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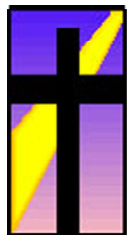


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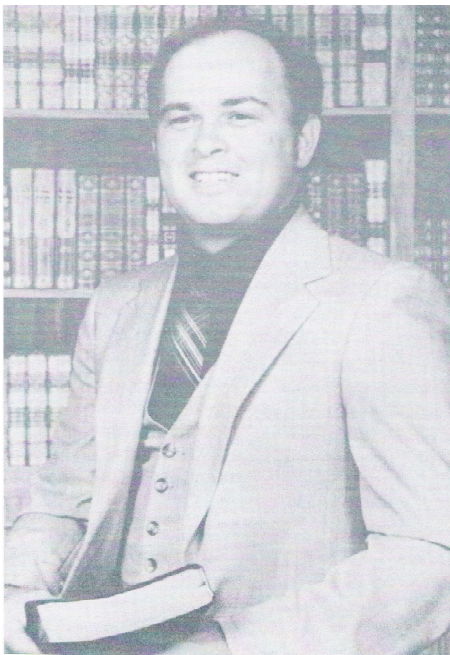


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Former Rock Springs Baptist Church sanctuaries, built, respectively, in 1990, 1959, and 1922.



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The current sanctuary of Rock Springs Baptist Church. The first worship service was held on Thursday, May 13, 2004.

David and Shirley Gallamore: The Joys of Ministry

The Christian View magazine interviews Pastor David and Shirley Gallamore

Written by KAREN BREWER, Publisher & Editor

“I feel blessed of God,” Dr. David Gallamore told this writer about the years he has served as Pastor of Rock Springs Baptist Church in Easley, where he preached his first sermon on September 11, 1983.

“It has been a great partnership,” he said. “The people have been so cooperative, so willing to do whatever it takes. Whether it has been new buildings, or starting new ministries, or calling new staff, they have been open, sought the Lord’s will, and followed the Lord.” He added that he looks forward to the future.

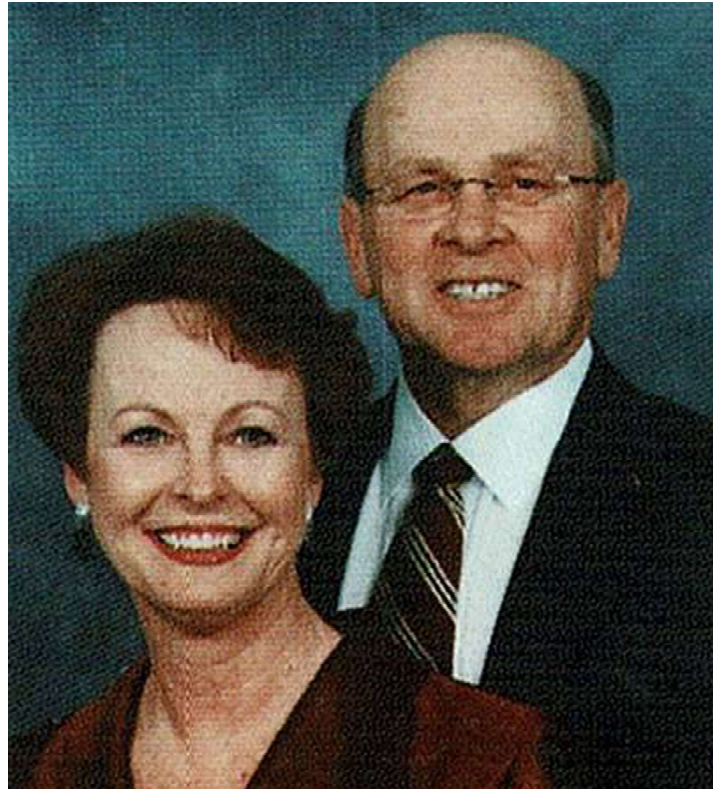
“I’m thankful for the growth, and for the people who have been saved,” he added. “Of the blessed things, being Pastor for a long time, I’ve seen babies born who are now going to college or babies born for whom I now perform weddings. There are sad memories, too, seeing some of the folks who were pillars of the church slip from us, dying, going to Heaven. But seeing the church have a strong, healthy attitude and a good testimony in the community is a real blessing.

“It has been a fruitful ministry. God has been good to us. These years have been good years, but they have gone by in a hurry. It seems like it was just yesterday that I came. It has been a very enjoyable, satisfying ministry, but I still believe God has a lot He wants us to do. I think there are a lot of people we still need to reach and there are a lot of things we need to do. I believe God still has great plans in store for us.”

The eighth of ten children born to John ‘Red’ and Margaret Gallamore of City View, South Carolina surrendered to the ministry in his early 20’s. “It was God’s calling on my life,” said Gallamore. “I was headed in another direction, and God called me to preach. My life took an absolute different course. I was 22 when I sensed His call. I started to school when I was 23. I first started pastoring when I was 25.

“God’s call is hard to explain. It was not a vocation that I set out to choose. It was something He chose me for, and I’m glad I said yes.”

Mentors in his life have included one of his own Pastors, Rev. Gene Lloyd, as well as Dr. Kenneth Ridings, who taught



Dr. David and Shirley Gallamore

at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute when Gallamore was a student and who became President of the school.

Gallamore began his ministry at the First Baptist Church of Wahoo in Bushnell, Florida, where he pastored for five years before being called to Rock Springs in 1983.

“It’s rare for somebody to stay that long,” he said. “It’s very unusual, because the average stay in the Southern Baptist life is two to three years, but I think the longer ministries are the most productive. It’s a testimony to a church when a Pastor stays that long, and a testimony to the Pastor, and a testimony to God’s goodness and God’s grace. Some people call it almost like a marriage, a good fit.

“When I came here, I never dreamed I would be here that long or that what has taken place would take place, at least as quickly as it has. But the area has grown, and God has given us a visible frontage where people coming by could see us. And the people have been unified and have had a warm spirit, being very cooperative and determined to do whatever it takes.

“The folks who were here and the hundreds God has brought here since we’ve been here have been willing to do what is necessary, doing the work of the Kingdom, and God has honored that. All of those factors work together: the people being unified and having a warm spirit, very cooperative and determined to do whatever it takes, and, then, having the visibility.

“It has been a wonderful life. It’s a job that never gets done. You never get finished, because there are always hurting people. There are always things to be done. It’s an unfinished task. Being in the ministry, if God called you to do it, is the most wonderful thing in the world, but, sometimes, the hours and demands of the tasks that you are asked to be a part of can take a toll on you. You’re called on to ‘wear a lot of hats’, to be a preacher, a teacher, a counselor, a financier, administrator, personnel manager, planner, someone who visits hospitals and does funerals and performs weddings, and a multitude of other things on top of that.

“There are times when it’s difficult,” he said of his ministry, “when you face death, divorce, tragedy. But, then, there is the bright side of seeing people married and babies born and grandchildren coming along, and people getting saved and lives changed and people living fruitful lives. That makes it all worth it. It makes it all worth it.”

Gallamore credited his family for their support. He and his wife, Shirley, have been married since July 14, 1971 and have three daughters, Stacey, Tonya, and Samantha, who now have families of their own. “The Lord has given me a good family,” said Gallamore. “My family is very special and important to me. They have been very supportive. My wife is part of my ministry and has been a faithful partner.”

They first met as youngsters one summer when they rode their bicycles together in their City View neighborhood. She grew up attending City View Baptist Church, while he grew up attending David Street Baptist Church, the church they attended after they married.

Shirley Gallamore said that her husband has always been the greatest influence in her life. “He has been good to us,” she said. “He’s a good daddy, a good husband, and a good Pastor. I don’t know how he juggles it all, but he does, and he does it well.” She said that she is always eager to hear her husband preach. “I have never gone to a service without anticipating what he is going to say. I always sit with anticipation. I’m always excited about what he is going to say.

“It has been great,” she said of being a Pastor’s wife. “I don’t have any complaints. It’s not always easy, but we’re here to serve God, and we’ll do that. The people at Rock Springs are wonderful. This church has been so good to us. We feel loved by them.

“There are a lot of joys in the ministry,” she told this writer, including the joy of seeing lives transformed by God. We see God’s hand in so many people’s lives. We’ve seen people healed from cancer. Of course, we have had a lot of sad times, too, when people we love have died.” One of the joys of the ministry, she said, has been watching God develop young men who have been called to the ministry, including Dr. Stuart Houston, their son-in-law.

Shirley Gallamore is a gifted singer who sings with her church choir and has sung solos and with her family.

Her favorite song, she said, is “What a Day That Will Be.” “I love any song about Heaven,” she said. “On Sundays, we look out (at the congregation), and we know things about people’s lives. We know what people are going through, and, some of them, you’d never know it by looking at their faces.

“When you think about all of the bad things and the situation the world is in, that song really comes to life: “What a Day That Will Be.” Some day, people won’t have to go through all of this stuff. People won’t have to get cancer. People won’t have to lose a child. Some day, that’s all going to be over. I love songs about Heaven, but I do love “What a Day That Will Be.” I love to sing it. The words to the old songs are rich and full of the Gospel. Most of the hymns are right to the point, and you know what the verses mean. “What a Day That Will Be” is one of those songs. I love it, and it’s one of David’s favorites, too. It’s a song that touches my heart when I hear it. I’ll never forget a funeral I sang at one time. The lady who had died was deaf. I sang the first verse of “What a Day That Will Be,” and, when I got to the chorus, I asked the congregation to sing it with me. I was not thinking that the church was filled with deaf people, who were friends of this lady who had ministered to them through the years. But, when I asked everybody to sing that song with me, probably half of the church began to sign that song. It was awesome. It didn’t dawn on me that half of the people would not be able to sing, because they couldn’t hear, but they did sing it – they sang with their hands. I’ll never forget that for as long as I live.”

‘Sharing the love of Jesus through testimony, scripture, humor, and song’ has been the theme of her speaking ministry, with the purpose of encouraging and uplifting women.

“I’ve grown to love it,” she said. “God can use any of us. We just have to be willing to do what He wants us to do. I feel I need to give back, and one of the ways I can is by ministering to women.” She is a gifted speaker and has spoken to ladies’ groups at churches, at Pastors’ wives’ conferences, ladies’ retreats, and mother-daughter banquets.

“That’s where my heart is – to minister to women,” she said. She has used as visual aids her ministry quilts, including quilts given to her by church members Howard and Lynn Syck and Virginia Coggins.

Daily scripture reading and prayer have made a difference in her life, she said. She has even prayed for the children for whom she has made dresses. “I love sewing. It’s like therapy,” she said. “When I make a dress, I make sure I know the child’s name, and I pray for her.”

She has written a book of devotions to help others. “We need to share with other people things that we go through in life,” she said. As things happened in her life, she said, God led her to write a devotion about it.

“It’s a blessing to be a Pastor’s wife,” she said. “I’ve had opportunities that I would not have had, otherwise. I can’t imagine not being a Pastor’s wife and not being able to minister in the ways we do. As you get older, you begin to appreciate things more in your life, especially your family and your church, and you begin to realize how good God has been to you.”

“God has been good to us,” said her husband. “We’ve seen a lot of great things done, and God’s not through.

“We have really been blessed to have been here. We’ve seen God do a lot, and we hope to see God do a whole lot more. We anticipate and expect it, and we’re going to work for it.”

The current sanctuary has allowed for more growth, he said, but he added that excitement about Jesus is more important than excitement about buildings.

“I’m excited about what God has in store for us,” he said, adding that he wants the church to reach out even more and touch the unchurched more.

He recalled memories through the years, including seeing people join the church or get married.

He has also seen members of his congregation “go through some ‘tough waters.’ “I’ve seen some pray for sons and daughters who had gone astray,” he said, “and I’ve seen some of those sons and daughters come back to the Lord. I’ve seen some face trials and mountains and valleys, and I’ve seen God bring them through.”

Memories also include funerals - “funerals of some folks who were instrumental in helping us be where we are today.”

