

*Historical Moments of Faith
in the Ministry of
Faith Baptist Church*

Jan. 1965 - 1st Sunday School – 97 attending, 1st worship Service, 1st business meeting, 1st training union – ‘70 attending
Apr. ‘65 – 1st Revival Service, Rev. HC Cash, preacher
Groundbreaking for Auditorium
Oct. 10, ‘65 – 1st service in new building
Nov. ‘65 – 1st homecoming & dedication of new bldg.
Apr. ‘66 – Adopted constitution
Nov. ‘66 – Voted to build parsonage
Apr. ‘67 – Voted to license Ronald Bennett to gospel ministry
May ‘67 – Membership – 122
Oct. ‘68 – Groundbreaking for parsonage
Oct. ‘69 – Dedication service for parsonage
Dec. ‘70 – Voted to build fellowship hall
Feb. ‘74 – Voted to begin bus ministry
1974 – Fellowship building completed
March ‘76 – Voted to pay off parsonage
Sept. ‘76 – Licensed Addison Bobbitt to the gospel ministry Licensed Wayne Cathey to the gospel ministry
Nov. ‘77 – Ordained Addison Bobbitt to the gospel ministry
June ‘80 – Licensed Chris Ranly to the gospel ministry Ordained Wayne Cathey to the gospel ministry
Oct. ‘80 – Mortgage burned on church debt
May ‘84 – Voted to build education building
Oct. ‘85 – Twentieth Anniversary
1965-1985 – 470 people united with church
March ‘86 – Educational building bricked
Nov. ‘86 – Purchased furniture for children’s new SS rooms
Jan. ‘88 – Oneal Wise ordained as deacon
Feb. ‘88 – Total cost of Educational Building - \$50,720.05 Cornice on Auditorium, fellowship building and Parsonage replaced with aluminum siding
Jan. ‘89 – Church painted, pews padded, & new carpet installed at a cost of \$9,600.00
April ‘90 – Steeple replaced due to Hurricane Hugo damage
April ‘91 – Rev. Erskine Shivers verbally advised church of his Resignation effective 6/30/92
Oct. ‘91 – Replaced shingles on church
Nov. ‘91 – Purchased lawn mower with grass bag
May ‘92 – Pulpit committee elected
July ‘92 – Rev. Pat Hightower called as interim pastor
Oct. ‘92 – Rev. James Wingate called as pastor; Parsonage painted, new refrigerator, washer & dryer Purchased
Jan. ‘93 – New church van purchase; Spanky Jumper’s singing ministry began

Feb. '93 – Security lights installed on property
Sept. '93 – Musical instruments purchased for children
Oct. '93 – Trophy case built for trophies
June '94 – New air conditioner purchased for parsonage Shingles replaced on fellowship building
Sept. '94 – Candidate for SC governor, David Beasley, guest at brotherhood breakfast. New prayer room added, sponsored by WMU
Oct. '94 – Van paid off, SS office repainted, directional signs installed Voted to support GPS Ministry located in Gaston
March '95 – Bibles dedicated in memory of Ryan David Culler
May '95 – Handicap parking spaces added WMU received letter of recognition from Gov. David Beasley for their work at Rikard Nursing Home
June '95 – Rev. Jimmy Wingate resigns effective 7/31/95, Accepting pastorate at Pleasant Hill Bapt. Ch. in Williston Prayer room Bible dedicated in memory of John Aaron Westberry
July '95 – New copier purchased for \$1100
Aug. '95 – Pastor search committee elected; Rev. Harlan Alban called as interim pastor; Video series added to church library as ongoing project
Sept. '95 – Rev. Robert Jumper called as 7th pastor
Oct. '95 – Thirtieth Year Anniversary
Nov. '95 – Parsonage repainted, carpet replaced, new refrigerator & dish washer purchased. Refrigerator replaced in fellowship building
May '96 – New copier purchased at a cost of \$5,126. Stained glass Windows purchased at a cost of \$27,000
Aug. '97 – First computer purchased for office. 1st secretary hired
Sept. '97 – Support began for Swansea Parish Nurse Program
Nov. '98 – Vinyl porch rails added to parsonage
Jan. 00 – Steve Strickland Ordained to the ministry
Feb. '01 – New central air/heating added to church at a cost of \$13,000
Dec. '01 – Second van purchased for \$19,000
Feb. '02 – Rev. Robert Jumper resigned as pastor
Nov. '02 – A duel cover purchased for vans at a cost of \$2,008
Dec. '02 – Windows in parsonage placed at a cost of \$3,500
Dec. 30, '02 – Rev. David Carter called as pastor
Jan. '03 – Parsonage repainted, bathrooms repaired & renovated; Kitchen floor replaced. Computer purchased for church
Feb. '03 – Outside storage building for parsonage built by men of church at a cost of \$2300
May '03 – Men and Women's ministries reorganized
Sept. '03 – New church sign purchased at a cost of \$3300
Oct. '03 – Tile on porch at front entrance replaced at a cost Of \$4,820
Deacons & wives attend 1st training session at White Oak Conference Center
Feb. '04 – Heating unit replace in fellowship building New sign erected
Mar. '04 – Walk of Faith Class, an orientation for prospective Members started 1st pastor-deacon retreat “Marvelous Nights in March” special singing & preaching
July '04 – Major repairs to underneath auditorium drains for Water run-off; Gutters placed on building, new sidewalks at a cost of \$27,000 Youth participated for the 1st time in Community Changers
Aug. '04 – First group of men to attend Promise Keepers in Atlanta New SS classes started

