

Greater Concord Missionary Baptist Church

History

On April 12, 1981 at Swanson's Funeral Home where Dr. O'Neil Swanson is proprietor, Greater Concord Missionary Baptist Church was established. Many distinguished men and women were present, such as Dr. O'Neil Swanson, Dr. William Wilson, Dr. Roy Allen Sr., Dr. Troy Allen Sr., Dr. Obie Matthews, Dr. Robbie McCoy, and others.

There were one hundred and thirty-four charter members at the organizational meeting. The members offered Dr. Cullian W. Hill a lifetime call to Pastor the church and he graciously accepted the challenge.

A building was located at 10731-37 West McNichols at a cost of \$56,000. The building was purchased from Alkon Realty with \$10,000 deposit or down payment. The building was cleaned, painted and furnishings were purchased. On the first Sunday, June 7, 1981, Greater Concord motorcaded from Swanson's Funeral Home to 10731-37 West McNichols, our first church home. Many renovations were made such as, Pastor's study, secretary's office, church furnishings, pulpit furniture, public address system, piano, organ and banquet tables at a cost of \$29,500. A loan was secured form First Independence National Bank in the amount of \$32,000, to put a facade on the building.

Dr. Cullian W. Hill was inaugurated as Pastor in July 1981. Distinguished churches as Antioch Baptist, Flint, Rev. Lewis Randolph, Pastor (Rev. Hill's home church); Dexter Avenue Baptist, Dr. William R. Haney, Pastor; New Mt. Vernon Baptist, Dr. J.L. Webb, Pastor; Pleasant Grove Baptist, Dr. O'Dell Jones, Pastor; Corinthian Baptist, Dr. Joseph Jordan, Pastor; and Zion Baptist, Saginaw, Dr. Roosevelt Austin, Pastor. Dr. Austin was First Vice President of the Wolverine Baptist Congress of Christian Education.

In June of 1989, Rev. Richard Thompson and Rev. Lee Earl carried Dr. Hill to see a church located at 4500 East Davison. When Dr. Hill saw the church, he knew immediately that this was Greater Concord's new Church home. Our Pastor, Dr. Hill co-signed a loan for \$405,000 to purchase our present home. The loan was made at First of America Bank.

On the fourth Sunday, July 23, 1989, Greater Concord Missionary Baptist Church moved to 4500 East Davison. Since July 1989, many accomplishments have been made; our church roof was completely repaired for \$275,000, a new parking lot was installed for \$43,000, the entire sanctuary painted twice (the first time for \$27,000 and recently for \$38,000), also renovation of the Pastor's study and kitchen for \$10,000, steps and doors on front of the church \$10,000, boiler repair \$100,000 and many other improvements.

February of 2013, Greater Concord Missionary Baptist Church initiated and launched the Church website at www.greaterconcordmbc.com