There have been many wonderful worship services through the years, he said, “where we experienced God’s God’s touch in a special way. A lot of tears, a lot of laughter will be forever in our hearts.” Those memories, he said, “will hopefully be a stepping stone to launch us forward into a new day of ministry.

“God had done some marvelous, miraculous things. But it’s not in the building. It’s in the builder, the Lord God Almighty. If it weren’t for God’s grace, we wouldn’t have any blessings at all.

“God’s going to give us more opportunities to touch more lives for His kingdom. That’s what church ought to be about: worship, exalting the name of Christ, coming to Bible Fellowship and learning more about the Word of God so we can live a better Christian life. It’s about building up the Kingdom of God and touching lost people right where they are, in their despair and discouragement, and telling them there is hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. The church is not just a trophy case for the saints. It’s a hospital for sinners.”

Pastor Gallamore invites everyone to worship and Bible Fellowship and to take part in any of the church’s many ministries for all ages.

“I would like to thank the community for their overall support,” he said, “and invite all of them to come, especially those who are unchurched, to visit with us and worship with us. We have a deep desire to meet the needs in people’s lives and encourage them and challenge them and help them grow -- not only in their walk with the church, but in their family life and their personal life. We look forward to an opportunity to serve the community in a greater way.”

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1983: Rock Springs Welcomes New Pastor in September, Celebrates 100 Years with Centennial Sunday in October

Written by KAREN BREWER, Publisher & Editor



Photograph courtesy of Pastor David Gallamore
Shirley Gallamore sings during Rock Springs' Centennial Sunday on October 23, 1983.



Photograph courtesy of Pastor David Gallamore
Pastor David Gallamore delivers the message for Rock Springs' Centennial Sunday, October 23, 1983.

Rev. David Gallamore preached his first sermon as Pastor of Rock Springs Baptist Church on September 11, 1983.

Six weeks later, at 11 a.m. on October 23, 1983, the church family celebrated a century as a congregation with a centennial celebration that welcomed back former Pastors Rev. Marion (M.T.) Hudgens and Rev. Homer Couch for the special service and included the message by Pastor David Gallamore and the burning of the church mortgage.

According to the Centennial Sunday brochure from that day, the service began with an organ prelude and then a call to worship with "I Will Sing of my Redeemer." Rev. Couch gave the morning prayer and read the Baptist Church Covenant. After congregational singing of hymns and special music, Rev. Hudgens shared about the history of the church, and Rev. Gallamore gave the message. At the conclusion of the service, there was the burning of the mortgage. A centennial history, written by Ron Black, was distributed. Fol-

lowing the benediction, lunch was enjoyed in the social hall at 1 p.m., and an old-fashioned singing was held at 2:30 p.m.

The Centennial Sunday brochure read: "The single candle stands in the front of our church as a symbol of the everlasting flame that burns in our hearts in memory and love for all of our church brothers and sisters who have gone on to be with our Lord. We pray with God's guidance that we will be able to follow in their footsteps and our church will continue to grow for the glory of God.

The 20 oldest members of the church were listed as: Nan Whitt, Claude Leslie, Maude Jennings, Maybelle Ford, May Lark, Mary Collins, Daisy Henning, Jettie Pilgrim, Gertrude Couch, Minor Gilstrap, Annie B. Loveland, Ruth Dorrity, Ada Tompkins, Tom Wilson, Lizzie B. Smith, Picolla Gilstrap, Willie Duncan, Mrs. O.W. Dodd, Mary Bagwell, and Taylor Tompkins.

A Brief History of the First Century of Rock Springs

Written by KAREN BREWER, Publisher & Editor

The pure spring water that flows from underneath a rock in woods behind the current sanctuary represents the purity of the Christian faith and the feelings of sacredness of the ‘holy grounds’ of Rock Springs Baptist Church that the Lord has blessed for the past 140 years.

The name ‘Rock Springs’ originated from that spring and that rock – which today remains as a ‘memorial stone’ – a testament to the history and legacy of the birth of a new congregation of Baptists formed in 1883.

The rich heritage of Rock Springs Baptist Church began in 1882, the year before the church was organized, when members of the Stegall family met for worship, first in each other’s homes, once or twice a month, and then in an old store across the road in front of Dayton School. (The road that the 1990 sanctuary faces, and that the 1959 sanctuary and the 1922 sanctuary once faced, is named Dayton School Road for the former school, which several church members attended in years past.)

The area around Rock Springs Baptist Church, settled and farmed in the 19th century by Spencer Scorcher Stegall, was known then as the Stegall community. According to information documented in 1956 by a Stegall family historian, Rev. Carroll R. Stegall, the 13 children of Spencer Stegall (1818-1898) and Mary Ann Couch Stegall were William ‘Bill’, John Peddley, George Washington ‘Wash’, Thomas, Sidney, Sarah, Patrick, Richard Harrison ‘Harry’, James ‘Jim’ Spencer, Ann, Malinda, Mary Elizabeth, and Emma.

Three Stegall brothers and their wives – ‘Wash’ (1839-1921) and Charity Murphy Stegall, Jim (1848-1932) and Amanda Orr Stegall, and Harry (1847-1912) and Mary Obedience ‘Biddy’ Hughes Stegall – along with Matilda Hughes and Janie Cargle were the eight charter members of Rock Springs Baptist Church, according to Ron Black’s 1983 historical account, *Rock Springs Baptist Church: The First One Hundred Years 1883-1983*, a copy of which was given to this writer by Pastor David Gallamore. The three couples also had several children who attended the church, but those children were not officially counted among the adults as charter members. Janie Cargle was a sister to Bill Stegall’s wife, Mary A. Cargle Montgomery Stegall. Matilda Hughes was the mother of Harry Stegall’s wife, ‘Biddy’.

Jim Stegall donated land – nine-tenths of an acre – for the purpose of constructing a church. The land was located on what is now called Rock Springs Road – below the church cemetery near the entrance to Chadwick Subdivision. A brush arbor – made of posts with a covering of brush, vines, and



Photograph by Karen Brewer

The rock and spring for which Rock Springs Baptist Church is named.

leaves — was utilized for worship services on the land in the spring and summer of 1883 until the first church building, a one-room, white wood-framed building located where the entrance to Chadwick subdivision is now, was finished that fall. Harry Stegall gave logs for the first church building, which had a dirt floor, 12 pews, a potbelly stove, an organ, and a pulpit on a platform.

‘Wash’ Stegall granted permission for the church to build a baptismal pool on his land across the road – in the woods in a cold water spring. (First, a wooden pool was built, and then a concrete pool was built by Jim Smith in the early 1900’s.) In the early years of Rock Springs, revivals were held each August – between cultivation and harvest for the farmers. Revival services would last for two weeks, during the day and at night. The highlight of the revival would be baptizing in the icy cold waters of the outdoor baptismal pool.

Rev. D.W. (David Weston) Hiott, longtime Moderator of the Piedmont Baptist Association, helped organize Rock Springs Baptist Church by assisting the original members with obtaining a charter.

Rock Springs joined the Piedmont Baptist Association in August of 1884 with 22 members.

Sunday School was organized at Rock Springs in 1890. According to minutes of the Piedmont Baptist Association’s annual meeting in 1890, Rock Springs had a total of 57 in Sunday School attendance, and the total church membership was 59.

After the first church building was destroyed by a wind-storm in 1904, a second sanctuary was built within a few months, at the lower end of the church cemetery on what is now the road that divides the older and newer sections, according to Black.

The second church building, similar to the first but slightly larger at 30 feet in width and 40 feet in length, was wooden, with a wooden floor.

During the time the second church was used, from 1904 to 1922, church membership grew from 62 to 122, according to minutes from the 1904 and 1922 annual meetings of the Piedmont Baptist Association.

A third church building was completed in 1922, two years after construction began. (The second church building was sold to Walter Stegall and moved.) This third building served the congregation well, for 84 years, first as a sanctuary for 37 years, until 1959, and then in various other capacities, including for Sunday School classes, homeschooled classes, and the prayer room ministry, until it was demolished in 2006. This sanctuary set on what is now Dayton School Road, between the sanctuary built in 1959 and the children's building built in 1993.

The 1922 sanctuary began as a wooden building, as the first two sanctuaries were, but, in later years, it was bricked. Pews were donated by another church, but, a short time later, Petty Freeman made new pews for the sanctuary, and these were the first pews that were fastened to the floor. A pulpit, table, and chairs were made by Charlie Stegall and Minor Gilstrap. The 1922 church building had a larger platform, as well as an area for a choir that would seat about 20, and the building included a potbelly stove and an organ near the pulpit at the front. Seating capacity for the 1922 sanctuary was 300, according to Black, who cited PBA records.

According to minutes from the Piedmont Baptist Association's annual meetings in 1922 and 1923, respectively, membership increased nearly 50% from one year to the next, from 122 members to 177 members – with 50 baptisms.

Beginning in 1923, the Pastor preached two services, rather than one, each month. In 1933, Sunday School was held at 10 a.m. every Sunday, and the service was held at 11 a.m. each Sunday, with preaching on the second and fourth Sundays and singing on the first and third Sundays.

In 1930, the front entrance of the church was changed to double doors, and a concrete porch with steps was built.

In 1939, the 1922 sanctuary was wired for electricity.

The church voted in 1942 to have preaching for every Sunday morning service.

In 1943, the 1922 sanctuary was bricked.

In 1948, Sunday School rooms were built onto both sides of the church. The pulpit end of the auditorium was extended, and a baptismal pool was built into the floor at the pulpit.

In 1952, Rock Springs Baptist Church built its first and only parsonage. It was later moved, and the 1990 sanctuary was built in that location.

In May of 1955, the church was presented with an extensive building expansion plan to include a new Sunday School department with 10 Sunday School rooms, an assembly room, two indoor restrooms, and a remodeled area in the church building's basement for a nursery. The project was finished that fall, and the area surrounding the church was paved.

By September of 1958, the auditorium of the 1922 sanctuary had become so crowded during worship services that it was evident that Rock Springs needed a new sanctuary. Black cited church records stating that the church body voted in September to borrow \$60,000 for the project.

On July 28, 1959, the new, air-conditioned sanctuary, complete with a full basement with 15 classrooms and two assembly rooms, an auditorium that seated 500 and a choir loft that held 36, a nursery, and a new organ, was dedicated. The church membership was 538.

Also in 1959, a social hall was built. It was first used on July 28, 1959, the same day as the 1959 sanctuary. The land upon which the social hall set was given to Rock Springs Baptist Church by Julia Stegall.

In 1965, the 1922 building was remodeled and included four Sunday School rooms and two assembly rooms and air conditioning. The parking lot was expanded, and trees were removed.

In 1968, an assembly room, classrooms, restrooms, and church office were built onto the back of the 1959 sanctuary. A nursery department was made in the basement.

In 1970, the church yard was paved.

In 1972, the church purchased land for a new cemetery.

In 1973, land adjoining the 1959 social hall was purchased for a ballfield, and the church decided to purchase air time on a local radio station to air the Sunday morning worship service.

In 1975, the social hall was remodeled with heating and air conditioning, carpet, and paneling.

In 1977, the church voted to purchase land in front of the sanctuary.

In 1981, a picnic shelter was approved.

Rev. David Gallamore preached his first sermon as Pastor of Rock Springs Baptist Church on Sunday, September 11, 1983.



The sanctuary built in 1904.



The sanctuary built in 1922, before it was bricked.



Photograph by Karen Brewer

The social hall that was built in 1959.



Photograph courtesy of Pastor David Gallamore

The sanctuaries built in 1959 (at left) and in 1922.



An aerial view of the 1959 and 1922 sanctuaries, with the parsonage seen on the left. The 1990 sanctuary now sets where the pasonage once set.

September 11, 1988: Rock Springs Baptist Church Breaks Ground for New Sanctuary

Written by KAREN BREWER, Publisher & Editor



Photograph courtesy of Pastor David Gallamore

Pastor David Gallamore speaks at the September 11, 1988 groundbreaking ceremony for the sanctuary completed in 1990. Also pictured is Rick Kirby, who served as Minister of Music at Rock Springs at that time.

