

Mount Zion Baptist Church



Church History

Mount Zion Baptist Church was founded out of the need for a church in the Mt. Zion area. Several members of the community met together for the first time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Newman on March 5, 1844. They organized the United Missionary Baptist Church of Christ at Mt. Zion, holding services through the summer of 1844. The members constructed a log cabin 1-1/2 miles south of the city of Edgerton. Some of the original foundation stones from the log cabin were used to construct the memorial monument at the current site of Mount Zion Baptist Church. During the Civil War (1861-1865), the log cabin was destroyed by fire, and a new church building was constructed. In the Fall of 1884, the collective decision was made to leave the Mt. Zion community and to relocate the church to the booming railroad town of Edgerton. The members placed the church building on logs and rolled it into town with mules and horses. This church building still remains in Edgerton on the corner of Lewis and Aller streets. There the church would eventually become known as Mount Zion Baptist Church.

The church went from a recorded membership of 100 to 225 in a year's time. This event has been labeled as the Great Revival of 1885. The church remained at this location for nearly a century, serving the local community and beyond. In July of 1886, twenty members of the church were granted letters of transfer to meet together and organize the Little Platte Baptist Church, south of Ridgely, Missouri. In March of 1899, a few members were commissioned to organize Trimble Baptist Church in Trimble, Missouri. In the late nineteenth century, the records pertaining to the church's years 1850-1884 were lost.

Eventually, due to age, deterioration, and the overcrowded conditions of the building on Lewis Street, the congregation recognized the need for change. The congregation sought after the will of God, desiring both to solve the presenting problems and to reach and serve more people in the community. After much prayer, on January 14, 1973, the church determined to purchase six acres west of Edgerton on which to build a new building. Groundbreaking occurred on April 4, 1976; the foundation was laid in July 1976; and the work continued for four years. The first service was held in Mount Zion's sanctuary in May of 1980. The Sunday morning congregation marched from the old, deteriorating building in town to the new red-brick building, singing "Amazing Grace."

As Mount Zion continued to serve their community, there were some who began to think about how to further community outreach. In the 1990s, there was a desire for a multi-purpose building where all could gather for recreation and fellowship. A men's Saturday morning prayer group would pray over the potential of a multi-purpose building, doing so for a decade. Church attendance increased, and worship services became overcrowded. The sanctuary's balcony was opened, and an early service was added.

In 1998, the church commissioned a Vision Team to further realize the desires for a multi-purpose building. The church made the decision to make the building two stories. A 100-by-200-foot building was proposed and accepted. To complete the project, members of Mount Zion pledged \$611,457.69. Groundbreaking was held on December 27, 2004, and construction began in March of 2005, with the dedication being held the weekend of May 3-4, 2008. The multi-purpose building was named the "Community Life Center" (CLC). The CLC is used for community events, children's ministry, outreach, youth events, birthdays, weddings, and more.

Mount Zion has ministered to the Edgerton community for the last 175 years and has gone to serve all over the United States and internationally. There have been twenty-five mission trips to foreign countries and over thirty stateside. The Master's Builders "hammer and nails" ministry serves churches with construction needs annually across

the United States, while Works of Grace continues to serve with international ministries like Christian Agricultural Missions in Haiti. In 2000, Mount Zion planted New Harvest Baptist Church in Agency, Missouri. In 2013, Mount Zion planted New Directions Church in Holt, Missouri.

The year 2013 added a new focus at Mount Zion: preparing young men for ministry. It began as a three-month summer internship and has expanded to an eight-month program allowing them to earn seminary credit. The internship focuses on mentoring while exposing young men to the various ministries of the church. Since 2013, four young men have completed internships, and one is currently serving.

In 2019, the Mount Zion Expository Preaching Fellowship was instituted which provides both a financial award and two semesters of mentoring to any second- or third-year seminary student who is committed to developing and enhancing skills in preaching.

Mount Zion has been blessed by God for 175 years. May we continue to serve Him, and may He continue to bless Mount Zion until the LORD Jesus returns. To God be the glory, Amen.

Statistics

| Year | Total Membership | Baptisms | Worship Attendance | Sunday School Attendance |
|------|------------------|----------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 2013 | 582 | 6 | 225 | 135 |
| 2014 | 595 | 4 | 200 | 138 |
| 2015 | 586 | 2 | 210 | 131 |
| 2016 | 606 | 8 | 173 | 154 |
| 2017 | 614 | 17 | 151 | 135 |
| 2018 | 617 | 12 | 145 | 122 |
| 2019 | 614 | 5 | 150 | 130 |
| 2020 | 578 | 0 | 115 | 120 |
| 2021 | 578 | 4 | 101 | 58 |
| 2022 | 569 | 0 | 94 | 56 |

Church Staff

- Senior Pastor
- Associate Pastor
- Youth Pastor
- Minister of Music
- Administrative Assistant
- Blessings of Life Director
- Blessings of Life Support Staff
- Custodian
- Maintenance

Church Teams

| Current Committees | Current Coordinators |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Deacons | Awana |
| Trustees | Nursery |
| Stewardship | Children's Extended Session |
| Missions | Children's Church |
| Personnel | Discipleship |
| Blessings of Life | Prayer Team |
| Awana | Community Life Center |
| Nominating | Food Kitchen |
| First Impressions | Food Network |
| Youth | Fall Festival |
| Transportation | The Master's Builders |
| | Works of Grace |
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Membership Profile

Our current resident membership is 148 members. The average worship attendance is 94. The average Sunday School attendance is 56.

