



## Church History

### *Our Beginning...*

**1956** - Our property was purchased by Enoree Presbytery and First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg. A survey indicated 27 families interested in starting new church.

**1959** - The Reverend Leonard Topping of First Presbyterian

Church leads these families in worship service at Spartanburg High School (125 members). In October, a petition was presented to Presbytery to formally charter the Church on December 30, 1959.

**1960** - The Reverend Joe Brooks becomes first full-time pastor. In January, Building Committee appointed to raise \$53,000 for Fellowship Hall and 15 classrooms. The church was incorporated on June 6 as Westminster Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg, South Carolina, Inc.

**1962** - Our first service held in Fellowship Hall on June 10th.



### *Watch Us Grow...*

**1965** - A Building Committee was appointed for more Sunday School classrooms and a sanctuary.

**1970** - Our sanctuary and Sunday School classrooms completed. Bob Pettit was installed as the second senior minister in June.

**1979** - Rev. Charles Horne was installed as the third senior minister in May.

**1983** - Our offices moved to the house which was the original manse at 104 Pineville Road. Also T.O.T.A.L. Ministries was begun by church members.

**1985** - The Emory Road house (105 Emory Road) was purchased. It was used as a manse for the associate pastor, then the youth director and now is youth meeting rooms and youth staff offices.

**1987** - Our gym and kitchen were added to the existing church structure.

**1988** - Our partnership with Young Life began.



### *We continue in our growth and service to our community*

**1991** - A campaign was initiated to provide additional parking, a new playground and other projects. Also our organ was dedicated.

**1994** - Our fellowship hall was remodeled to accommodate more adult classrooms.

**1995** - A sound treatment was installed in our gym and the parlor remodeled.

**1996-1999** - Financial Freedom Campaign began as a means to become debt free church

**1999** - Celebrated a debt-free church. The church also started a Capital Fund with Sptbg County Foundation to stay debt-free.

**2000** - Charles Horne Retired after 20 years of service.

**2002** - Paul M. Petersen was installed as our fourth senior minister.

**2006** - Start of our Contemporary Worship service in August.

**2011** - Our current mission and vision statements were approved.

**2012** - New Bylaws were adopted.

**2013** - Westminster moved from the PCUSA to ECO - A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.

**2014-2016** - Worked with TAG Consulting to help reframe, refocus and reimagine to help us prosper at WPC.

**2015** - Lead children to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and provide for their spiritual growth by establishing the highest comprehensive gospel centered programs. Engaged young adults to help them spiritually grow. Invigorating everyone's faith by encouraging connections to smaller communities.

**2016** - Strengthening marriages and families. Study the feasibility and implement a plan to plant an ECO church. Partnered with Good City Architects to produce a master plan for future growth.