On Sunday, September 11, 1988, the fifth anniversary of Rev. David Gallamore's first sermon as Pastor of Rock Springs Baptist Church, the church held a groundbreaking service for a new sanctuary.

According to the printed program for that day, the service began with a welcome and recognition of the building committee, followed by prayer.

The hymn "The Solid Rock" was followed by remarks by Rev. Tom Jones, Director of Missions for the Piedmont Baptist Association.

The offertory hymn was "Nothing But the Blood."

Remarks by M.L. Garrett, building contractor, were followed by the singing of "Holy Ground".

"I Can Do All Things" by the children's choir followed the adult choir singing "I'm Standing on the Solid Rock."

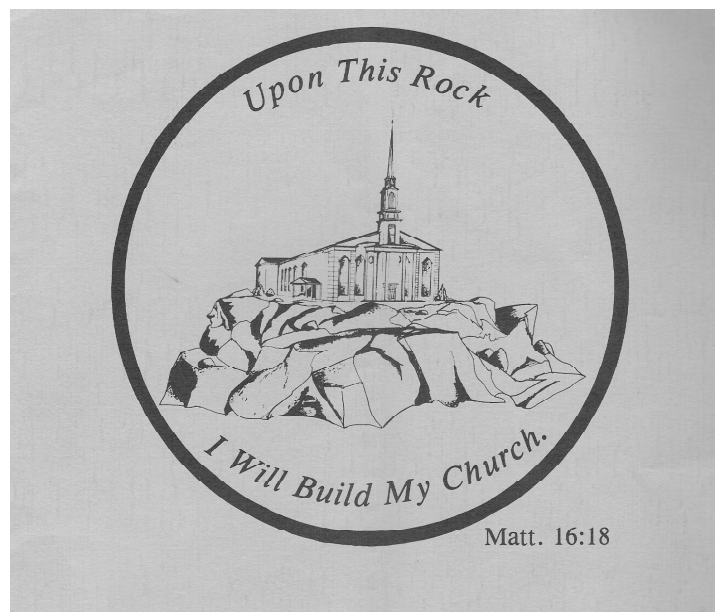
Special music was sung by Shirley Gallamore, and the message for the service was by Rev. Gallamore.

The groundbreaking was by Minor Gilstrap, the oldest member of the church.

A unity chorus, "Bind Us Together" was followed by "Upon This Rock" by the adult choir.

The sanctuary was completed in 1990 and was built where the former parsonage was located.

*"We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around
Let us praise Jesus now.
We are standing in His presence
on holy ground."*





Photograph courtesy of Pastor David Gallamore

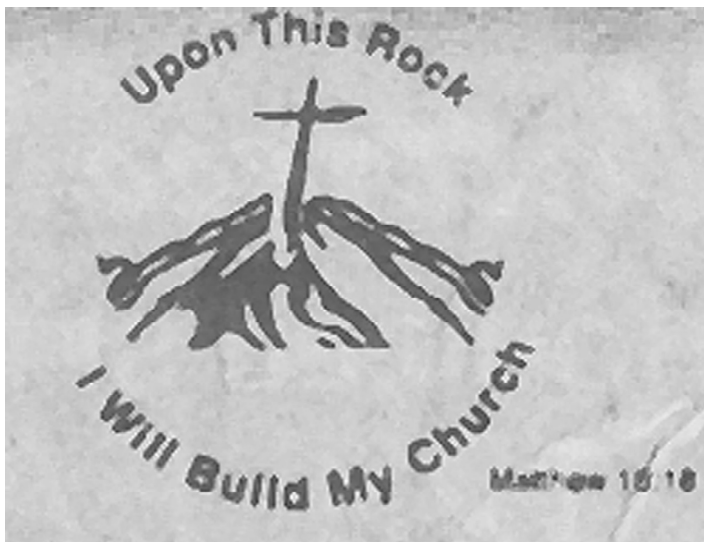
Jimmy Sheriff and Mike Holcombe assist Minor Gilstrap, the oldest member of Rock Springs Baptist Church, as he breaks ground for a new sanctuary on September 11, 1988.

*“Bind us together, bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,
Bind us together with love.”*



Photograph courtesy of Pastor David Gallamore

Jimmy Sheriff and Mike Holcombe assist Minor Gilstrap, the oldest member of Rock Springs Baptist Church, as he breaks ground for a new sanctuary.



Construction of The 1990 Sanctuary



Photograph courtesy of Pastor David Gallamore

The 1990 sanctuary under construction.



Photograph courtesy of Pastor David Gallamore

The 1990 sanctuary under construction.

August, 1989: Steeple is Placed Atop the 1990 Sanctuary



Photograph courtesy of Pastor David Gallamore

The steeple is placed atop the 1990 sanctuary under construction.

Photograph courtesy of Pastor David Gallamore



Photograph courtesy of Pastor David Gallamore

April 15, 1990: Rock Springs Baptist Church Holds Final Service for 1959 Sanctuary, Ribbon Cutting and First Service for 1990 Sanctuary

Written by KAREN BREWER, Publisher & Editor

On Easter Sunday morning, April 15, 1990, Rock Springs Baptist Church held its last service in the 1959 sanctuary and its first service in the new sanctuary. A ribbon-cutting ceremony preceded the first service.

A video tells the story from that day.

Large, praying hands could be seen behind the choir, as the choir and congregation sang “Victory in Jesus” and “Amazing Grace.”

Pastor David Gallamore prayed, “Precious Lord Jesus, thank you for that amazing grace. We exalt you, we love you. Lord, all that we see today and feel today, we owe it all to Jesus. Thank you for the men and women of faith, Lord, who have labored down through the years in this vineyard, given their lives and their substance and their very being to help the Gospel of Jesus Christ to continue to be proclaimed. Lord, may we not ever quit nor give up, but, as they have carried the torch before us, may we pick it up and carry it from henceforth. Bless this service. And we dedicate it to all of those who have gone on to glory who made all of this possible. But we dedicate it most of all to the Son of the living God, who is alive forevermore. We praise you. We magnify you. We adore you. Have your will in this service. In Jesus name, Amen.”

He asked everyone to be seated and said, “If you’ll bear with us, we’re going to spend just a very short time here. Then, we’re going to leave and go over to the building next door that God has so marvelously and wonderfully given us. We’re going to have a couple of special things. We wanted to have a service of celebration over here, where God has blessed so much. God has been so dear to all of us and so many down through the ages for 30 years.”

Then, he asked Elizabeth Leslie to come forward and share whatever was on her heart. Mrs. Leslie said that she joined when the church was a little wood frame building. “They got their water from across the road down in a holler from a spring that flowed out of a rock, and that’s where Rock Springs got its name,” she said. She also spoke about the baptizing pool. Speaking of the church building, she said, “It was a little wood frame building, at first. It was bigger, though, than the others. They put wire across and made Sunday School rooms. I remember very distinctly how the children sometimes would pull the curtain back and peak into the next Sunday School room. It was in that little church that God let me lead my own father to the altar.” She spoke

of how the church building was bricked and Sunday School rooms were built onto the back and how the congregation grew. “When my father joined up there, they had 38 members, and the little building was so small, they brought him outside the building to give him the right hand of fellowship. Then, we came over here, and, all the while, we kept trusting in the Lord.” She said how people said the church would never pay for the building (the 1959 sanctuary). “But we did,” she said. “This morning, we go into another building. It’s a beautiful building, but there is not a thing there that will take you to heaven. You’ve got to trust in the Lord and let Him have His way.”

“There are testimonies like that all over this church, folks, all over this church,” said the Pastor. Then, he asked Warrior Harkins to come forward and share.

“I’d like to say a few words this morning about Rock Springs Church since I’ve been attending here,” said Mr. Harkins. “First, I would like to say that I was saved in 1937 at Cedar Rock Baptist Church. In 1938, we moved into this community, and I started attending church over here in the other little church. It was just a wood building. There have been a lot of changes since then. The Lord has blessed here at Rock Springs in many ways. When I started over there in the little wooden church, as Mrs. Leslie said, we didn’t have Sunday School rooms, we didn’t have full-time preaching, we didn’t have electric lights. The roads in front of the church and in back of the church were dirt roads, so we didn’t have as good of roads to go to and from the church as we have now. The Sunday School class that I was in started saving up money to build Sunday School rooms. Later, the church built Sunday School rooms. We had full-time preaching, but the preacher worked a public job. The Lord blessed, and that church grew. So, we got a full-time pastor and built a parsonage where the new church is. The Lord blessed in attendance and increased our number. We built this present auditorium here.” He spoke well of the Pastors of the church through the years, including the current Pastor, whom he called “Brother David.” “A church is well blessed by having a man who will stand and preach God’s word like he does. He’s done a lot of hard work since he’s been here at Rock Springs.” After speaking about the past, Harkins spoke about the future. “This morning, we’re going over into the new sanctuary,” he said. “If we’ll stay together, the Lord can do greater things for us over there.”

Pastor Gallamore then asked Wayne Looper, who, he said, had led the music for 25 years at Rock Springs, to come forward. "Brother Wayne is going to sing probably one of the favorites of most every Christian around," he said. "Brother Wayne, come and bless our hearts with that great, great song." Looper then sang the hymn "How Great Thou Art." Near the end of the song, Minister of Music Rick Kirby asked the congregation to stand and sing.

Kirby, with the choir, sang "The Blood Bought Church."

"I'm going to read one verse of scripture, make a few comments, and, then, we're going to march out, walk out, however you go out, I may be 'flying', I don't know," said Pastor Gallamore. "I'm going to ask that you let your Pastor and his wife lead. Our senior adults, follow behind me... We're going to stop in front of the other building and have a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony. Then, we're going into the new facility." He asked that families go inside together and sit together, and for the sanctuary to be filled on the lower level first before the balcony.

He read from Joshua 4:7: "Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever."

He said that there were many things about Rock Springs Baptist Church to serve as memorials forever.

"There are the memorials for the people who have served here, worshipped here, and led here, given their lives here," he said. "They are forever a memorial to you and to me today, to keep on going for God. For those who were willing many years ago to sacrifice to greater degrees than you and I are, they are a memorial.

"But not only memorial people, a memorial place." He spoke of Elizabeth Leslie and Warrior Harkins and said, "Where she was able to take her daddy to the altar and see him come to know the Lord Jesus Christ – that's a memorial place. That's a holy place, a special place, because of something great God did.

"Then, there are the memorial prayers. Every prayer that has ever been uttered, every one of them, 107 years ago all of the way up till this time, every one of them are a memorial. Do you know there were some folks 107 years ago that prayed for this day right here. Amen? ... All down through the century, there have been people who prayed for this day. And we'd better be praying for another day for those who will follow us. Amen?"

"There is a memorial of productivity. 'What do you mean, preacher?' Every kind word, every deed, every sermon, every song, every Sunday School lesson, every dirty diaper changed, every cup of cold water given, every dime to the offering plate, there is a memorial of productivity for every-

thing that has been done. It stands up as a memorial that God is real, God is alive, and God is still on the throne.

"There is a memorial of perils. There have been some hard times in this church for 107 years, tough days. Those who said it couldn't be done, Mrs. Elizabeth. Many of those said, 'You'll never pay for a building like this.' You know what? They're right. But, what man can't do, God can.

"There are a lot of folks who say we can't go on and do even greater things for God," he said, but added that, if God is in it, the church could do great things God wants done, "because God is greater than any of us.

"Then there is a memorial to the present, and I'm going to hold that until we get over there. God said (and I'll be preaching on this text next door), 'As I was with Moses, so shall I be with thee.' Friends, God says, 'Just as close as I was to Moses, I'll be that close to you. And, if I divided the Red Sea for Moses, I can divide the Red Sea for y'all.' Amen? This stands for a memorial.

"And it all is a memorial - not to any man - but it is a memorial to the Son of the living God, the Lord Jesus Christ. May it not be the last memorial that this church sets up, but, if Jesus tarries, may they have another service one day where they stand on the outside of this building and memorialize what Jesus did through folks like you and me. 'To God be the glory. Great things He hath done.' Amen?"

