

## **PBC BUILDINGS, LAND, FINANCES, BUDGET, CEMETERY**

### **1810**

Deeds show that Lewis Freeman owned at least 13 parcels in Pittsboro, some of which were located on Salisbury Street and stretched to Fayetteville Street — across from St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, including the site of the current Pittsboro Baptist Church. At the time, those streets were considered the "main streets" in the town, according to the records. He also owned 20 acres elsewhere in the county. Lewis Freeman was a free black man who first appeared on the 1810 census in Pittsboro. (Taken from Chatham Record article)

### **1817**

Our cornerstone inscription: BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED 1817

### **1845**

The Pittsboro Baptist Church was constituted in 1845 and admitted to the Sandy Creek Baptist Association in 1850 as "newly constituted."

In 1845 or 1846, the few brethren of the Baptist faith in the community of Pittsboro banded together and resolved to build and organize a church. It was constituted by Elders William Lineberry and George Purefoy. By Feb 2, 1847, they had made plans for the erection of a Meeting House. The building committee consisted of "three consecrated members who had faith enough to give bond, binding themselves, their heirs, executors, or administrators. These far-sighted men were: R.C. Poe, John Thompson, and P.W. Dowd." The contractors who accepted the bid for building this Meeting House for the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1200.00) were Wesley Hanks and Martin Hanks, natives of Pittsboro. The first meeting house was finished at a cost of \$1200.00. After completion of the building, the church did not progress, nor the membership increase as would naturally be expected. For a while, the debt of the building bore heavily on the members. Through the agency of Elder Thomas S. Yarboro, this debt was extinguished. Purefoy's History of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association has the following to say regarding this period: "If the Baptists in and near the village had united with this church and been liberal in sustaining an efficient minister, things would have taken a more favorable turn. Some of those that resided in the town did not unite with the church. As may have been expected, a portion of their children have united with the Pedo-baptists. This might no doubt have been prevented, if their parents had understood the divine mission of the Baptists and discharged their duty in laboring to build up the cause of truth." Several months after the church was completed, a severe windstorm raised the roof of the church and due to a lack of membership, the roof was not repaired. For several years, the Meeting House was home to livestock as the church was disbanded.

### **1874**

July 29, 1874—Biblical Recorder article stating the condition of Baptists in Pittsboro. (Appendix A, Article 1A)

Sept 23—Biblical Recorder article with the Sandy Creek Association reporting the need for a pastor in Pittsboro. (Appendix A, Article 1B)

### **1878**

Not until 1878 did the church fully recover, the church being reorganized and remodeled with a membership of nine. Two couples and their five children, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Foushee and three of their daughters, Emma, Annie and Susie; and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Henley and two of their daughters, Nannie and Ella were the nine members.

March 20—Biblical Recorder article mentioning restoration of the first meeting house and statewide plea for financial assistance to finish the repairs. (Appendix A, Article 2)

**1879**

Sept. 17—Biblical Recorder article mentioning the restoration of the first meeting house and search for a pastor. This article also mentions the name of Bro. J. Tysor who may have assisted with the restoration of the original meeting house. (Appendix A, Article 3)

**1880**

May 5—Biblical Recorder article announcing the reorganization of a Baptist Church in Pittsboro on Saturday, 4/17/1880. The Meeting began on Friday night and ran through Sunday. A gift from Mrs. W. F. Foushee was presented to the church. The gift was a communion service consisting of a pitcher, 2 goblets, 2 plates, 2 linen tablecloths, and a marble top table. This service is currently in the history room. For much more detail, please see Appendix A, Article 4. This article also describes the communion service conducted in the bedroom of Mrs. W. F. Foushee as she was believed to be on her deathbed. She died May 25, 1880 at the age of 39.

**1882**

The church had been re-established sufficiently to entertain the annual Sandy Creek Baptist Association Meeting.

**1909**

Dec 22---Biblical Recorder article related to the addition of two Sunday School classrooms. (Appendix A, Article 5).

