

Northside Baptist Church Glows With Delight After Completing Energy Efficiency Upgrades

When a church member heard about how nonprofits can benefit from Dominion Energy Virginia's Small Business Improvement Program, Northside Baptist Church jumped right in to participate. By replacing old lighting with efficient LED fixtures and sealing leaky ducts, the church will realize energy and cost savings for many years to come.

THE OPPORTUNITY

Northside Baptist Church is part of the Dover Baptist Association that has served the community in Mechanicsville for over 110 years. When a church member learned about the rebates offered in the Small Business Improvement Program, they knew that their participation would be a prudent choice.

The church hired two participating program contractors, Electrical & Lighting Solutions, Inc. and U.S. Energy Conservation, to upgrade 217 LED fixtures and seal ducts connecting 6 HVAC systems. Upon project completion, these upgrades delivered large energy savings and a rebate covering the full cost of service, which enabled Northside Baptist Church to optimize their budget efficiently.

SAVINGS AT A GLANCE

- **Programs completed:** Small Business Improvement Program (Duct Testing & Sealing and Lighting Upgrade Measures)
- **Incentives paid:** \$12,757.50
- **Estimated annual energy savings:** Up to 56,000 kWh, which is approximately 36 percent of energy use

PROGRAM BENEFITS

The Small Business Improvement Program provides customers with an on-site energy assessment of their facility. Qualifying customers can receive rebate incentives for making energy efficiency improvements identified during the assessment. Eligible measures include duct testing and sealing, HVAC tune-up, HVAC and lighting upgrades.



"We were beyond impressed with the level of service we received from the contractors. They gave the utmost respect to our facility and ensured minimum disruption to our church activities. Now that the work is complete, our sanctuary has a wonderful glow, and none of our members has to risk their life changing light bulbs for a long time! We highly recommend this program to other nonprofits. Not only will it bring cost savings, we will also become better stewards of the environment."

— *Dr. Jeff Scott*
Senior Pastor
Northside Baptist Church