Pastor Gallamore then asked the congregation to stand and asked his wife to come and join him as he prayed. "Jesus, what a special time we've already had. Lord, there have been so many people won to Jesus in this building, so many people that have come close to God in this building, so many songs been sung by so many people and so many choirs. So many sermons have been preached by so many great men of God and so many great Pastors. Lord, I pray that we'll realize today that the spirit of God doesn't dwell in brick and mortar, in stained-glass windows and pews or any of the things that are tangible. But the spirit of God dwells in our heart when we're saved. Lord, I pray that, as we step out and step over, God, when we enter that building, there will be a mighty rushing wind that will blow through our hearts and through our souls. Lord, may, in the building that we're about to go into, multitudes come to know Christ, multitudes get close to God, and multitudes lift Jesus up and crown Him King of kings and Lord of lords. As we march out today, may some lost soul be riding by and say 'What in the world is going on?' and the Holy Spirit of God grip their heart and say, 'You need to go by there.' Father, may, in the days to come, we see the glory of God as never before. Thank you, Father, for everything you've done. In Jesus' name, Amen."

"Amazing Grace" played as everyone walked out of the 1959 sanctuary and walked next door to the new sanctuary.



Photograph courtesy of Pastor David Gallamore

Pastor David Gallamore speaks prior to the ribbon cutting for the new sanctuary on April 15, 1990.

While everyone gathered in front of the new sanctuary, Pastor Gallamore read from Revelation 3:7-8: “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.”

“God opens a lot of doors,” he said. “He opens the door of greatness. . . . God opens doors the devil can’t shut, and God shuts doors that the devil can’t open. In just a little while, we’re going to open another era of Rock Springs Baptist Church and another door of greatness.

“God also opens the door of grace. As we open this door this morning and go through that, Jesus said, ‘I am the door.’ Maybe there is somebody here today, that you’re going to walk through this door, but, spiritually, you need to walk through THE door, the Lord Jesus Christ. He wants you to know today He is the door of grace.

“Then, he opens the door, one day, to glory. One day, the Bible says, He’s going to open that door, either by the grave or by the rapture, but it’s all in the hands of Jesus to open those doors.

“Listen to me, Rock Springs, and all of you that God will lead here in the days to come. We think this is great. The souls that Jesus will want to bring under His blood in the days to come will be the greatest thing we ever do. He opens the doors of greatness. Let’s ask God today to open those doors, and let’s experience the greatness of God like never before.

“Brother Tom Jones, our Director of Missions, I’m going to ask to come and breathe a word of prayer with us.



Photograph courtesy of Pastor David Gallamore

Pastor David Gallamore speaks prior to the ribbon cutting for the new sanctuary on April 15, 1990.

And I’m going to ask those three folks, Brother Bill Jennings, who is the chairman of our building committee, Brother DeForrest Whitt, and Mrs. Piccola Gilstrap, right after he prays, to come, and, simultaneously, they’re going to cut the ribbon, and then we’re going to go in and have our first worship service.” In the days to come, he said, it would be a “great place where God is going to do great things.”

Jones, Director of Missions for the Piedmont Baptist Association, said, “Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. Let us pray and praise Him together. Oh, Lord, our God, how excellent is your name in all the earth. We do praise you because you have offered to us a door to eternal life through your son Jesus Christ through repentance and faith in Him that we can come to you and know the joy and the peace of fellowship with you again in the forgiveness of sin. Father, we do rejoice today, conscious of so many who have gone before in this fellowship of faith at Rock Springs — so many, oh God, who have given their lives, who have sacrificially given of themselves and their resources, to bring us to this day. Lord, for this congregation who have seen the vision and by your spirit have responded generously and faithfully to the call, Lord, I pray your special blessing on this fellowship today. The excitement and joy of this moment, as we enter this place of worship, Lord, help us to know it has no meaning outside of the power and presence of your spirit. May Christ be lifted up. May we be drawn to Him. . . . to life everlasting. May it be so for every one of us. We pray in Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Pastor Gallamore said of Jennings, Whitt, and Gilstrap, “These three folks represent a lot of rich heritage here at Rock Springs.” He asked all three to simultaneously cut this ribbon, “symbolizing the new era in the life of this church.” After they cut the ribbon, the Pastor said, “Amen.”



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Pastor David Gallamore, at right, as Bill Jennings, Piccola Gilstrap (assisted by Jimmy Sheriff), and Deforest Whitt prepare to cut the ribbon for the new sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 15, 1990.



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Pastor David Gallamore, at right, as Bill Jennings, Piccola Gilstrap (assisted by Jimmy Sheriff), and Deforest Whitt cut the ribbon for the new sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 15, 1990.



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The first service in the 1990 sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 15, 1990.

The congregation then walked into the new sanctuary for the first service, as “Onward, Christian Soldiers” was played on the piano and organ by Linda Waldrop and Neomia Walker. A large cross was visible on the wall in the baptistry behind the choir loft. As the choir filled the choir loft, Ethel Rogers entered the choir loft in her wheelchair. As the pews began to be filled, Pastor Gallamore commented that the balcony was opening up, and he said, “What a beautiful sight. What a beautiful sight.” Church members continued to come in, as “Onward, Christian Soldiers” continued to play, until everyone was inside.

Pastor Gallamore prayed, “Lord Jesus, we want to worship you in this hour. We want to lift up your holy name. We want your people, Lord, to sing with thanksgiving and, Lord, to love one another in the spirit of Christ. And may souls be saved today. May lives be transformed today. Lord, may we worship you in truth and in spirit. We magnify the sweet, holy, wonderful, marvelous, precious, glorious name of Jesus Christ today. For it’s in His name, we do pray, Amen.”

Choir member Vicky Ellis sang “Holy Ground”, and Rick Kirby led the congregation in singing “He Lives.”

Pastor Gallamore pointed out that, during the groundbreaking service, in September of 1988, ‘giants’ were in the location where the sanctuary was built. “Those giants were knocked down,” he said. “We said we weren’t going to let anything stop us from doing God’s will, and I’m glad you went all the way and weren’t willing to stop and weren’t afraid of any of the devil’s giants. God’s greater than any giant the devil’s got, to throw at us, as long as we stay true to the Lord Jesus Christ.

“I want to dedicate this service today to all of those who have been members of this church from 107 years ago up to now. We didn’t get here, folks, in two years. It’s been a steady plowing forward for 107 years to be where we are today by your ancestors, by your dads and moms, your grandmas and grandpas, by those who cared enough to do whatever was necessary to see God’s house go forward. I want to dedicate it also to those in the last couple of years who saw the vision, also, who have gone to glory since we began building this building. You say, ‘Preacher, can they see?’ They can see a whole lot better than we can today. We’re rejoicing here, but I want to tell you they are rejoicing in glory.”

He recognized the building committee, who, he said, had done a tremendous job. “I love them and appreciate them,” he said.

“Everybody in this building has had a great part. You’ve been there, you’ve given, you’ve prayed, you’ve done all kinds of things. I want to say thank you, from the very depths of my heart, for all that you’ve done.

“I am so inadequate and feel so humbled. It’s like a dream that woke up, that’s come true. And I want to thank Jesus for letting me be the Pastor for such a marvelous, marvelous group of people. Folks, I want you to know, again, I love you with all of my heart, and I can’t wait for what God is going to do in the days to come. He’s so good, and I love Him so much.”

He mentioned prayer requests for several church members and asked men and women to come to the altar and kneel at the altar while Rick Ellis, the Chair of deacons, prayed.

“Our heavenly Father, it’s great to be in your house today,” Ellis prayed. “It’s great to know that Jesus Christ is in this building today.” He prayed for those mentioned who were sick and said, “We thank you for the promise that you’ll never leave us nor forsake us.” Speaking of his fellow church members kneeling in prayer, he said, “All of these people gathered around this altar right now, we are united in prayer, every Christian in this building is united in prayer, that at least one soul will be saved here today.” He prayed for the Pastor. “Fill him with Jesus Christ today. Fill him with Jesus’ message today.” He also prayed for revival. “I pray that members of Rock Springs Church will see the need to spread Jesus Christ. . . You want everybody to come to know you. . .”

The Pastor asked the congregation to stand and join hands with those beside them, and they sang “We Are One in the Bonds of Love.” The choir then sang while the congregation shook hands, and then they all sang together again.

Rick Kirby led the choir and congregation in singing “Because He Lives.”

The choir sang “He’s Coming Back Again.”

Shirley Gallamore sang “To God Be the Glory.”

Pastor Gallamore read from Joshua 1:5-9 and delivered a message, “God and His Truth Still Marching On.”

“One day, the Lord Jesus is coming back for His church,” he said. “But, until that day, until that moment, when He does, the church still marches on. In Matthew 16:18, He said, ‘The gates of hell shall not prevail against my church.’ The winds will blow. The waves will come. But ‘my church’ – all born again, blood-washed believers – shall not be overcome. The gates of hell shall not prevail against ‘my church’.

“This building and the resurrection and all that we’re about stand to proclaim to the world, your answer can only

be found in the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank God for the building. Thank God for the windows and the chandeliers. . . Thank God for all of the nice things we’ve got. But I want to tell you — without Jesus, they’re nothing. But, with the Lord Jesus, it doesn’t matter if you worship in an old shanty somewhere. . . I believe God’s house ought to be the most beautiful place in the community. . . This is a fine looking house of God. Don’t you ever get your eyes on these windows or walls or chandeliers. You keep your eyes on Jesus Christ. He, and He alone, has the power to save and to cleanse and to meet that need in your life and in mine.

“This was a new day in the life of Joshua and the children of Israel. Moses is dead. A new turn of events. A brand new day. It’s a brand new day in the life of Rock Springs Baptist Church today. We’ve come over by faith and marched over to a new era. We have, in a sense, crossed over Jordan. And we’ve said, ‘God, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand.’ God, help us to take the banner and the cross and march through Easley, South Carolina and try to win every lost person we can.

“God, stir our church up. Don’t let us be a cold, complacent, dry, dull, dry-eyed church, but, oh, God, give us the worship like we’ve had this morning. . .

“It is possible, and in the plan of God for your life and my life, for this church and every church to march toward Canaan and experience the fullness that God has prepared. How are we going to do it? Three simple ways.

“We’ve got to do some claiming. Look at verse five: ‘As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.’ We’ve got to do some claiming. . . I want to tell you today, Rock Springs, we need to claim this book, and the book says, ‘As I was with Moses, so shall I be with thee.’ I don’t have to worry about God’s presence. I don’t have to wonder about God’s presence. I need to claim God’s presence, because He said, ‘I was with Moses . . . and I will be with you. . .

“We’ve got to claim His past presence. We’re standing on holy ground, 107 years of holy ground. We claim his past presence. ‘I was with Moses, and I will be with you.’ In Moses’ day, He did marvelous and mighty and miraculous things. He parted the Red Sea. They didn’t have any food. God caused it to rain out of heaven to feed them. They didn’t have any water. God said, ‘Speak to a rock.’ ‘You don’t get water out of a rock.’ You do when God tells you to. ‘God, there’s no way we can do it.’ Who are you trusting in, the rock or The Rock? God said to speak to it, and you’ll get water out of it, and the Bible says the water came forth. God was with Moses, and Moses went for God until he couldn’t go anymore.

“We ought to give our best to Jesus Christ until we can’t give our best anymore. . .

“There are those who have fought and won the battle, just like Moses in the Bible, in the history of Rock Springs Baptist Church. Thank God for ‘Moseses’ in the past. We’re where we are today because of past ‘Moseses.’ We didn’t get here in two years. We’re here today because of what they did, because of what they built upon... There have been some ‘Moseses’ in the past. There have been some men and women who have given their best, and we can claim God’s past presence...”

He noted the buildings but also feeling God’s spirit and experiencing God’s spirit “the way we’ve experienced.

“We can claim His present presence. ‘I will be with thee.’ Some folks have got the mentality, ‘Oh, it ain’t what it used to be, preacher.’ If you could call them back from heaven today, every one of those folks would stand here where I’m standing today and say, ‘Listen, I didn’t work, sweat, and give, and do all the things that I did, so that one day you could quit and say that’s enough.’ They would say, ‘I intended for this church to go forward.’ They would say, ‘I intended for you to go on.’” He added that they would say that, if you’re not where you ought to be, “You’ve got to get busy, because time is fastly going by.