**1918**

Jan. 16---Biblical Recorder article detailing increase in pastor's salary from \$240 to \$300 per month. (Appendix A, Article 6).

**1923**

Feb 21—In church conference, "Bro. Wrenn stated that he had purchased the F. P. Nooe lot adjoining the church property on the west for the sum of \$2,500.00 and that the church could have it at same, if they wanted it. On motion of Bro. W. L. Farrell, the church voted that they wanted the F. P. Nooe property for a pastor's home and that the trustees be empowered to buy this property for the church." A committee consisting of Mrs. Jack Thompson, Miss Elizabeth Chapin and Mrs. J. S. Wrenn was appointed to solicit funds for the pastor's home.

March 28—In PBC regular church conference, "On motion of Bro. J. S. Wrenn, the church endorsed the action of the trustees of the church in securing the balance of the money from the Bank of Pittsboro by note and buying the property of F. P. Nooe, west of the church property for Pastor's home. Motion was carried."

**1932-36**

During the pastorate of Rev. T. Y. Seymour, the old church was renovated with the addition of ten Sunday School classrooms.

**1936**

Feb 26---The church voted to increase the pastor's salary by \$10.00 per month.

**1937**

Oct 20—Motion carried in conference to make necessary financial arrangements needed to install water and equip the pastor's home with a bathroom. It was also decided to rent the pastor's home for \$17.00 a month until these expenses were paid in full. W. W. Finlator was pastor and was not living in Pittsboro.

**1939**

June 18---Pittsboro Baptist Church voted to join other Baptist Churches of the state in the organization of the Ministers Retirement Plan of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

**1943**

Nov 12---The church voted to build a new worship center, however, since World War II was in progress, plans were postponed until a more proper time.

**1944**

Nov. 12—Conference was held, at which time a vote was taken as to the advisability of building a new house of worship. The motion to build was made and carried with two dissenting votes. An advisory committee was selected as follows: Mr. V. R. Johnson, Mr. C. E. Jones, Mr. G. H. Andrews, Rev. K. E. Bryant.

**1945**

May 13—One Sunday each month was set aside for a building fund collection.

**1946**

Dec. 8—Rev. J. M. Page, church architect of Raleigh met with the church membership in conference on Sunday morning to discuss the plans for building a new church. “He spoke from the pulpit and emphasized the importance of prayer—pointing out that faith and prayer is the foundation for church building and that no fears need to enter into the building program if the membership is in such an attitude.” Chairman of Deacons presented the deacons’ recommendation that the new church be built on the present lot. Motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendation. There was no discussion and the vote passed unanimously.

**1947**

June 22---In conference, the church voted to instruct the Building Committee to proceed with the new building at the earliest time they could secure a builder and materials.

Dec 27—At church conference, report given of “findings of architects as to room to build on present church lot by Mr. V. R. Johnson. He reported there is not room to build on present location and that the church accept the lot owned by Bro. Farrell to move the parsonage on, and that the church be built on present parsonage lot and beautify the present church lot.” Motion carried unanimously after contentious discussion.

**1948**

Feb 22—Church conference to review plans submitted by the architect. A motion was made and seconded to proceed with plans. Vote was taken by standing. 44 for motion and 5 against motion. Suggestion was made by Mr. Farrell “that all the church cooperate or run into difficulties later.” Motion by W. L. Farrell, seconded by V. R. Johnson that all contributions until April 1 go into Building Fund. Voted and carried unanimously.”

May---The old church building was torn down and a new modern church sanctuary and educational plant was begun at a cost of \$80,000.00 plus more than \$18,000.00 for new church equipment. The new educational building contained 17 rooms, a full basement and a kitchen.

June 1—Groundbreaking for the new church.

Oct 3—Ceremonies for the laying of the cornerstone for the new Pittsboro Baptist Church was held at 9:30am on Sunday morning. Rev. K. E. Bryant brought the message. Inscription on the cornerstone of the old church read, “Baptist Church organized 1817” and bore the date May 20, 1847. This cornerstone was placed in the exterior wall of the new church building.

