

History of NCC

The Neighborhood Christian Center is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization formed by a group of Jackson residents in 1991. NCC was officially incorporated in 1991 and received its non-profit status in June, 1992. The original board members were members of the Mission to Jackson Committee from First Presbyterian Church and leadership & oversight was provided by JoeAnn and Monroe Ballard, founders of the Neighborhood Christian Center in Memphis. The first tutoring sites were on North State Street, at 2nd Temple Christ Holiness USA on Lily Street, and at Camp Pioneer in Rankin County.

In 1993, NCC moved its office to the Primos building on Fortification Street and began partnering with First Presbyterian Church to serve individuals & families in need in the neighborhood. After the Primos building caught fire, the Nazarene Church offered their church building on Ash Street to NCC to use for its new headquarters. The new Ash Street location immediately became a Thursday afternoon tutoring site for neighborhood children. In 1995, Elder James E. Turner, Sr. joined the NCC staff as NCC's Executive Director. Under his leadership, (95-present) NCC has continued its partnership with local churches and was able to increase its after-school tutoring program to include multiple sites around Jackson and has expanded to include a variety of summer programs to over 200 students. In addition to our educational programs to children, NCC has also increased its Christmas mercy ministry program to annually provide over 750 boxes of food to families in need in its community.