“I can claim God’s present presence. God didn’t just do something in Moses’ day. God is doing something in this day. I could tell you what God has done in the lives of some of you sitting here, but you know it better than I do. God is not dead. God has not changed. God is still the same. I can claim His present presence. God is doing mighty, marvelous and wants to do miraculous things in this day.

“Then I can claim God’s promised presence. ‘Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever’ - Hebrews 13:8. As God has been with us in the past, God is with us today. God will be with us in the future. Time doesn’t erode the promises of God.” He added that God would be with the congregation just as He was with Moses. “Did God love Israel any more than He loves us? No, sir. No, ma’am. He said, ‘I will be with you just like I was with them. You’ve got to put your faith in me.’ ...

“This morning has been God’s will and God’s plan for this church — else this place wouldn’t be like it is today...

“You don’t stop,” he said, “until you get to glory.

“Where would we be today, where would you and I be today, if some of those who have come before us had stopped and said, ‘That’s enough.’ If some of them had said, ‘We don’t need any more’?...

“We must continue on because of the source of the command. ‘Have not I commanded thee?’ ... The source of the command is God.... The strength of the command... Jesus said, ‘When you’re weak, I’ll make you strong.’



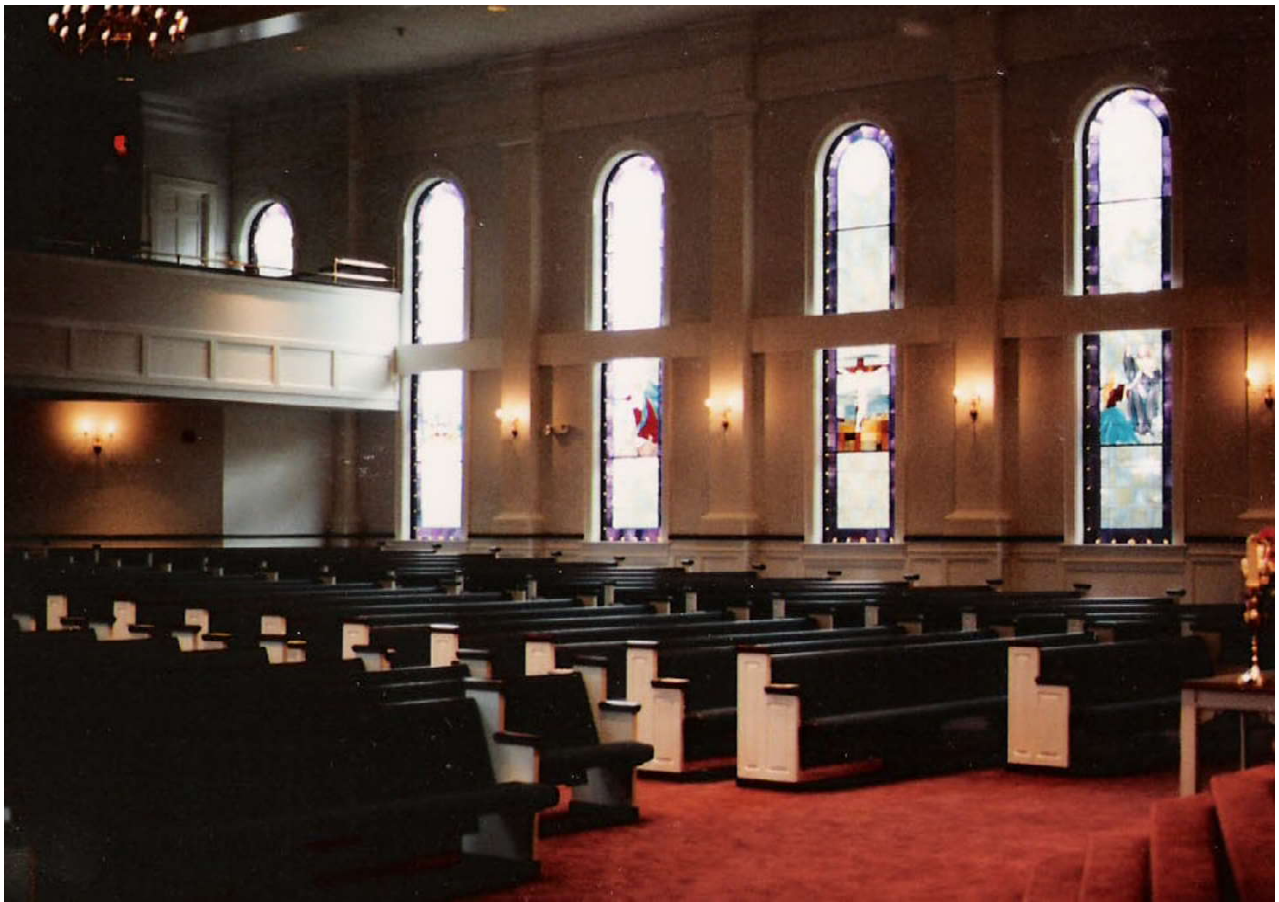
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Inside the 1990 sanctuary

“Rock Springs, we’ve got to continue to claim some things. We’ve got to continue to commit to some things. And, Rock Springs, we’ve got to continue on. We have not arrived at the peak where God says it’s time to stop. If you think building this building and if you think marching in today, if you think that coming in here today, that that’s the pinnacle of all God has to give, friend, you don’t know my God. He’s got much, much more than you could ever imagine.

“There’s a man down in Easley somewhere today that’s drunk. There’s a young person somewhere in Pickens County laying in a gutter somewhere, shot up on dope. There is a little boy or little girl that doesn’t have a mama and daddy, somewhere in this city. There’s a senior adult somewhere, rocking in a rocking chair, nobody cares about spending time with, and God says, ‘Where’s my church?’ Friend, we’ve not arrived. We’ve just begun. If we do God’s will, we’re going to see some mighty, marvelous, miraculous things, because God says, ‘As I was with Moses, so I will be with you.’ ...

“I’m nothing, but my Jesus is everything.”



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May 20, 1990: Rock Springs Dedicates New Sanctuary

Written by KAREN BREWER, Publisher & Editor

Rock Springs Baptist Church held a dedication service for the new sanctuary at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 20, 1990, five weeks after the first service was held on Easter Sunday, April 15, 1990.

In the Dedication Service program were printed these words from Pastor David Gallamore:

“Dear Christian friends,

“On this Dedication Day, the words that seem most appropriate are, ‘To GOD be the glory; great things HE hath done.’ Before our eyes we have watched unfold and come to pass a vision which seemed impossible. As we dedicate this beautiful new Worship Center to the glory of GOD, our hearts cry out, ‘This is Thy work and it is marvelous in our eyes.’

“It is our prayer that many will find new strength and courage within these walls; that many who are burdened with sin and guilt will find forgiveness and joyful release which only CHRIST can bring; that many who have found life to be without meaning and purpose will trust Christ as personal Lord and Saviour and have their lives transformed by Him.

“Believing that the hand of God has led us in the planning and construction of this building, we hereby resolve and purpose that by the Grace of God, the glorious and everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ shall go forth from this place to the ends of the earth. To that end, we dedicate this Worship Center.

“Yours in Christ, David Gallamore, Pastor”

The Service of Dedication began with an organ prelude by Neomia Walker and a call to worship, “To God Be the Glory” by the adult choir.

A praise chorus of “Holy Ground” was sung by the choir and congregation: “We are standing on holy ground, And I know that there are angels all around, Let us praise Jesus now, We are standing in His presence on holy ground.”

Following a prayer, the welcome and announcements, recognition of guests, and words of gratitude to workers and builders, the offertory hymn was “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.”

Special music by Shirley Gallamore and daughters Stacey and Tonya was followed by “Holy is He” by the adult choir.

Pastor David Gallamore gave the message titled “El Bethel.”

The invitation hymn by the adult choir was “I Surrender All.”

The Act of Dedication was read by the Pastor and the congregation, and following the Prayer of Dedication were the benediction and organ postlude.

The Act of Dedication:

Pastor: Having been prospered by the good hand of the Lord Our God, and being ever mindful of our duty as stewards of the talents that He has entrusted to us,

People: With joyous and grateful hearts, we consecrate this house of our God, who has loved us, and has blessed us, and led us thus far in the completion of our cherished task.

Pastor: Believing in God our Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift,

People: We dedicate this house to His worship, and to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Knowing that there is none other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved,

People: We dedicate this church to evangelism, to the bringing of the saving knowledge of our Lord and Master to the unconverted.

Pastor: In obedience to the command that has been given to us to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations,

People: We dedicate this house to the worldwide program of the church, till all kingdoms of the world become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ.

Pastor: Realizing the obligation to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord,

People: We dedicate this church to the purpose of Christian education, that the boys and girls of this and coming generations may here study God’s Word, make confession of Christ, and be led into paths of purity and usefulness.

Pastor: In accordance with the commandment of Christ that we love our neighbors as ourselves,

People: We dedicate this building to the service of Christian fellowship.

Pastor: And unto thee, our God, we, the people of this church and congregation and all those who are here met with us, do dedicate ourselves anew, beseeching thee that thou wilt not leave us nor forsake us; that thou wilt incline our hearts unto thee, to walk in thy truth, and to keep thy commandments all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The 1990 Sanctuary



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March 25, 2001: Planning for the Future: Rock Springs Baptist Church Congregation is Presented Artist's Rendering of New Worship Center

Written by KAREN BREWER, Publisher & Editor



With a membership of just over 3,000 in 2001, a figure that doubled in seven years, Rock Springs Baptist Church anticipated an even bigger future, with the construction of yet another new sanctuary.