## **1949**

March 13—First service in the new church. The new Pittsboro Baptist Church, erected at approximate cost of \$80,000., was formally opened on Sunday March 13, 1949. “Around 400 church members and invitees heard addresses by Dr. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill, the Rev. K. E. Bryant, pastor, and other church leaders. The main auditorium including choir loft and balcony, has a seating capacity of from 400 to 450. The three-story educational plant contains 17 rooms, a kitchen and basement space for social activities. A central heating plant, (oil) heats the church and educational bldg.” Rev K. E. Bryant was in his eighth year as pastor of PBC. Dr. Greer was the former Superintendent of Thomasville Orphanage and was currently serving at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

April 3—Church conference—Vote passed unanimously to borrow \$35,000.00 to finance the new church building. This was \$10,000.00 more than the church membership had previously agreed upon just one month before. The conference minutes read as if this loan amount of \$35,000.00 was secured instead of the agreed upon amount of \$25,000.00 and then brought to the membership afterwards for approval. “The resolution was adopted by the Conference on March 20, 1949, authorizing the Trustees to borrow from Security Life and Trust Company, the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand (\$25,000.00) and securing such indebtedness by a first mortgage lien upon the church property. It has been definitely ascertained by the Trustees that such sum is insufficient, (by the Board of Deacons, by the Building Committee, and by the Trustees) that it was necessary to borrow an additional sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to pay off and discharge the outstanding indebtedness; whereupon, the Trustees on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1949, executed in the name of the church a promissory note in the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars(\$35,000.00)” in lieu of \$25,000.00 authorized in the resolution of the church conference March 20, 1949.

May 22—Special church conference called prior to the Sunday School session. “Rev. Bryant stated the reason for the called conference was to work out a pledge system for the members as it seemed necessary to know how much money could be depended on, as there were certain obligations to be met monthly. V. R. Johnson, chairman of the Board of Deacons stated that the deacons recommended ‘an every member canvas.’ Also stated that \$371.00 would have to be paid out monthly, and to go forward the church should raise \$600.00 monthly. He asked that every member give according to his means.” “G. H. Andrews asked that members enter into the planned canvas cheerfully.” Note—After the motion passed, Mr. V. R. Johnson asked that those members present volunteer the amount they would pledge, starting the pledge by saying he would give \$8.00 per week. This was followed by 10 other pledges from families ranging from the lowest of \$.25 cents per week to the highest of \$6.50 per week. Others were asked to bring their pledge cards in the following week.

## **1951**

Feb 18—Church conference on Sunday night for the purpose of presenting a recommendation from the Organ Committee. The committee recommended the purchase of the Hammond Organ that had been placed in the church for demonstration purposes. Membership voted to purchase the organ at a cost of \$2,666.00.

## **1953**

Nov 29—Church Conference—The Board of Deacons brought a recommendation that the McCrimmon property, (\$11,000.00), located on the corner next to the church be purchased for a new parsonage. The motion did not pass. Vote was taken by secret ballot. 65 against and 16 in favor of.

**1953(continued)**

The Board of Deacons recommended to the church that no member of the church be allowed to select a plot in the cemetery until they have need for service. Motion was made and seconded and duly carried.

Financial reporting indicated that 47 additional debt payments were made this year.

**1954**

May 16---Church voted to borrow funds necessary, approximately \$3000.00 to replace the sanctuary floor which had suffered irreparable damage by termites.

May 30---Church voted to amend annual budget to reflect increase in pastor's salary from \$3300.00 per year to \$3600.00 per year.

Aug 15---Church voted to spend approximately \$700.00 to renovate the parsonage by putting in gas heat, painting the downstairs rooms, and repairing the floors.

**1955**

Sept. 25---A dedication service was held for the new church building completed and occupied in 1949. This service included a "note burning" ceremony. Membership was 235. (Appendix A, Article 7 for Biblical Recorder article.)

