

HIGHWAY 902 PROPERTY AND RELATED CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

1992

In a special called conference held June 10, 1992, the church vote to purchase a 53 acre tract of land located on Highway 902 at a cost of \$118,476. Vote: 53 ayes, 35 nays. The Long Range Planning Committee and church leadership had several ideas for the use of the land including the most immediate one being a church home for the Spanish Mission, and others such as a Christian day care facility, adult day care, and a recreation area.

1993

December 11 – dedication of the land on 902, followed by a cook-out. Hispanic Mission friends attended with interpreter Deena Smith. Service ended with everyone holding hands, encircling a huge bonfire.

2004

Dec. 8 -church voted to start a 902 building fund. Motion passed to create a line item to establish in the budget for a 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

Master Planning Committee: Chuck Devinney, Curtis Pope, Bill Poindexter, Kenneth Perry, Ken Haynes, Cameron Sipe, Debra Magee, with one more needed.

Motion approved for site master plan from Gerber Janaskie Servers architects – had low bid of \$7800.

2006

Sept 6- The Master Plan Committee presented a final revision of the 902 Master Plan for the proposed church facility on the property owned by the church on Hwy 902.

2007

Motion passed: We as a church commit to build on the Pittsboro Baptist Church heritage of the past, build on our efforts to fulfill our mission to reach others for Jesus Christ, and begin the journey to build a new facility on our property on highway 902.

Anonymous gift made to church in the amount of \$53,305.06 to be divided equally to the Preschool, the 902 Building Fund and Outreach Church Plant according to the wishes of the donor.

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

2008

Motion passed from deacons to use the expertise and resources of the Baptist State Convention of NC for the “Mobilizing to Build” capital campaign in 2008.

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

902 Capital Campaign started Oct 2008 to last 3 years.

November 2 – Spiritual Emphasis Team presented the Adult Sunday School lesson designed for the capital campaign

2009

A Celebration Festival dinner was held at Emmaus Baptist Church to kick off the capital campaign to begin raising funds for a 902 facility. (November)

Dedication service on the 902 property to dedicate the land was held November 9. Pastor Tripp Harmon began the dedication service with prayer.

2013

Mike Hanson, representing the Property Management Committee, made a motion requesting \$7000 from the 902 Building Fund to remove the debris, and stumps left from the timbering at the 902 Property. Five acres were cleared on the frontage of the property, with the remainder to grow up as forest land. The estimated \$7000 included the cost of county and state permitting, silt fences, equipment etc. Mike noted that to hire a contractor to do the work would cost \$25K, but much of the work is being provided through donations of labor, equipment from church members and others.

(April) Pastor Harmon stated the 902 Committee would meet in the near future to discuss a proposal from David Batten from the building company to go ahead and prepare a site engineering plan, which would take four to six months and probably cost at least \$20K. It would provide a rough list of items that can be completed now and will be cheaper if done now rather than later.

(October) Doug Clark, reporting for the 902 Build Team stated to the church that at this time there was over \$800,000.00 in the capital campaign and it was drawing no interest. The team felt it was time to use the property for a site engineering survey, such as site clearing (already in-progress), storm drainage, septic system water line, and other land evaluations at a cost of \$30,000 to \$40,000. An amendment to the motion passed to add three new members to the 902 Building Team who would search for better and cheaper solutions. The original motion to begin the site engineering project with the current engineering firm remained.

The Picnic Shelter

1997 -99

Work on the picnic shelter began in 1997, with the concrete poured the same day as the Spanish Mission Church concrete. With limited funding an issue, it was finally completed in 1999. The structure includes a kitchen, two bathrooms and a covered area. Since then the church and Preschool have enjoyed using the facility for picnics, overnight camping, special worship services and other outdoor events. When the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic hit, closing the church sanctuary, Sunday morning worship services have been held on the 902 grounds. At this time, due to problems with the well, the kitchen and bathroom facilities are not usable.