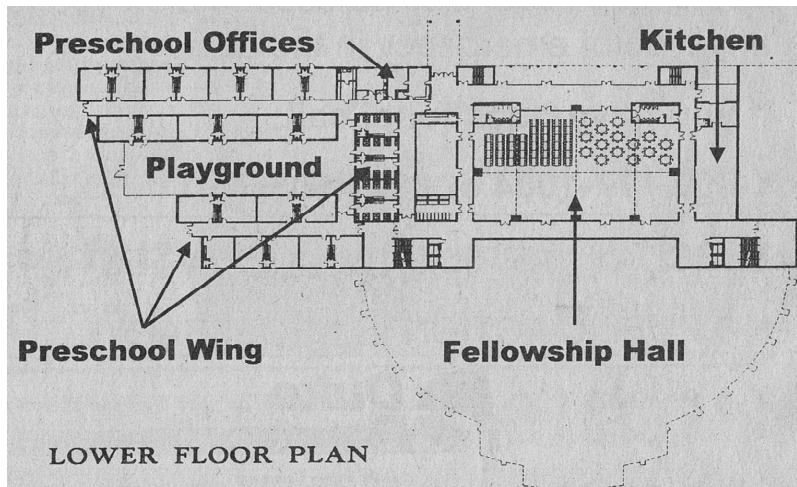
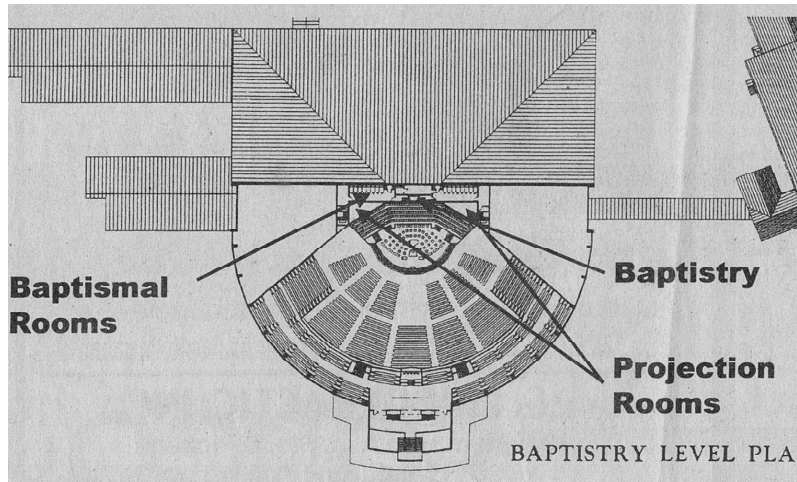
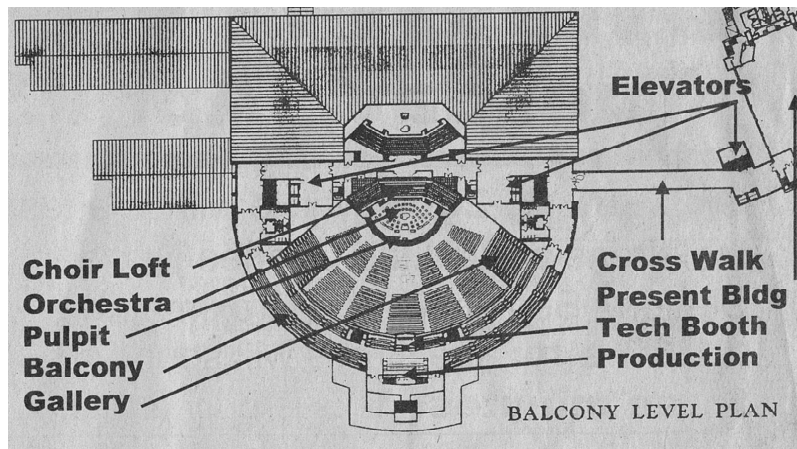
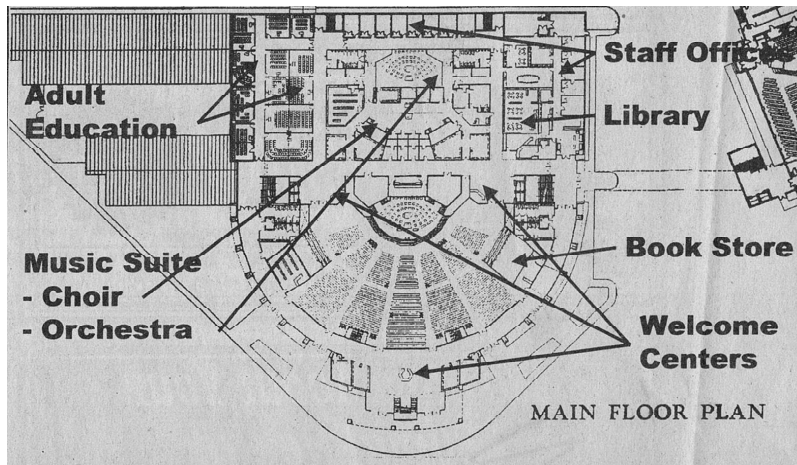
In the evening service of Sunday, March 25, 2001, Chuck Attaway, Chair of the church's building committee, presented to church members an artist's rendering of the proposed new worship center, with the new auditorium seating 3,200 and plans for the entire facility including a music suite for the choir and orchestra, a library, a bookstore, welcome centers, a staff office suite, an area for adult education, a balcony, technician and production booths, projection rooms, baptistry and baptismal rooms, kitchen, fellowship hall, a preschool wing with preschool offices and a playground, elevators, and a pedestrian bridge between the 1990 sanctuary and the proposed sanctuary.

Services were first held in the 1990 sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 15, 1990. At that time, membership was less than half of the membership in 2001, but it did not take long for the numbers to grow so large that two Sunday morning worship services were needed to accommodate the crowds,

with Sunday School (Bible Fellowship) classes held two times on Sunday mornings in the 1922 and 1959 sanctuaries, side by side in a row next to the 1990 sanctuary. The preschool/children's education building and Christian Fellowship Center were built in 1993. Growth of the church membership led to the purchase of several parcels of land to accommodate expansion needs.

"The deacons and building committee spent hundreds of hours preparing and planning," Rev. David Gallamore said. "I am deeply grateful for their efforts and for their love for Jesus and this church. I thank God for every one of these men. The schematic drawing phase is completed. The next step is for the architect to go to work on getting the drawings ready so we can go to the next step – securing contractors.

"God has been good to us, but the greatest thing He has done for us is not the buildings, although, with the new building would come a lot of people. God continually amazes me at the folks He brings our way, and the half has not been told yet. Excitement about the building is good, but excitement about Jesus is even better."



April 8, 2001: Pastor David Gallamore is Honored With Doctor of Divinity Degree, Shirley Gallamore is Honored for Distinguished Service

Written by KAREN BREWER, Publisher & Editor



Photograph courtesy of Bob Montgomery

Dr. Charles Williams presents Rev. David Gallamore with a Doctor of Divinity degree.

During a Pastor appreciation service held at Rock Springs Baptist Church the evening of Sunday, April 8, 2001, Dr. Charles Williams, President of the Southern Baptist School for Biblical Studies, presented Pastor David Gallamore with a Doctor of Divinity degree, and Williams' wife, Dr. Georgia Williams, presented Shirley Gallamore with a Distinguished Service Award.

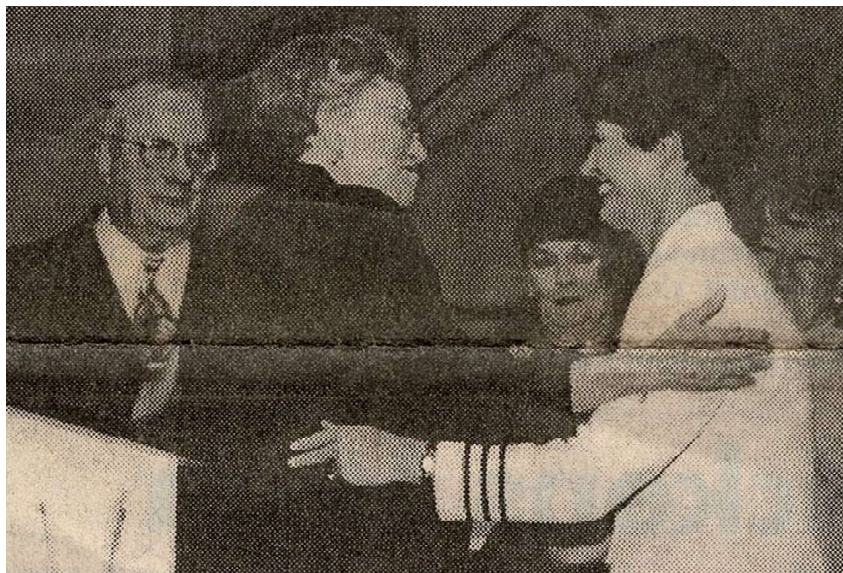
Following pre-service music of "He is Exalted" by the church's orchestra, the opening song "Assurance Medley" by the choir and "Saved, Saved" sung by the choir and congregation, the service was opened with a prayer by the Piedmont Baptist Association's Director of Missions, Dr. Broadus Moody. "Thank you for Rock Springs and the vital part they play in your Kingdom and your Kingdom's ministry, reaching this world for Jesus," Moody said. "Thank you for Pastor David, for all he has meant to us personally, and for all he does in evangelism work and other areas of ministry, to help us stay on the firing line, reaching people for Jesus."

"Triumphantly, the Church Will Rise" was sung by the Gallamore Quartet (Pastor Gallamore's wife, Shirley Gallamore, and their daughters, Stacey, Tonya, and Samantha).

Special music also included "When He Reached Down His Hand for Me", a solo by Minister of Music Don Gibson, "Amazing Grace", a solo by Shirley Gallamore, "How Great Thou Art", a solo by Julie Caldwell, and "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder", sung by the choir and congregation.

Before delivering the night's message on the subject of "God's Man", Dr. Charles Williams read to the congregation testimonials written to him on behalf of Rev. Gallamore, including by Gallamore's son-in-law, Dr. Stuart Houston, evangelists Dr. Junior Hill and Dr. Fred Wolfe, and Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute President Dr. Kenneth Ridings.

"We are here tonight to praise the Lord Jesus Christ and to honor one of his choicest servants," Williams said, adding that the testimonials could be multiplied hundreds of times. "And, so, it is with a great deal of personal honor that I am here tonight to confer this degree upon your Pastor, David Gallamore." Presenting the degree to him, Williams said, "The Southern Baptist School for Biblical Studies, the Directors of the School, upon the recommendation of the faculty, confer upon Charles David Gallamore the degree of Doctor of Divinity, together with all of the rights, honors, and privileges thereto pertaining."



Photograph courtesy of Bob Montgomery

Dr. Georgia Williams and Shirley Gallamore embrace after Williams presents Gallamore with a Distinguished Service Award.

Mrs. Charles Williams presented Shirley Gallamore with an honor, as well. “Shirley, as the Bible teaches us, we, as wives, are helpmates,” she said. “You have been a true helpmate to David, not only as a wife, but as a Pastor’s wife. The Southern Baptist School for Biblical Studies, the Directors of the School, upon the recommendation of the faculty, confer upon Shirley Ann Gallamore the Distinguished Service Award, together with all of the rights, honors, and privileges thereto pertaining.”

“I am honored beyond words,” Pastor Gallamore said of the tribute and standing ovation. “I want to thank the Lord Jesus Christ. Without Him, we would absolutely all be hopeless here tonight. But I’m glad I’ve got a heavenly Father who looked beyond my fault and saw my need. I’m glad I’ve got a Saviour who doesn’t look at how bad I am but how good I can be through His grace and through His love. And what He’s done for me, He’ll do for you, too.

“I want to take the privilege to thank my family. My dear wife of almost 30 years has stood beside me, and never one time has she said, ‘You can’t do what God wants you to do.’ She has always encouraged me to follow God, and, honey, I love you for that. I’ve got three of the finest girls, in my humble but accurate opinion, that God ever put on the face of this earth. Girls, your Daddy loves you with all of his heart.” He bragged on his daughters and their families as well as his church staff and also

said that he was honored that some of his siblings were there.

“I love my church,” he said. “I want to thank God for being able to pastor one of the greatest churches in all of the world.” He added, “I’m glad that I pastor a people who are willing to follow God and let God be the head of the church.

“God is not impressed with degrees. You ought to get all of the education you can. You ought to study as hard as you can. But degrees, alone, don’t impress God. Desire impresses God. Denial impresses God, denying yourself and taking up the cross. Determination impresses God.”

He added, “One of the special fruits of my ministry is to see God touch the hearts and lives of young men and call them out to preach the Gospel and young ladies to call them out to the mission field.”

One of the young men called out from Rock Springs Baptist Church to preach the Gospel included his own son-in-law, Dr. Stuart Houston, who spoke well of his father-in-law at the special service and added, “I believe he needs to be honored. We appreciate him.”

After the service, refreshments were served in the Christian Fellowship Center, and the congregation enjoyed a time of fellowship with each other and with their Pastor and his wife, to whom they brought cards, letters, and gifts to show their appreciation for their dedication.

April 28, 2002: Rock Springs Baptist Church Breaks Ground for New Sanctuary

Written by KAREN BREWER, Publisher & Editor

The afternoon of Sunday, April 28, 2002 was momentous for the congregation of Rock Springs Baptist Church, as ground was broken for a new worship center with a 3,200-seat auditorium and plans for the entire facility including a music suite for the choir and orchestra, a library, bookstore, welcome centers, staff office suite, Bible Fellowship classrooms, balcony, technician and production booths, projection rooms, baptistry and baptismal rooms, kitchen, fellowship hall, a preschool wing with preschool offices and a playground, elevators, and a crosswalk (pedestrian bridge)

Ground Breaking Service

“... and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

- Matthew 16:18



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Dr. David Gallamore, Pastor

between the 1990 sanctuary and the new proposed sanctuary.

