

48-month project plan focused solely on **restoring the Seay Chapel structure**, with the **main issue being cleanup and roof truss repair**.

48-Month Restoration Plan – Seay Chapel (Alexandria, TN)

Primary Objectives:

- Clean up and secure the chapel structure
 - Assess and repair the damaged roof truss system
 - Restore Seay Chapel as a historical community landmark
 - Raise funds and engage community support throughout
 - It is acknowledged that there is also sewer work that is required to be done, however that will be secondary to the initial stability of the church and be planned for.
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Phase 1: Site Assessment & Planning (Months 1–6)

Goals: Evaluate current condition and develop restoration roadmap

- Conduct historical research and compile existing documentation
 - Engage local historians, tradespeople, and community leaders
 - Clear overgrown vegetation and debris from building exterior
 - Hire a structural engineer to assess roof truss and overall stability
 - Secure building from trespassing and weather damage
 - Form a restoration committee to guide long-term efforts
 - Begin internal clean up
 - Investigate cost of temporary outhouses to be placed at the church to accommodate work for church and cemetery.
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Phase 2: Stabilization (Months 7–12)

Goals: Prevent further deterioration while raising funds

- Remove hazardous materials or damaged sections posing immediate risk
 - Ensure Roof is not currently leaking, and if so prevent further damage to interior
 - Host initial community awareness event (open house, cleanup day, info session)
 - Begin fundraising efforts (donation drives, sponsorships, grant applications)
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Phase 3: Engineering & Repair Planning (Months 13–18)

Goals: Finalize restoration design and contractor selection

- Review engineer's final report and proposed roof truss repair method
 - Solicit bids from contractors
 - Develop phased construction plan and detailed budget
 - Obtain necessary permits and approvals
 - Continue fundraising and donor engagement
 - Launch project website or updates page
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Phase 4: Structural Repairs (Months 19–30)

Goals: Begin construction work on primary structural issues

- Rebuild or reinforce roof trusses per engineering recommendations
 - Replace or repair roof decking, shingles, and drainage
 - Evaluate and restore wall integrity if compromised
 - Ensure structure is sealed from water intrusion
 - Perform mid-project inspection and progress reporting
 - Highlight milestones with community events or updates
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Phase 5: Interior Restoration & Utilities (Months 31–40)

Goals: Prepare chapel for long-term use and preservation

- Repair damaged flooring, wall boards, or interior framing
 - Refinish woodwork, repaint using historically appropriate colors
 - Install minimal modern utilities if required (lighting, security, ventilation)
 - Consider accessibility upgrades (if appropriate and feasible)
 - Finalize signage or interpretive material about chapel's history
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Phase 6: Final Touches & Rededication (Months 41–48)

Goals: Beautification, community reintroduction, and long-term planning

- Final cleanup and landscaping surrounding the structure
- Host grand reopening or rededication event
- Document restoration project for archives and publicity
- Establish maintenance plan and possible community programming
- Apply for historic designation or recognition if not already obtained
- Transition into ongoing stewardship phase

Key Milestones to Track

- ☒ Site cleaned and secured (Month 3)
 - ☒ Roof truss assessment complete (Month 6)
 - ☒ Funding target achieved (Month 24)
 - ☒ Roof truss repairs finished (Month 30)
 - ☒ Full restoration complete and chapel reopened (Month 48)
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