**1956**

Total budget of the church was \$10,000.00.

**1957**

Church voted to purchase the Henry Nooe lot on West Salisbury St. at a cost of \$1600.00 to build a new parsonage.

**1957-61**

Under the pastorate of Rev. R. F. Smith, Jr., a church office was set up and equipped with typewriter, mimeograph machine and various files. Minister now has a study though he is sharing the room with the Minnie Bell Sunday School Class

**1958**

June 22---Church voted to secure a loan in the amount of \$11,000.00 to finish the parsonage.

July 13---The new parsonage was completed at a cost of \$22,488.02. The bid was awarded to McNeill and Roberts. Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Smith were the first to occupy the new home located at 220 W. Salisbury St. (address later changed to 402 W. Salisbury around 1981-82) Part of the sanctuary and education building were redecorated by painting as well as the kitchen of the old parsonage. The old parsonage was put to use as a "Children's House".

**1959**

Beginners' Dept re-decorated: new light fixtures, linoleum, paint

**1960**

The Victor Johnson Bible Class provided the church with a large parking lot on the church grounds. The church office is air conditioned

Total debt of the church of \$16,662.02 for the parsonage and new HVAC units. During the year, the church membership had made seven extra payments on the principle.

January 10---Church voted to establish a building fund for an additional education building, which will be built within 2 to 3 years.

January 31---Special Church conference to name the Planning and Survey Committee to study the needs for the new education building.

**1962**

Church voted to purchase an addressograph machine at a cost of approximately \$200.00 in order to facilitate written communication to the members.

**1963**

Final indebtedness of the church of \$7,402.57 satisfied.

Church employed Tom Osteen, architect of the John J. Croft of Asheboro to draw plans for the new educational building. Plans, not yet approved, on display in the vestibule.

Total value of all church property set at \$150,000.00.

Oct. 1—Building fund totaled \$22,002.03.

**1964**

A new asphalt shingle roof was installed on the church sanctuary by McNeill & Roberts at a cost of \$935.00. The roof carries a 25 year bond. Ward-Markham, Raleigh, installed new carpet in the corridor of the educational building and stairs to the second floor.

**1966**

May 29--Church voted to begin the new educational building and renovations to the old educational building. The new building plans called for a three-story structure containing 25 classrooms, a fellowship hall, kitchen, pastor's study, offices, a library and rest rooms.

Groundbreaking ceremony was January 29, 1967. The church moved into the \$172,366.00 new educational building on Oct. 22, 1967. (Appendix A, Article 10).

**1967**

Jan. 15—The old parsonage was removed to make room for the new educational building.

Jan. 20—Contract for construction awarded to Jack O. Farrell, Inc. of Sanford. The bid was for \$143,410.00 for the new education building, \$17,00.00 for renovations of the old educational building and \$10,426.65 to the firm of John J. Croft, Jr. AIA. Total \$170,836.65.

Jan 29---Groundbreaking ceremony held for new educational plant.

Fund raising drive began to raise \$22,000 for the Building Program.

Feb. 12—The Board of Trustees was authorized to borrow \$100,000.00.

June - Church conference to authorize borrowing \$5,000 from Baptist State Convention for Building Fund.

**1968**

Total budget of the church was \$38,000.00.

**1969**

Oct 1—Church bank balance at \$131.12 (down from \$3,376.40 the previous year.) Reported to be "dangerously low."

**1970**

PBC purchased the Bob Perry Property across from the church building for the price of \$10,000.00 to be used as a parking lot.

**1971**

Oct 1—Total church debt of \$71,143.11.

**1976**

April—Church voted to install a new fiberglass steeple and to completely renovate the sanctuary.

**1977**

Total budget of the church was \$45,832.26.

**1979**

March 25—The church family moved into the newly renovated sanctuary after meeting in the Fellowship Hall during the construction process. The church parking lot was also paved during the renovation.

