

Saving the Davis Auditorium

Lancaster Camp Ground is
in the process of raising
funds for the preservation.



The Auditorium was built in 1895 using railroad wood bridge trusses with no interior supports, allowing an unobstructed view from any pew. The building is an engineering marvel. It is the center of the grounds and eight streets radiate out from that hub. It seated approximately 3,000 people and when the Camp Meetings were in full swing it was standing room only. Swing open lever windows allowed overflow crowds to be a part of the service even if the standing room spilled outside. People listened to renowned speakers such as Billy Sunday and were blessed by musical talents such as Curt and Charlotte Davis.

The Davis's held a nightly music radio program that was broadcast from the Davis Auditorium. The building was named in their honor when they retired after 30 years in the late 1970's. This is just a few of the ministries that touched lives in the Davis Auditorium over the years.

Unfortunately time has taken a toll on the aging structure. In the fall of 2006 the building was deemed unsafe and was closed until renovation could be done. Support towers were temporarily installed for safety. Several engineering firms were contacted and a plan was put into place.

The next step is raising the large amount that is needed to complete the task. Estimates have been placed at approximately \$500,000 and efforts to raise funds are underway. It is a daunting task for a small group of residents but as the banner on the stage of the Auditorium reminds us,

“Be Still and Know That I Am God”

We are working hard and keeping the faith that funds will come in and the Auditorium will once again be filled with uplifting sounds of God's message being spread in word and in song.

Please keep this urgent need in your prayers.

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