Inspirational music during the outdoor groundbreaking service, held at the site of the future worship center, across Rock Springs Road from the 1990 sanctuary, was provided by the orchestra, the kids' choir, the student choirs, the adult choir, a men's quartet, and soloists. The orchestra provided pre-service music with the song "Majesty." A men's quartet sang "God's Building a Church." Minister of Music Don

Gibson sang "When He Reached Down His Hand for Me." The adult choir, accompanied by the orchestra, sang "There is Power." Charlie Holliday, with the combined kids' choirs, sang "Trust and Obey." The congregation joined in "O, the Blood of Jesus", "Nothing but the Blood", and "Power in the Blood." The combined student choirs (middle school and high school) sang "Above All." Soloist Linda Lewis sang "I've Come Too Far to Look Back." Shirley Gallamore sang a solo of "Amazing Grace."

Dr. David Gallamore, Pastor of Rock Springs since September 11, 1983, delivered encouraging words in an inspiring message that faith produces optimism to overcome obstacles and have victory over opponents; faith produces creativity for God's people to do what God calls them to do; faith produces sacrifice of time, talent, and treasure; and faith produces soul winning. He used examples of the Children of Israel taking the Canaan Land, David defeating Goliath; Joshua marching around the walls of Jericho; and Noah building the ark.

"As we celebrate this wonderful occasion in the life of our church," Gallamore noted, "we give thanks and praise to the One who made it all possible, and that is Jesus Christ. There are also those precious memories of those who have gone before us who have made it possible for us to be here today. I believe that many are looking down from Heaven with a shout, rejoicing with us as we go forward for the sake of the Kingdom.

"Today is a new beginning point for us, but, to accomplish what God has in store, we must be willing to pray, love, give, and each member do their part if we are to cross over into our Canaan. There will be obstacles and even some discouragement along the way, but we serve a mighty God, and He will take us over.

"If Jesus carries, I believe the best days for our dear fellowship are just ahead. May Jesus find us faithful, and may all who come behind us find us faithful.

"We ought not to build a building just so folks can ride by and say, 'What a pretty building.' We ought to build a building so we can fill it with lost people and let them hear the Gospel and see hundreds and thousands giving their heart to the Lamb of God, and then the saved people can have a spell rejoicing while those folks are giving their heart to the Lamb of God. I believe great and mighty things are going to be done for the honor and glory of God.

“We’re going to face some giants as we go into this building program, as we break ground and begin to see that building built,” he continued, “but, together, we’ve got to say, by faith, the giants are not going to stop us. No giant that has ever been created can stop God’s people when they do the will of God.”

Children and youth participated with Pastor Gallamore in defeating the ‘giants’ of fear, unbelief, bitterness, strife, hate, laziness, pride, carelessness, and prayerlessness, as he ran over the ‘giants’ with the aid of a front-end loader.

Gallamore commended the hard work of the building committee and deacons, who, along with Tom Baer of Triangle Construction Company, joined the pastor in the ceremonial groundbreaking. Pastor Gallamore used a shovel from the 1988 groundbreaking ceremony for the 1990 sanctuary.

He recalled that Bill Jennings, who chaired the building committee of the sanctuary completed in 1990, told him about the building of the 1959 sanctuary, and the fact that they never missed one payment. Jennings passed away the morning of Monday, April 29, 2002.

The service ended with a word of prayer from Rick Ellis, the Chair of Deacons, and closing praise of “How Great Thou Art” by the orchestra.

Rock Springs Baptist Church’s membership of more than 3,000 in 2002 had doubled since the mid-1990’s. The church was formed in 1882, when members worshiped in different

homes and services were held once or twice a month. After an old store and a brush arbor were utilized as places of worship, Rock Springs was officially organized in the fall of 1883 with a wooden structure equipped with 12 pews, a potbelly stove, an organ, and a pulpit, and a dirt floor, and a baptismal pool in a stream in the woods. When Rock Springs joined the Piedmont Baptist Association in 1884, the church had 22 members.

The first structure was replaced in 1904 after being destroyed by wind. The second church building was utilized until 1922, when it was replaced by a third. After renovations and the installation of a baptismal pool, the third building served the congregation until 1959, when a fourth building, (the auditorium vacated in 1990) was completed, and the church’s membership was at 538. Additions in 1968 included a nursery, classrooms, and an office.

Services were first held in the 1990 sanctuary on Easter Sunday, 1990. At that time, membership was less than half of what it was in 2002, but it didn’t take long for the numbers to grow so large that two Sunday morning worship services were needed to accommodate the crowds. A third Sunday morning worship service was added beginning Easter Sunday, 2001. In 2002, a total of about 100 Bible Fellowship classes were held, at two different times Sunday mornings, in the former sanctuaries, side by side next to the 1990 sanctuary.

The pre-school/children’s education building and Christian Fellowship Center were built in 1993.



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Pictured, left to right, during the April 28, 2002 groundbreaking for a new sanctuary: Marvin Ellenburg (deacon), Eddie Cleveland (deacon), Tom Baer (Triangle Construction), Raymond Walker (building committee), Chuck Attaway (Chair of the building committee), Stanley Brooks (building committee), Wayne Atkinson (building committee and deacon), Steve Lesley (building committee), Rick Ellis (Chair of deacons), Ed Gaines (deacon) Tom Brogdon (building committee), Jack Gallamore (deacon), and Pastor Dr. David Gallamore. Pastor Gallamore used the shovel from the groundbreaking ceremony for the previous sanctuary.

April 28, 2002 Groundbreaking Service for New Sanctuary



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The Rock Springs Baptist Church orchestra



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Men's Quartet: Steve Allsep, Joey Turner, Dennis Smith, Mike Freeman



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Minister of Music Don Gibson



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Rock Springs Baptist Church Kids' Choir

April 28, 2002 Groundbreaking Service for New Sanctuary



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The Rock Springs Baptist Church student choirs (middle school and high school students)



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Linda Lewis



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Shirley Gallamore



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Pastor David Gallamore

April 28, 2002 Groundbreaking Service for New Sanctuary



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Pastor David Gallamore gives the message for the April 28, 2002 groundbreaking service.



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Pastor David Gallamore rides a front-end loader driven by David Holcombe.



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For the April 28, 2002 groundbreaking service, Pastor Dr. David Gallamore used the shovel that Minor Gilstrap used in the September 11, 1988 groundbreaking service for the 1990 sanctuary. Also pictured in this photograph are Raymond Walker (building committee), Rick Ellis (Chair of deacons), and Steve Lesley (building committee).

September, 2002: Preparing for Construction



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In September of 2002, Pastor David Gallamore stands on the site where a new sanctuary will be built.



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In September of 2002, Wayne Holcombe and Dr. David Gallamore stand on the site of the future sanctuary.

Construction of the 2004 Sanctuary



Photograph courtesy of Pastor David Gallamore



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July 16, 2003: Steeple is Placed Atop the New Sanctuary



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The steeple was placed atop Rock Springs Baptist Church's new sanctuary near noon on Wednesday, July 16, 2003.



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July 16, 2003: Steeple is Placed Atop the New Sanctuary



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July 16, 2003: Cross is Placed Atop the Steeple



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Rising heavenward: A cross was placed atop the steeple at 12:20 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2003.

May 9, 2004: Rock Springs Holds Final Sunday Service in 1990 Sanctuary and Crosses Over to New Sanctuary

Written by KAREN BREWER, Publisher & Editor

The final Sunday services were held in the 1990 sanctuary on Mother's Day, May 9, 2004. For that day, Pastor David Gallamore preached from the pulpit from the 1922 sanctuary. That pulpit, he said, "has special significance because of the history behind it."

That night, following the service in the 1990 sanctuary, the Pastor led the congregation in a march from the auditorium to the new sanctuary, across Rock Springs Road.

"I got a note today from a little girl, who couldn't be over seven years of age," Pastor Gallamore said. "The letter said, 'Pastor, my life is a mess.' She told me a little about her family situation and said about three times, 'Pastor, please help me.' That's why we have church on Sunday nights. That's why we build buildings. Because boys and girls and men and women are crying for somebody to help them. And it's still the cross that does that.

"Our prayer is that we would honor the Lord Jesus Christ in everything we say and do. The building doesn't mean a thing without the empowerment of almighty God. We can't do it in our strength, but we know there is nothing impos-

sible with God. As that little girl said, 'Pastor, please help me,' there are hundreds and thousands crying out, 'Please help me.' May that be our ministry till Jesus comes."

As hundreds joined hands in front of the new sanctuary, Gallamore prayed, "Without God, we're absolutely nothing. It's by God's grace that we are what we are. We pray that this building will be used to preach the Gospel and sing the Gospel and teach the Gospel. I pray that every room will be sanctified to lift up the name of Jesus. We thank God for all of those who came in the past, those who are here now, and those who will come hereafter. May this always be a place where the light shines brightly and the Gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed uncompromisingly, and may multitudes be saved by God's marvelous grace. As a little girl cried for help, may we reach out everywhere we can, to help those who are hurting and in need. May the glory of God fill this place. The greatest days we will have ever experienced are just around the corner. And to God be the glory. Great things He hath done. Great things He is doing. And great things He shall do."



Photograph by Karen Brewer

Rock Springs Baptist Church's 1990 sanctuary

May 13, 2004: First Service is Held in New Sanctuary

Written by KAREN BREWER, Publisher & Editor

Tears misted in the eyes of Rock Springs Baptist Church's Pastor, Dr. David Gallamore, at the beginning of the first service in the new 3,200-seat sanctuary the evening of Thursday, May 13, 2004. The congregation stood and applauded. "I walked around in my office awhile ago," he said. "And I wept, and I said, 'Thank you, Jesus.' It was just me and God. And I walked out here, and I saw this crowd. What a Saviour. It's not the beauty of the physical building. It's the size of the God we serve."

As the Pastor and Rock Springs members walked into the new sanctuary, they were 'walking on the Word', as some members had written scripture verses on the floor of the sanctuary on March 1, before carpet was installed.

Minister of Music Don Gibson sang a solo of "When the Saviour Reached Down for Me," and the Gallamore Trio (Shirley Gallamore and daughters Tonya and Samantha) sang "Watch and See."

"A Brand New Day" was the title of the first sermon Pastor Gallamore preached in the new sanctuary from Joshua 1:1-8, in which God told Joshua to lead the children of Israel into the Promised Land. "I'm going to preach an old truth in a new building," he said. "We need to review our past. We did not get here simply by our efforts. We reaped where other men and women have labored. Others are going to come after us. We need to make sure we're laboring

so that they can reap off of our efforts. Recognizing that all good things come from God, the emphasis is not on you or me or the building, but on the Lord Jesus Christ. We have to review our past and praise God for the past, but we have to go to work like never before. To whom much has been given, much shall be required. God will require much more out of us in the future than He has in the past, because God has been good to us.

"We are grateful for every blessing God sends our way, but we don't have time to coast. We don't have time to put it in neutral. Jesus is coming back. In the book of Joshua, they said, 'We will follow anywhere. We will do anything.' And, when they followed, God blessed. We had better have the courage to do what God wants us to do.

"We are no better than any other church in the world that is doing the will of God. We don't have any reason to get high headed or haughty, because God deserves all of the praise and all of the honor and all of the glory.

"This is God's building," he told the congregation. "It's His church. He's allowed us to enjoy this wonderful facility. I'm proud of the building, but I'm more proud of you, who are the building of Christ. You're the church. I promise you I love you from the depths of my heart. I'm proud to be your Pastor. I praise God and thank God every day for His blessings for being your Pastor."



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Rock Springs Baptist Church's current sanctuary, built in 2004. A testament to the patriotism of the Pastor and people, an American flag waves from a flagpole in front.

May 16, 2004: Rock Springs Baptist Church Dedicates New Sanctuary with First Sunday Service

Written by KAREN BREWER, Publisher & Editor



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Dr. David Gallamore preached in the first Sunday service in Rock Springs' new sanctuary on May 16, 2004.

For the first Sunday in the new sanctuary, May 16, 2004, three special worship services were held, two that morning and one that evening.

The evening service included members of the children's choir joining the adult choir in a special dramatic presentation and solos by Minister of Music Don Gibson ("Calvary for Me") and Shirley Gallamore ("There Will Come a Day"). Congregational singing included "Amazing Grace", "There is a Redeemer", "At Calvary", and "Praise the Lamb".

Guests in the first morning service included Pastor Gallamore's siblings and Easley Mayor M.E. 'Chris' Christopherson and his wife, Marian, and Senator Larry Martin and his wife, Susan.