Prayer ministry started

Oct. '04 – Group attended Celebrate Recovery training in Myrtle Beach

Nov. '04 – 1st member to participate in overseas mission trip, Emma Lee Lucas ministered in Romania

Mar. '05 – 1st “Critter Cook” sponsored by the men’s ministries

May '05 – Men’s ministries repair homes for elderly church members Deacon & wives retreat

June '05 – Largest number attend Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tenn.

July '05 – Youth held local “Swansea Community Changers” Camp. Worked in community and at church all we 1st Community service appreciation luncheon for community workers

Aug. '05 – Large number of men attend Promise Keepers in Charleston New choir chairs donated by church members

Sept. '05 – Parent/child dedication service with 12 children dedicated

Oct. 9 '05 – Fortieth Year Homecoming Anniversary with Dr. Carlisle Driggers, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the SC Baptist Convention speaking. The Larry Shealy Family singing.

Oct. '05 – Plans being made for new fellowship building “Awesome October Evenings” with guest speakers & singers

Nov. 2-12-05 – Five men on mission trip to Romania

Dec. '05 – Largest budget in church history approved; highest receipts in church history

February '06 – Largest one day offering in church history

May '06 – Sponsored a area-wide memorial day service in town park

June '06 – Church & pastor participated in revival at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church

July '06 – 43 members participated in West Virginia mission trip

Sept. '06 – Pastor’s wife & deacon’s wives spend weekend at Folly Beach

October '06 – Baby Grand piano purchased with the Ryan Culler memorial fund

October '06 – Former Pastor Erskine Shivers brought 41st Homecoming message

November '06 – Emma Lee Lucas on mission trip to Romania

October '06 – Pastor & wife, deacons & wives attend training Conference at White Oak

January '07 – Church approved plans & loan for family life Center at a cost of \$425,000

April '07 – Groundbreaking for family life center

June '07 – Team of 10, adults and youth, on mission trip to Romania

August '07 – Large group of men attend Promise Keepers in Cola.

Sept. '07 – First ministry training session held for volunteers

Sept. '07 – New video screen, projector, and lap-top computer purchased for power point presentations

Oct. '07 – Former pastor Rev. James Wingate brought 42nd Homecoming message. New Family Life Center dedicated

Nov. '07 – First Women of Faith Retreat at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

January '08 – Began fund raising for church plant in Hasdate Romania

February '08 – Butch Knight resigned as music director

March '08 – Sunrise service at River Bottoms Camp Ground

April '08 – Replaced shingles on all buildings

June '08 – 13 adults & youth traveled to Romania, purchase land for church

August '08 – Faith, along with three churches involved in Comm. Changers

August '08 – Donnita McDaniel accepted position as Music Director

September '08 – Three men return to Romania to exchange land for Building to house church
October '08 – Video projection system installed in Family Life Center in memory of Jenny Derrick
October '08 – Esca Jumper resigned as administrative assistant after 9 years of faithful service
October '08 – Dr. Jim Austin, Executive Director of SCBC 43rd Homecoming Speaker
October '08 – Wanda Hood hired as Administrative Assistant
March '09 – Men's Wild Game Banquet with Rowland Alston. Over 200 in attendance
June '09 – Five young adults served as summer missionaries in state, nation, and abroad
July '09 – Second annual Christian Fine Arts Camp held
July '09 – Large number of youth and adults participated in Swansea Community Changers
July-Aug '09 – 11 members on Medical Mission to Romania
September '09 – Piano and organ donated to the Family Life Center
September '09 – Final payment on building for Faith Baptist Church of Romania. Total of \$69,500 raised to purchase building for Gypsy Church
October '09 – Former Pastor Rev. Robert Jumper, 44th Homecoming Speaker
October 09 – Rev. Johnny Muller held Fall Revival
February 2010 – WISTV Personality Hanna Horne guest speaker at Valentine's Banquet
March 2010 – Rev. Ron Barker guest speaker at Wild Game Banquet with over 250 in attendance
June 2010 – Jennifer Derrick spent summer as missionary in Africa
July 2010 – Began Church Revitalization (CHAMPS) Process
October 2010 – Former member Rev. Tommy Richardson preached 45th Homecoming