**1981**

Church van was purchased which seats 15 people. It was a 1981 light blue Ford. Total value of all church property set at \$710,500.00.

Feb 8—Church voted to open its fellowship hall as an area Crisis Center if the need arose, providing a Christian service to the community.

Oct 24---Plexiglass windows were installed over the exterior of the stained-glass windows. The church voted to renovate the old educational building and make a chapel in that area.

**1983**

Equipment was installed on both sides of the sanctuary to aid those with special hearing needs.

**1985**

Total budget of the church was \$103,195.00.

Jan 6—Church voted to accept the gift of Harvey Brown. His home and grounds were given to the church provided the current parsonage be sold and use his home as the parsonage. Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Farrar were the first occupants. Address was Rt 2, Box 600 Log Barn Acres, Sanford Rd. (In 1996 the address was changed to 141 Log Barn Acres Rd)

May 31---The old parsonage was sold for \$85,000.00. Parsonage sold to Brian and Diane Stokes. Money from parsonage sale (\$79,277.12) to be used for renovations to the new parsonage, the Harvey Brown home.

Oct 13—The Chapel and library were dedicated in an afternoon service on Homecoming Day.

**1986**

Motion passed that all memorial funds be combined into one memorial fund and be used at the discretion of the church upon recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Dec 17—Motion approved to build a 12x14 utility building behind Fellowship Hall to house lawn mowers and other equipment.

**1987**

Motion passed to add land measuring 24x78 to the west side of the present cemetery giving approximately 60 additional grave sites.

Jan. 4—Recommendation passed to erect a 40x60 foot concrete multi-purpose court at the back of the Fellowship Hall, 7 feet from the western property line and 32 feet from the new cemetery line. A 6 foot chain link fence would surround the court.

April 5—PBC adopted the Southern Baptist Church Annuity Plan effective Jan 1, 1988 for participation by its ministers and all eligible church employees.

June 10—Motion passed that brick steps replace concrete steps at the front of the church sanctuary at a cost of \$1,200.00.

Oct 4—Motion passed “that we inform people parking in the church parking lot that they have the opportunity to help support the upkeep of the parking lot if they so desire and that letter be given to those using the lot explaining the purpose and enclose an envelope for their first donation and ask they follow up as they so desire.”

## **1988**

March 9—Motion passed to purchase a commercial Garland natural gas range for \$2,400.00 along with additional equipment, total \$3,000.00.

Aug 28—Annual budget of \$138,895.00 approved.

Oct 2—Church insurance policy renewed valuing the church property at \$1,150,000.00.

## **1989**

Jan 8—Motion passed giving Finance Committee authority to transfer monies from one budget account to another within the budget as situations arise. The choir room was remodeled. The church office was updated with the addition of a computer and copier.

Oct 22—Van Committee formed to research vans and buses after July motion passed to start a 3-year fund for the purchase of a larger, more comfortable bus or van.

## **1990**

Feb 8---Church purchased a Kawai baby grand piano for the sanctuary.

April 1—Motion passed to remove the partition wall at the back of the Fellowship Hall. For insurances purposes, the stained-glass windows were appraised by A. O. Church Furniture Company, (Jamestown) for \$18,796.00(sanctuary windows) and \$1,500.00(Chapel window).

July 8—Motion passed to purchase new bus with the stipulation that \$20,000.00 be raised before the order of the bus.

Sept 1---First service of Spanish Mission in our Chapel. The Spanish Mission met at Pittsboro Baptist Church for almost 7 years.

Nov 4—Having raised \$20,000.00 towards the purchase of a new bus, motion passed to empower the Board of Trustees to negotiate a loan with Raleigh Savings and Loan in the amount of \$22,000.00 using one of our CDs as collateral. Motion passed to sell present van at price of \$3,500.00-\$4,000.00.

## **1992**

Church purchased 53 acres on Hwy 902 at a cost of \$118,476.00.

