

# Calvary Assembly of God

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### **Calvary Assembly of God frees up finances for front-line ministries**

Craig T. Owens, Senior Pastor of Calvary Assembly of God (CAG), announced the church will sell its building and accompanying six acres located at 17 Mile Road in Solon Township to 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance School, a nonprofit for at-risk youth that will combine biblical lessons and traditional subjects with the care and training of horses.

CAG, in turn, will rent space Cedar Springs Public Schools for its Sunday and Wednesday services. Moving to Cedar Springs is a hand-in-glove fit for the focus of its extensive outreach.

"We are already so involved in activities in Cedar Springs, including Earth Day cleanups, the En Gedi Youth Center, Chamber of Commerce, and the list goes on," Owens said. "It seemed like we could be an even bigger blessing to our city if we were closer."

Owens said there are both practical and faith-based reasons the building was sold to 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance School.

"We have a hard time justifying paying for the full-time maintenance on a building in Solon Township that is only used a couple of days each week," Owens said. "By only paying for the space we are using, it will free up finances to go to front-line ministries."

Owens said these front-line ministries could include temporary housing for at-risk, transitional families, greater financial support of local charities, as well as support for international missions work.

"We would be interested in owning another building at some time, only if it could be something like an around-the-clock ministry center," Owens said. "Until that opportunity presents itself, we will rent from CSPS."

### **ABOUT CRAIG T. OWENS AND CALVARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

Owens has been the Senior Pastor of Calvary Assembly of God for six years. Prior to his pastorate, he previously was director of the Fa-Ho-Lo Camp & Conference Center in Grass Lake, Mich. for three years. CAG is affiliated with the Assemblies of God, the world's largest Pentecostal denomination with over 384,000 ministers and outstations in more than 212 countries and territories serving approximately 67.5 million adherents worldwide. Member denominations are independent and autonomous but share beliefs and history.