Guests in the second morning service included Tom Baer and Hobert Satterfield of Triangle Construction, U.S. Congressman Gresham Barrett, and former South Carolina Governor David Beasley, who offered a prayer.

Sunday morning services began with a parade of banners proclaiming the names of God and the Ten Commandments, while the choir sang "Lift High the Lord Our Banner." Special music with the choir and orchestra Sunday morning included "Mountain, Get Out of My Way" by the Men's Quartet, "We've Come Too Far to Look Back" by Linda Lewis, and "God's Glorious Church" by Shirley Gallamore. Congregational singing included "Majesty", "How Great Thou Art", and "Victory in Jesus."

Pastor Gallamore preached on “Glory in the Church” from Ephesians 3:20-21: “Now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”

Gallamore recognized the hard work of the deacons and building committee over the past three and a half years.

“We are thankful for the facilities,” he said. “There is something that far outshines this building, and that’s the Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. It is to Him and Him alone we give praise and honor and glory.

“You and I have thought about, prayed about, dreamed about, planned, and anticipated for this day for at least three and a half years, as we began to envision where the next building would be and began to dream about the land,” he told the congregation. “God began to put the pieces of the puzzle together. Then, the planning stages began.

“We’re grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ. We’re grateful for a church who has had a vision to believe that God wants to do exceedingly and abundantly above all we could ever think or ask for. I’m grateful for a church that prays the prayer of Jabez, ‘God, enlarge my coast.’ I’m grateful today for a wonderful staff and for great leadership throughout this church. I’m grateful for hundreds of you who have given literally hundreds and thousands of hours to make this day possible. The One who deserves all the praise and all the honor and all the glory in the church is the Lord Jesus Christ. Unto Him be glory in the church. This church exists to bring people to the Lord Jesus Christ. That is our purpose. It must always be our priority, to point people to the Lamb of God.

“As great as this building is, Jesus is building a building, and, one of these days, His building is going to be complete.

“The reason God has blessed our church is because we have not veered to the left or the right of the infallible, inerrant, inspired Word of the living God and have no intention of doing so from this day forward.

“We’ve not come to the end yet. There are still more people to reach. There are still lives to touch and families to help. God’s glorious church marches on in 2004. God is looking for people to get excited about the cross and the empty tomb and the promise of the Second Coming. God is looking for a people, and God is looking for a church who will be faithful and fervent and fruitful. Our ministry must be fruitful. Our passion must be powerful. We must give God our very best.

“We at Rock Springs have so much to be thankful for. I am not bragging that Rock Springs Baptist Church is the only church, because every church that names the name of Christ is important. Without God’s grace and God’s power, none of us could do anything. We ought to be praying for sister churches all over this state and all over this world. We ought to join hands together and win the lost to the Lord.

“As we dedicate this building, we’re saying we have erected this building for one great purpose: Unto Him be glory. The day that this church, not just the building but the church, ever exists for any other purpose is the day that the power of God will be withdrawn from this place. On this day and every day henceforth in this building, unto Him be the glory. When we assemble, unto Him be the glory. With every song sung, unto Him be the glory. With every sermon that is preached, unto Him be the glory. With every soul that is saved, unto Him be the glory. With every life that is changed, unto Him be the glory. Don’t get so excited about the building as you get excited about the builder, the Lord Jesus Christ.”



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The Current Sanctuary, Built in 2004



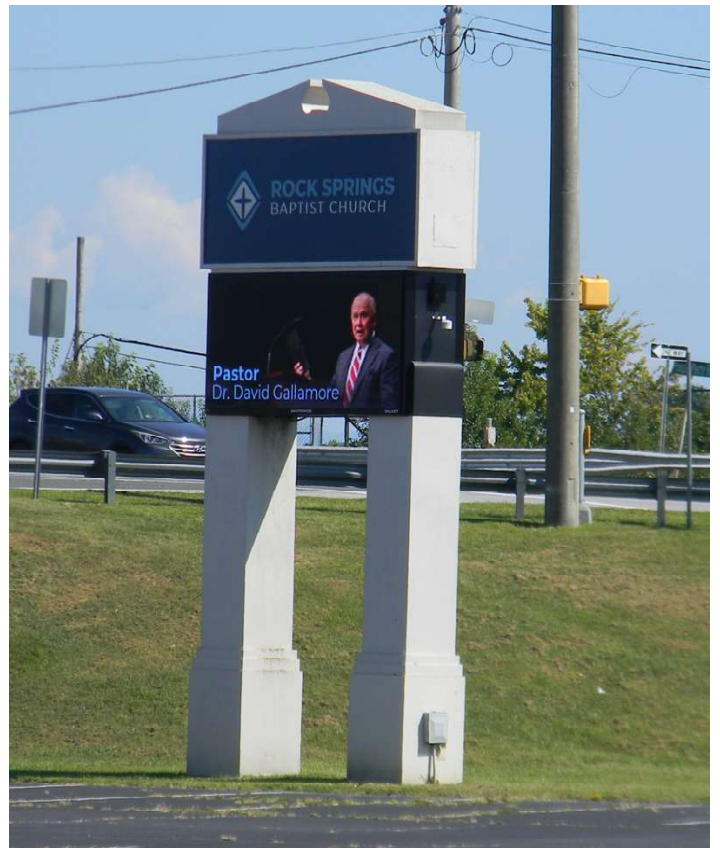
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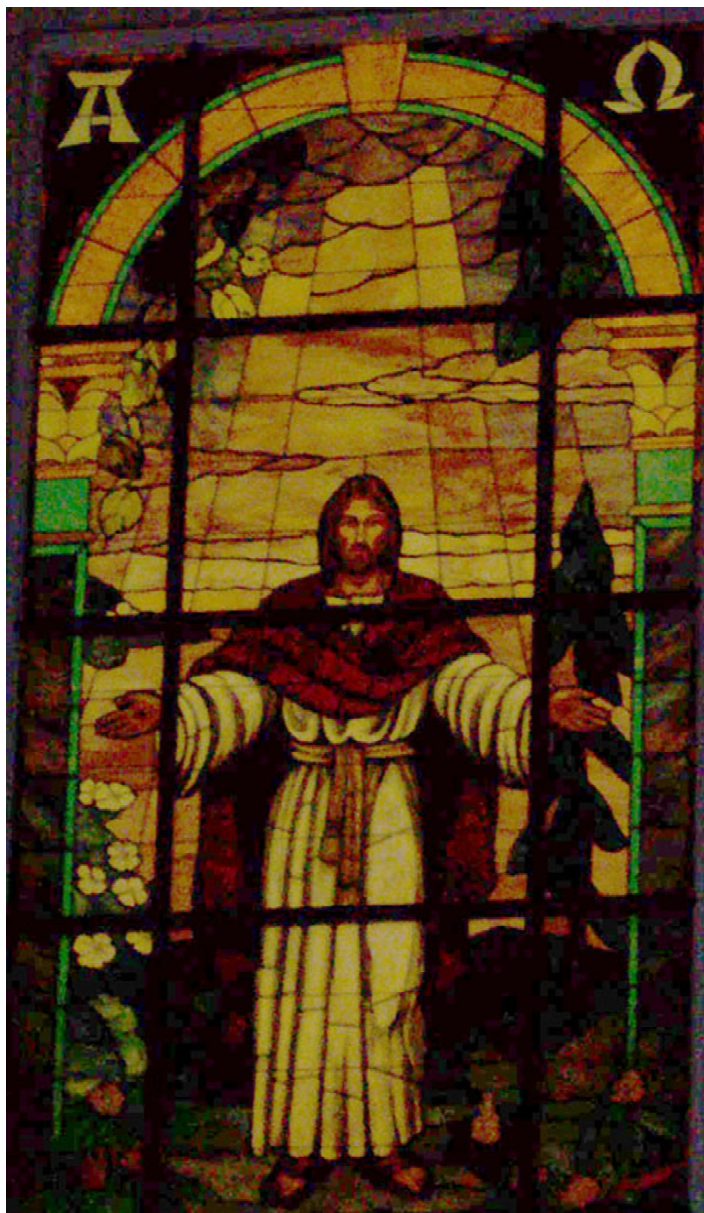
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Murals of Jesus



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Mural of baby Jesus with Mary and Joseph, painted by Genny Hendricks, Betty Sue Putman, and Yvonne Waters.



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Mural of Jesus with children, painted by Genny Hendricks, Betty Sue Putman, and Yvonne Waters.

August 11, 2005: Steeple from 1990 Sanctuary Removed



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Rock Springs Baptist Church Sports Complex



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Rock Springs Baptist Church's Outdoor Sports Complex includes a walking track, concession stands, restrooms, and multiple ballfields.



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Impact Center



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Rock Springs Baptist Church's Impact Center, located on Rock Springs Road, includes a fitness center, indoor track, café, bowling alley, and courts for basketball, volleyball, and pickleball.

Student Center



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Rock Springs Baptist Church's Student Center was built where the 1959 and 1922 sanctuaries once were, between the 1990 sanctuary and the former children's building that was built in 1993.

Christian Fellowship Center



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The Christian Fellowship Center includes a gymnasium and a parlor.

Social Hall



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Educational Wing Behind the Current Sanctuary

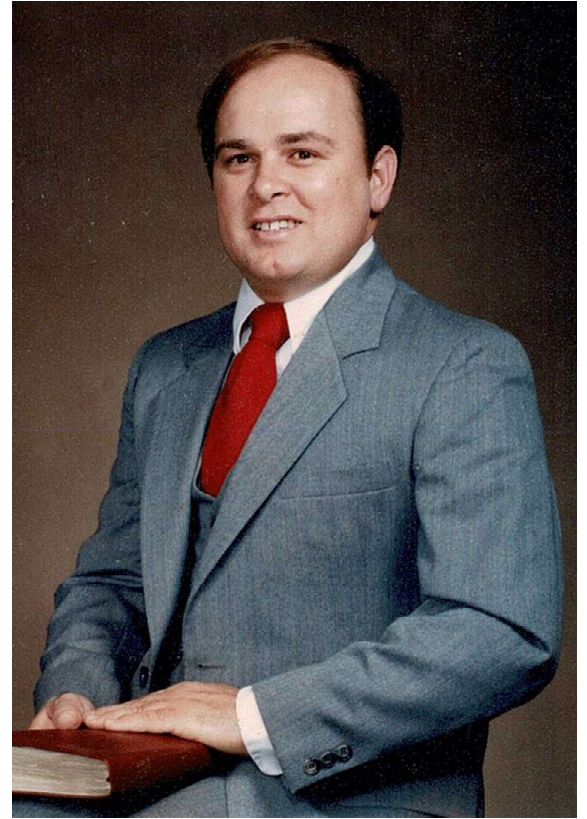
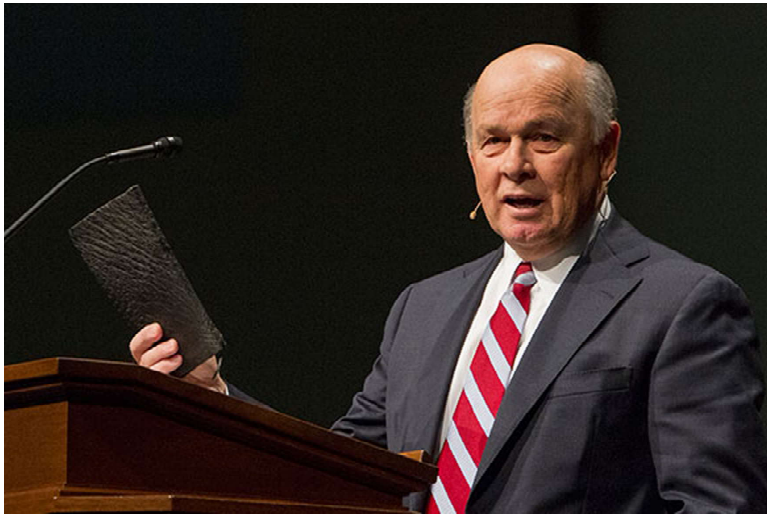


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