## **1993-94**

The prayer room was finished and furnished by family of Katherine Griffin in her memory. It was opened July 15,1994 and sponsored by Sunday School Intercessory Prayer Ministry.

## **1994**

Construction began on a picnic shelter on the Hwy 902 property.

Nov--- A new Steeple was erected. The steeple is 46 feet tall and will have a ball and a cross on top. Glass panels are light green krinkleglass. The Model 6 steeple was purchased through the Sunday School Board of the SBC at a cost of \$14,548.00. It was built by Piedmont Fiberglass of Stoney Point, NC.

A company was employed to straighten and clean the headstones and markers in the cemetery.

## **1995**

July---Construction began on a church building on the Hwy 902 property for the Hispanic congregation that had been meeting in PBC since 1990.



## **1997**

Total value of all church property set at \$2,139,400.00.

August—Spanish Mission church was completed. The building was completed under the leadership of Ken Haynes, George Shivers and Bill Poindexter. The Spanish Mission received a gift of \$10,200.00 from the Baptist State Convention which was earmarked for the indebtedness on their church building.

Sept 7—Dedication of the Spanish Mission Church on the Hwy 902 property. This was a fulfillment of a dream initiated by Dr. Ronald Farrar and completed under Rev. David Daly. The pastor of the Hispanic Church, Javier Benitez, was ordained by Pittsboro Baptist Church. New fiberglass columns were added to the front of the sanctuary.

## **1998**

Through the Budget and Finance Committee, a 20/30 plan of giving was established to encourage giving to liquidate the renovation and the Hwy 902 land debt. In this arrangement, for 30 weeks we were asked to give \$20.00 each week in addition to our regular offering for the indebtedness.

## **2000**

Jan 9—Property Management reported that work had begun on fixing the chimes and the work should take 2 weeks.

April 12—Chimes repair is complete. Proposal approved to replace the roof of the sanctuary. Seven programmable thermostats have been installed.

May 5---State of North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources Division of Archives and History placed Pittsboro Baptist Church into THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. The National Register is a list of properties "significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture—a comprehensive index of the significant physical evidences of our national patrimony." "Properties listed therein deserve to be preserved by their owners as a part of the cultural heritage of our nation." (Appendix A, Article 8).

July 12—AC/heat pump replaced for the chapel and prayer room. A love offering was received to pay for the work to avoid a loan.

Oct---Opening of a History Room depicting vital information of the church in picture and written word.

## **2001**

Oct 10—Motion passed to replace light fixtures in the sanctuary. Existing lights to be replaced were the original lights in the building since 1948 when the sanctuary was built.

Fall 2001—The educational building began being utilized as the Pittsboro Baptist Church Preschool.

## **2002**

Motion passed for the purchase of a John Deere mower at a cost of \$3,446.28. Motion passed for purchase of Automated Church Systems software at a cost of \$4,996.00. Anonymous gift of \$3,300.00 presented towards the new software.

## **2003**

Feb 15—Two walls in the Youth room were removed to enlarge the space during the church workday.

Motion passed for purchase of a new phone system at a cost of \$4,118.00 allowing for 7 phones, each with a paging and message collection and emergency messages for pastor.

Oct 1---Sept 30, 2004—During this year, a new sound system was purchased for the sanctuary and the fellowship hall by donations (\$7,000.00) and a church loan (\$5,000.00). Total cost of \$12,000.00.

## **2004**

July—The Renovation Committee brought to the church a detailed report concerning their recommendation for needs of the church property: **SHORT-URGENT NEEDS**—Sanctuary: a “face-lift” involving new carpet, refinish pews, re-cover pew cushions, painting (\$75,000). Educational Building: inside necessary and needed repairs and update (\$90,000). Outside building: attention to brick, paint, roof, etc. (\$13,000). The Parsonage: needed repair inside and outside-paint, or vinyl (\$32,000). **SHORT-TERM NEEDS (3-5 YEARS)**: Building a Family Life Center at another location. **LONG RANGE**: Adopt a long-range Master Plan of Growth. Dec. 8---The church voted to start a 902 Building Fund. Over the course of 2005 and 2006, the Master Plan Committee was given the task of putting the vision on paper and hired an architectural firm to do this.

