



CAMBRIDGE FAMILIES and FRIENDS:

This past Saturday was a wonderful day of hard work, fellowship and meeting and making new friends. It was a Cambridge Workday at our new location in Plant City. We had a wonderful turnout of students, parents, faculty, alumni and others who wanted to help. Also in attendance were members of the Plant City Cornerstone board, all members of First Baptist Church in Plant City. They treated us to a nice lunch of sandwiches, chips, cookies, iced tea and lemonade. We had lunch and great fellowship, sharing stories about Cambridge and the building we will occupy sometime this coming year. As you can see from the "before and after" pictures, there was a great deal of work to do. Much of the clutter was trash, but some was portions of the building, much of it beautiful pine flooring, that will be used in its restoration. All these materials were carried down stairways and deposited in designated locations. These rooms, large and small, will be used for classrooms, libraries, study rooms, a darkroom, an arts lab, faculty studies and a film room.

The wood floors will be refinished, the walls and ceilings will be plastered (no drywall) and painted, and air conditioning will be fixed or installed. At that point the building will be ready for occupancy. In August we will be holding an open house so you can see the building Cambridge will soon call home. We hope that you will want to get involved in helping us get our rooms ready for occupancy. (Until the building is ready, we will continue meeting at Covenant Presbyterian in Lakeland.) Hopefully we can occupy the building sometime in the fall. Please pray that renovation will proceed quickly and smoothly.

One room you don't see in these pictures is a beautifully restored sanctuary that seats 400. Plans for that room include music recitals, theatre productions, guest speakers, community seminars, convocations, conferences and more. We are hoping to serve a larger population by moving to Plant City, which is located midway between Lakeland and Tampa/St. Pete. We had workday participation from both communities. Both communities have been involved in Cambridge classes for many years. We are praying that this involvement significantly increases. Soon we will be moving Cambridge furniture, equipment and books into the basement of our new location. We will need further help when this happens. Additionally, we will need couches, overstuffed chairs, tables and other furniture, so think of us when you have items available. And please continue to pray for us as Cambridge continues to grow in its ministry to the central Florida community.

Warmest regards,
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