

# Church History of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church

*Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church* was organized in 1947. The church was established through the efforts, leadership and guidance of the late **Reverend Samuel D. Jenkins** and **Mother Leola Jenkins**. The lot was donated by **Mr.**



Rev. Samuel D. Jenkins  
Founder  
1947-1954

**L.C. Cox** to establish a community Church, and was 7,452 square feet. After the lot was donated, the Jenkins, the late D.J. Jones and wife, the late Grady Mercer, James Pinder, and Katie Pinder knelt in the midst of palm-trees and snakes, and prayed that one day God would bless them with a

church building. The lot was officially deeded to the church in 1950.

In September 1954, Pastor Roscoe Wade became Pastor. Under his leadership a permanent brick sanctuary consisting of 3,300 square feet and a capacity of 250 was completed for worship. This was a great step, when one considers that the original flooring was sawdust, with a seating capacity of 10. This personified the growth strategy God had for this church. Many ministries were started under Pastor Wade's leadership.



Rev. Roscoe Wade  
1954-1988

In March 1988 Pastor Wade was called from labor to reward, and Reverend Larry G. Mills was called to pastor Mt. Sinai in September of that same year. Additional property located at 4856 College Drive was purchased by the Sinai Family in 1989 for use for a Youth Educational Building. It was named the Roscoe Wade Education Building in honor of Pastor Wade. This building had a capacity for 75 students of the Word. Plans were pondered to convert this building into a Day Care Facility for the community.

In March 1991, the Sinai Family purchased 4.2 acres of vacant land located at the southwest corner of Nome Drive and West South Street, to construct a new church facility. In February of 1993 the new sanctuary was completed that featured 7,954 square feet of floor space



with a seating capacity of 500. Within the next four years the sanctuary was expanded by 200 seats, and a 17,000 square foot development center was opened that housed a regulation-size gymnasium, 13 classrooms, four offices, a computer/library media center, kitchen, fellowship hall, and the M.I.L.L.S. Child Development Center.

In March 1995, the Sinai Family purchased 1.5 acres of vacant land located north of the sanctuary. This land was used to expand parking, which allowed the capability of expanding the educational and recreational ministries. In March 2001 Mt. Sinai purchased the 2 houses on Ring Road which accommodated the boys/girls scouts and a senior citizens facility. Today one of those buildings houses a food pantry, and as well as serving as a headquarters for God's Hands Agency, who helped establish Mt. Sinai's Deaf Ministry which has been a blessing to many, with their own choir ministering to the Deaf and hearing. That house also served as a meeting site for our youth ministry called Christ Riders, until they grew out of it with over 100 kids at each gathering.

In 2003 Mt. Sinai added to the Transportation Ministry by purchasing a 12-plus, 2 wheelchair passenger bus, and a 27-passenger bus. A 57-passenger bus was purchased in 2004. In 2006 eleven lots diagonally across from the sanctuary were donated, and will be developed however God directs. As the ministries of Sinai continue to grow, God continues to bless. In 2007, an additional 3.8 acres were purchased, and will be the future site for a Senior Citizens Affordable Housing and Medical Clinic.

