

Lingle Hut

Davidson, NC

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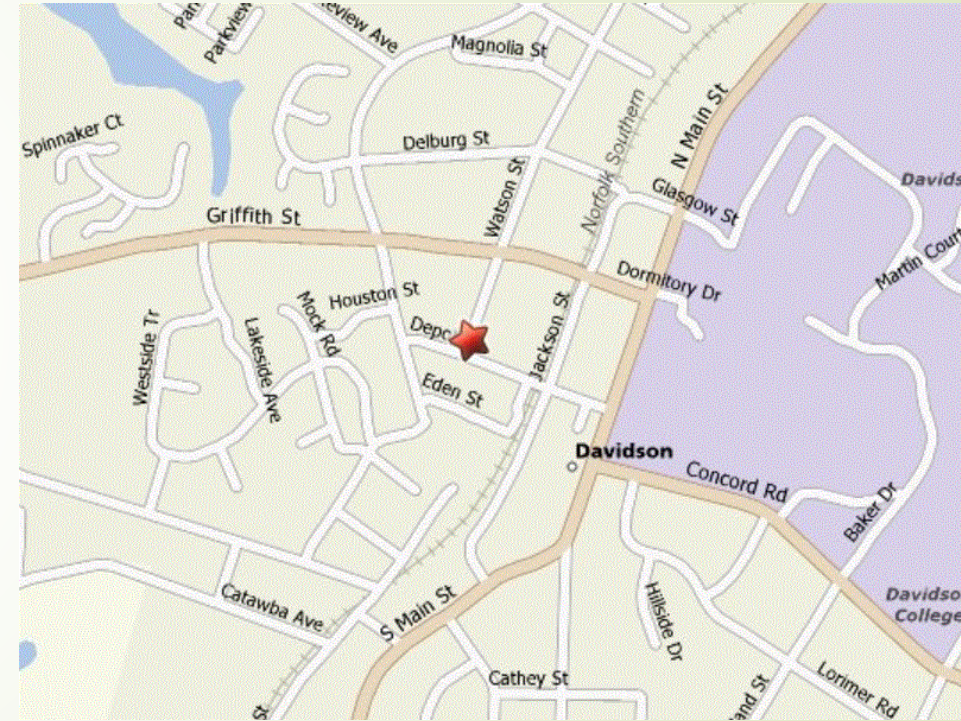
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Lingle Hut ca 1933



History

- Part of Reeves Temple AME Zion
 - Founded over 120 years ago
 - Moved to current site in 1966
- Lingle Hut built in 1932
 - Part of "Mill Chapel" serving west side mill workers
 - Later renamed Unity Church (1932)
- Reeves Temple bought property in 1966
- Named after Walter Lingle
 - Davidson College President
 - Son donated funds to help Reeves Temple purchase the church campus on one condition: rename the Unity Cabin the Lingle Hut



➤ Part of Davidson history for nearly a century



Historical Significance

- “Rustic Revival” style construction
- Construction of this type occurred only from late 1920's-1930's
- One of **four** left in Mecklenburg County
- Communally built (vs architected)
 - “Men cut timber Saturday morning, held fish fry in the afternoon”
 - “Women cut bark from logs to ready (logs) for construction”

“The Lingle Hut represents the social history of Davidson during the Great Depression, and is one of the few buildings in Mecklenburg County to do so.”

-- Charlotte Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission

In Its Heyday...



➤ Served as the social hall for Reed's Temple

The Need...

- Preserve an historically significant structure
- Serve an aging congregation
 - Limited funds (unable to repair L.H.)
 - Limited mobility
- Create opportunity for additional ministries
 - Hot meals
 - Clothes closet
 - Knitting classes
 - Christmas in Davidson

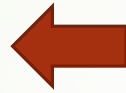


➤ **Restore an historic gathering place...that can still serve the community**

Current Situation



Settling & potential
termite damage



Significant
interior
damage



➡ A significant challenge...

Efforts & Plan

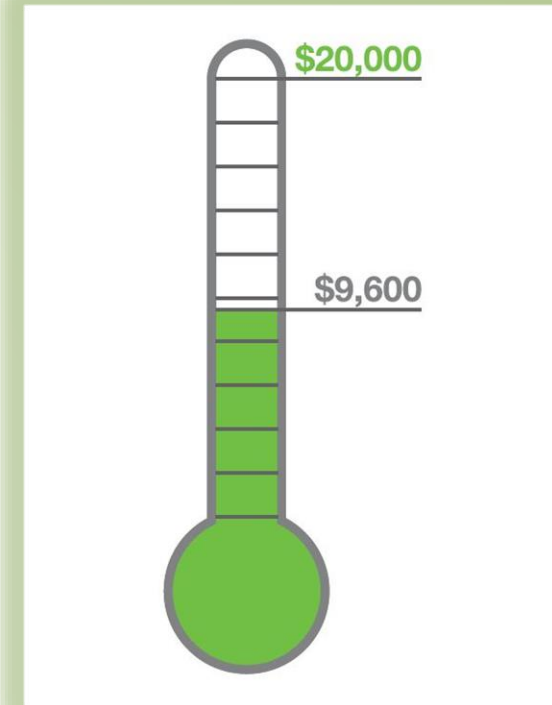
➤ Work Plan

- Stabilize & repair foundation
- Replace roof
- Interior work as trades and funds allow

➤ Fundraising Plan

- Carnival – Oct 13th
- Donate a brick effort - Fall
- Gala- Davidson College Archives

➤ Funds in place by EOY...



The Ask

- Publicity
- Sign variance
 - On Griffith St for Carnival
 - On property



➤ A significant challenge... but a unique opportunity



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