



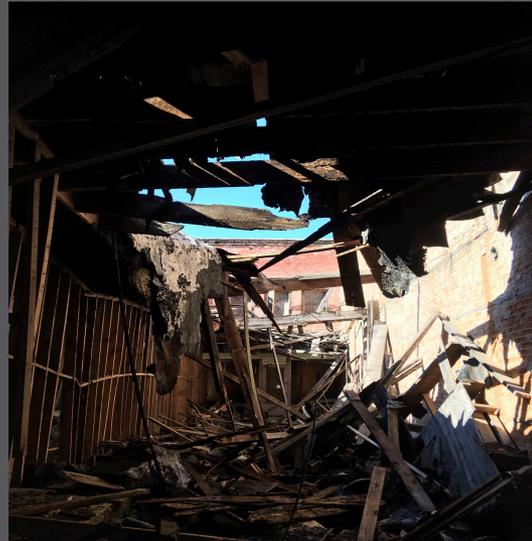
**CAFÉ CONVERSATION WITH**  
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**SAVING MAIN STREET**  
**Preservation Rocky Mount**



“Preservation does not mean merely the setting aside of thousands of buildings as museum pieces. It means retaining the culturally valuable structures as useful objects: A home in which human beings live, a building in the service of some commercial or community purpose. Such preservation ensures structural integrity, relates the preserved object to the life of the people around it, and not least, it makes preservation a source of positive financial gain rather than another expense.”

Lady Bird Johnson

WE ARE THE REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH



**WHAT SHALL WE CALL OURSELVES HERE ON MAIN STREET**

*Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach; the restorer of Streets to live in.*

*Isaiah*









## INVESTING IN PRESERVATION

THANK YOU  
TO THESE ANGELS UNAWARE

In the past few decades, there has been increasing recognition and study of the value brought to an economy by historic preservation efforts which preserve beautiful things and give them new life when adapted for re-use in our communities. The restored buildings, and the inputs required to restore them, have the power to revitalize those communities in the process.



If you have eyes to see past the broken glass and boarded facades, if you look up as I do, you will see what I see. Commercial architecture holding the heart beat and stories of Rocky Mount.

“You must learn how to extract things of value out of things that seems totally worthless.” — Pastor Adeaia Sunday



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I am borrowing a thought from a Winston Churchill speech to Congress aimed at bringing the US into the war.

- *for our own safety and for the good of all, it would be a wise plan to renew our efforts in creating an effective alliance across the board, regardless of politics or race, in order to walk together in majesty into the future.* Churchill's words inspired a standing ovation.

We need a united alliance which will bring renewed energy to our revitalization efforts to save our Main Street architectural assets and preserve our story.