

SPANISH MISSION

1989

Oct. 22---Fred Nooe stated that the Sandy Creek Association met last week and gave the purpose of the association as a group of churches banded together to promote Christ in our area. Hispanics participated in the meeting. An association committee is looking into the need of a mission church for Hispanic people.

1990

Aug 12—A motion passed from the Deacon Board and Board of Trustees “that our church sponsor a Spanish Church in Pittsboro Baptist Church.” Baptist Men will renovate a room for the Spanish Mission.

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

1992

Sept. 5---A special service to observe the second anniversary of the mission, grown from a small group meeting on Saturday evenings in the chapel to a group of over 100 meeting in the fellowship hall.

1993-94

Church membership was 71. Sunday School enrollment was 80.

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.

1996

Church membership was 151. Sunday School enrollment was 127. The number of baptisms since Oct. 1, 1995 was 35. Four from the Spanish Mission have been licensed to preach.

Sept. 6---Celebration of the 6th anniversary of the Spanish Mission Church with an attendance of approximately 500 people.

1997

Aug—The Spanish Mission church building was completed on the Hwy 902 property. The building was completed under the leadership of Ken Haynes, Construction Supervisor, George Shivers, Purchasing Agent and Bill Poindexter, Construction Coordinator. The men of the church, along with volunteers from around the state joined the Hispanic congregation to build the 5450 square foot structure on the Hwy 902 property.

Aug. 3—The first service was held in the new Spanish Mission Church. 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—A Dedication Service was held at 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. At least 5 other missions have been started through the efforts of the Spanish Mission Church.

2002

April 13--- WMU sponsored a chicken supper in support of the Spanish Mission. An anonymous donor gave a portion of a \$13,000 gift to reduce the Spanish Mission debt.

2004

The Spanish Mission Church has ordained and sent out 12 members to begin new churches. Membership is currently 150.

2005

Aug 28---The Spanish Mission Church, under the leadership of Rev. Javier Benetiz, became a chartered church. The official church name is "Rock of Strength Missionary Baptist Hispanic Church."

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

2006

Feb 16---Pittsboro Baptist 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.

2007

By 2007, the church had sent out 16 ordained ministers to spread the gospel.