## **2005**

Jan 12—Report from Budget and Finance committee on church property value: Church and cemetery-\$640K, Parking lot-\$44,900.00, Parsonage-\$154,400.00, Spanish Mission and property-\$482,700.00, Remainder of 902 tract-\$154,100.00.

Spring—The sanctuary was refurbished at a cost of approximately \$40,000.00. It included paint, new carpet, refinished pews and new pew cushions. By the time the project was completed, it was debt free through the generous giving of the church family. The steeple had shifted and was causing a leak in the sanctuary. It was removed, repaired, then replaced. Work was done by Amity Fiberglass Church and warranted for 10 years at a cost of \$12,900.00. Insurance claim would cover \$3,800.00.

April 13—Motion passed to sell property and parsonage. The property needed \$30,000.00 in repairs. Motion passed to sell property as is without repairs. Amount of \$42,000.00 needed for sanctuary renovation had been met and there would be no need to borrow money for the project.

August 3—At conference it was reported that the church owned parsonage was sold for \$180,000.00 and \$174,000.00 was invested in the N. C. Baptist Foundation until the church votes on its use. The parsonage was a gift from the estate of long-time members Harvey and Belle Brown.

Aug 28---The Spanish Mission Church, under the leadership of Rev. Javier Benetiz, became a chartered church. The official church name at that time was “Rock of Strength Missionary Baptist Hispanic Church.”

Sept 15—Final indebtedness of the Spanish Mission Church was satisfied, making it debt free.

## **2006**

May 6-Spring Festival to raise funds for new church bus. \$20,738.00.

Sept—Thirty-eight windows in middle education building were replaced at a cost of \$10,600.00.

Feb 16---Church voted to give ownership of 11 acres of the land on Hwy 902, the church building and the church van to the Rock of Strength Missionary Hispanic Baptist Church.

Nov 15---Church approved purchase of 34 passenger 2007 Chevrolet bus at a cost of \$79,208.20. Current bus fund has \$71,172.00. Sale of current bus will be \$5,000.00, leaving a balance of \$3,035.00. Sammy Griffin and Don Whitt travelled to Franklin TN to pick up the new bus.

**2007**

Oct 3---The church voted to begin the journey to build a new facility on our property on Hwy 902.

**2008**

April 9--- Church voted to re-designate the funds of \$202,915.67 from the sale of the parsonage to the 902 Building Fund.

Oct--902 Capital Campaign started, to last 3 years.

**2009**

Jan 14—Church given option to purchase the house directly across the street at a cost of \$279,000.00. After review, the option to purchase was declined.

Oct 14—Updated Financial Policies and Procedure Manual, dated July 2009 approved.

Dec 16—Report from Budget and Finance Committee—Economic situation has worsened, several families affected by job loss, contributions have lagged. Attempts made to preserve all needs versus wants. No staff increases.

**2013**

Jan 9—Sanctuary painting completed along with upgrades to Tripp's and Kara's offices. The conference room upgrade is nearing completion along with work on the outside camera. Project is underbudget.

Oct 9—Proposed budget for 2014 is \$389,557.00.

**2016**

Jan 13—Motion passed to purchase 2 new cameras and a buzzer entry system that would allow the church secretary and preschool director to view visitors and allow entrance into the educational building.

**2019**---Motion passed that no more grave plots in cemetery would be made available once the last existing row was complete. Members contacted in order of membership longevity to determine by whom the remaining grave sites would be used. All plots have been spoken for at this time. Columbarium information is being investigated by the Renovations Committee.

Jan 9—Bats removed from ceiling. A lifetime warranty is included with this service. Motion passed to create a Renovations Committee. The committee was created to remove burden from Property Management Committee for large projects that are not considered maintenance.

Oct 9—Completion of the children's new playground.