

Part 3: Building the Dream

“And he began to build in the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign. And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty.”

2 Chronicles 3:2,6

Finally, on February 15, 1997 we were able to have a ground-breaking ceremony. Site preparation was started on March 7, 1997. The foundation was started during the week of March 10, 1997 and it was completed during the week of March 31, 1997. The framing of the back part was started during the week of April 7, 1997 and finished around April 18, 1997. The front part of the sanctuary framing was finished around April 25, 1997. On May 5, 1997, the beams were installed.

Because of a rainy spring, construction was slowed, but progress was continuous. The rooms were blocked off, the wiring was installed and other inside work was done throughout the month of May.

During June and July, additional inside work was finished: sheet rock, lights, chair stands, pulpit and paneling.

The first week of August saw additional changes. We started bricking the church.

Also an artist painted a mural above the baptistery and the carpenters continued to paint and complete the inside of the church. We began to understand how Solomon felt in 2 Chronicles 4 as he began to finish the Temple.

We entered our new church home the fourth Sunday in September 1998. Dedication services were held in October. January 1999 we started a Bus Ministry to enhance Sunday School attendance.

During the year 1999, we established a Youth Ministry Program for boys and girls in order to develop model Christian citizens.

Since 1905, we have grown spiritually and physically. With the help of the Lord, we will continue to grow.