite you to read the story of a 47-day journey - a journey of a faithful group seeking to worship God as He intended in Scripture. This is a story of renewed passion for worship, a commitment to making disciples of Jesus Christ, and a new beginning for a family of believers who found themselves displaced but undeterred.

Can you imagine starting a church entirely from scratch in just forty-seven days? That's exactly what happened! When hearts are fully committed to serving God rather than man, extraordinary things become possible. This is the story of how Red Bank Fellowship Church came to life - a beacon of hope for believers who, feeling betrayed and disillusioned by recent changes within the United Methodist Church (UMC), chose to take a stand.

Red Bank UMC members could no longer reconcile with the unbiblical direction of the UMC leadership. The time had come to act: to step out in faith... walk away from the familiar, and build something new that would glorify God and make disciples of Jesus Christ.

On January 15, 2025, twelve devoted disciples from Red Bank UMC gathered in a meeting that would set their future in motion. United in purpose, they resolved to break free from the uncertainty and division that had cast a shadow over their church. They knew that to move forward, they would have to leave behind their church building, its resources, and the comfort it provided - a place that had once been their sanctuary in life's storms. It was a heartbreaking but necessary step, driven by their trust in God's leading and sustained by prayer. And God was faithful! Working together, supporting one another, and watching doors open through His provision, Red Bank Fellowship Church held its very first service on March 2, 2025 - exactly forty-seven days after that initial meeting. The timing was deeply significant: forty-seven days marks the period from Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, to Easter Sunday. From the ashes, a new church arose - a community renewed and eager for growth in the Holy Spirit.

That first Sunday, 212 people gathered at our temporary worship space at Saxe Gotha Elementary School, attending both contemporary and traditional services. Though we had left behind a multi-million-dollar building, we stood firm in our commitment to uphold scriptural teachings on ethics, morals, and sexuality.

Since then, we've grown steadily. Around 200 people attend our services each week, and on April 20, Easter Sunday — only our eighth week as a congregation — we were blessed to welcome 275 worshipers. God's hand has clearly been at work.

Join Us in Building the Future of Red Bank Fellowship Church

God has already done amazing things in our first 47 days — but this is just the beginning. As we look ahead, securing a permanent home is our next crucial step in creating a place where lives are transformed, children are discipled, and the love of Christ reaches our community.

Will you be part of this mission?

We invite you to prayerfully consider **a special, one-time, tax-deductible gift** that will help us purchase property and lay the foundation for generations to come. Your generosity today will help ensure that Red Bank Fellowship Church continues to shine as a light for those seeking truth, hope, and authentic worship.

Suggested gift amounts: ✓

- ☐ \$500
- ☐ \$1,000
- ☐ A larger amount God puts on your heart.

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Every gift makes a difference — and with your help, we will continue growing as a vital, Spirit-filled congregation for many years to come. Thank you for your support, your prayers, and your partnership in this exciting new chapter.

Reverend Dr. Clay Faulk

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