

# Aftermath Pictures of a \$3M Fire Altoona Church

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**May 6, 2007** -- A Sunday afternoon fire at the Altoona Alliance church along 17th Street appears to be suspicious and still under investigation by ATF and the Pennsylvania State Fire Marshals office.



Parishioners were in the church late Sunday afternoon when the fire alarm sounded. As parishioners were busy inspecting the church for fire, a passerby from a nearby Lowes came running to the church to warn of smoke and flames, which were visible from outside of the church.

According to an undisclosed parish parishioner, the church, which was very large and of recent construction, was completely gutted by the fire. The parish may be underinsured and unable to have the church replaced.

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