



# *The Summit Of Fort Payne*

*God's Sanctuary for Hope and Healing*

A dream has been brewing for several years to provide a home for women who are struggling with life controlling problems. A safe place where women could go for hope and healing.

Several women from various local churches in our surrounding area have served as ministers in the DeKalb County Jail over a couple of decades. We have seen many of these women's lives changed through teaching the Word of God. However, for many women they continue to cycle in and out of the jail because for most of them they have burned bridges with family and friends and have no where to go but back to the "dope house" or spouses that use drugs.



On several occasions the ministers have met to brainstorm ways to provide a home for these women to break the perpetual cycle of addiction. There have been prayer group meetings fervently praying about a solution to this great need. God heard our prayers on behalf of these desperate women.

The Summit of Fort Payne is owned by the Truett Cathy family, founder of Chick-fil-A. Our group created a video and a proposal to submit to the Cathy Foundation and within a few days, we got a call that Chick-fil-A representatives wanted to come meet with us on Thursday, July 28, 2016 at The Summit.

Roy Jones, Director Cathy Family Office and Alex Dominquez, Real Estate Cathy Family Office, came from Atlanta representing the Cathy Foundation to meet with us and hear our proposal. These two men were not just businessmen representing Chick-fil-A, they were men of God passionate for ministry and had been entrusted by Truett Cathy, deceased in 2014, to carry out his vision to invest in ministries for God's Kingdom purposes.

After our presentation, they adjourned the meeting for a few minutes and went into Mr. Cathy's bedroom at the Summit to discuss and pray for wisdom. When they came back out to rejoin our group, they paused and said, "We are going to give you the property". At that moment, the presence of the Holy Spirit fell so powerfully in the room and we erupted in tears, thanksgiving and praise. They stated that they believed that without a doubt we would succeed with God's help, of course, and that lives would be changed forever and Christ would be glorified. Mr. Jones later stated in an email, "it is impossible to describe the joy and anointing that fell on the room...it was a time where we all experienced God's joy and the Holy Spirit's presence in a tangible way. It was one of the highlights of my life".

The Summit will be a sanctuary set apart as a refuge for God "to console those who mourn in Zion, to give beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness that they may be called trees of righteousness the planting of the Lord that He may be glorified" Isaiah 61:3. To God be the glory. This is the beginning of something enormous for the Kingdom of God and for the lives of countless women and their families. We will offer a highly structured 12 month recovery program of hope and healing staffed with trained professionals and mentors.

It is time for the Church to enter into the dark reality of the pain of addiction. The Executive Session of The DeKalb Baptist Association consisting of 67 churches under the direction of Ken Allen, DOM, voted to partner with our ministry to carry out this vision.

The Summit is a 16,000 square foot home along with two other homes on 96 acres in Fort Payne. Our ministry is a faith-based ministry and it will take God's army to be the feet and hands to come alongside us. We are so excited about the privilege of visibly seeing God perform a miracle on behalf of women struggling with addictions.

Please be in prayer as we continue to work diligently to get all the necessary legal paperwork completed and as we begin to staff the Summit. We are so excited and ready to start placing women in this wonderful home and begin the journey of seeing God transform lives!

Debbie Garner, Executive Director  
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### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Volunteer
  - Plumbers/Electricians/Carpenters/Lawn Care
  - Teachers – GED classes/Mentors/Bible Study Teachers/Crafts - Quilting
  - Drivers to take ladies to court, doctor's appointments, DHR meetings
  - Cooks – ladies' groups come in - prepare a meal/bring a meal & fellowship with the ladies
- Partner with us by investing financially in the lives of these women through sponsorship
- Become a monthly investor - \$20, \$30, \$50, or other amount \$\_\_\_\_\_
- As a small group or Sunday School Class commit to giving \$50 per month by taking up offerings
- Change for Change - Place a box in the vestibule of the church for members to place their pockets change
- Take a box/jar to work and challenge your coworkers to give \$1.00 per week

Please fill out and mail to: The Summit of Fort Payne, P. O. Box 215, Rainsville, Alabama 35986

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ I would like to give \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month
- ☐ I would like to make a one-time donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I would like to volunteer - please contact me via the above email address
- ☐ I would like for you to speak at our church/club/organization/small group/Sunday School Class
- ☐ I would like to be a Prayer Partner

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