Our church community encompasses approximately a 10 mile radius of Edgerton, MO. Our community is primarily rural with influences of the Kansas City metropolitan area. Many of our members work in the Kansas City metro area.

Website: www.mzlife.org

Our Beliefs

Mount Zion Baptist Church affirms the Baptist Faith and Message (2000).

Unique Characteristics of MZBC

- A biblically based church with an uncompromising teaching of God's Word
- A strong emphasis on missions
- Strong community roots and highly respected in the community
- Modern and spacious facilities
- Sunday School offered for all age groups
- Ability to fill the pulpit from within
- Daycare ministry on-site known as Blessings of Life
- MZBC has planted multiple churches in the area
- Currently has an internship program associated with the local seminary
- Strong dedicated leadership throughout the congregation

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| <h3>Pastors of Mount Zion Baptist Church</h3> |
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| Peter Swain – 1844 Mathis Cline Jonas D. Wilson J.D. Brooks – 1846 J. Clay Thomas Cooke I.F. Williams – 1853 Nicholas Boberts – 1856 J.E. DeBerry Thomas Montgomery J. Clay B.F. Rice G. W. Everett R.H. Jones – 1886-1890 J.L. Parmichal – 1890 R.H. Jones – 1890-1896 G. W. Everett – 1896-1901 J.W. Bowling – 1901-1902 B. Venerable – 1902-1910 C.F. Acree – 1910-1911 M.B. Paddock – 1912 L.E. Marvin – 1913-1915 E.L. Estes – 1916-1919 G.W. Everett – 1919-1920 Brother Crum – 1920-1921 J.W. Harbough – 1922-1925 E.E. Edwards – 1926-1927 C.M. Philips – 1928-1929 | A.B. Mills – 1930 A.T. Estes – 1931-1935 F.L. Alexander – 1935-1937 L.E. Johnson – 1937-1941 Wayne Minor – 1942 Loyd Self – 1943-1944 Glenn Taylor – 1944-1945 Dewey Graves – 1945-1947 Frank E. Myers – 1947-1949 H.B. Hickling – 1949-1950 Orville Woolery – 1950-1951 Arthur Clodfelter – 1951-1953 Ben Kelley – 1953-1956 Robert Ballantyne – 1957-1960 Kenneth Carr – 1960-1962 Edward Howell – 1963-1965 Robert Hicks – 1965-1968 A.E. Runnels – 1968-1971 Ron Lilley – 1971-1977 Terry Siron – 1977-1978 George Hull – 1978-1981 Tom Steward – 1982-1984 Mike Goodner – 1984-1991 Rick Lumm – 1991-2011 Dave Brown – 2011-2013 Jon Denney – 2013-2022 |
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Budget

| Expense | | |
|---------|--|------------------|
| | 61000 · BUILDING AND OPERATIONS | |
| | Total 61000 · BUILDING AND OPERATIONS | \$83,600 |
| | 62000 · MINISTRIES AND EDUCATION | |
| | Total 62000 · MINISTRIES AND EDUCATION | \$42,350 |
| | 63000 · MISSIONS | |
| | 63100 · CAMS (Revis) 1% | \$3,677 |
| | 63200 · COOP | \$12 |
| | 63250 · Designated 11% | \$39,465 |
| | 63300 · Master's Builders 1% | \$3,677 |
| | 63400 · Ethnos (Kays) 2% | \$7,355 |
| | 63550 · L. Williams (support) | \$12,000 |
| | Total 63000 · MISSIONS | \$66,186 |
| | 65000 · OFFICE/GENERAL ADMIN EXPENSES | |
| | Total 65000 · OFFICE/GENERAL ADMIN EXPENSES | \$9,860 |
| | 66000 · Payroll Expenses | |
| | 67000 · STAFF AND PAYROLL EXPENSES | |
| | 67100 · Pastor | |
| | Total 67100 · Pastor | \$75,615 |
| | 67200 · Youth pastor | |
| | Total 67200 · Youth pastor | \$55,480 |
| | 67300 · Music minister | |
| | Total 67300 · Music minister | \$9,776 |
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| | 67510 · Admin Asst compensation | \$15,800 |
| | Accounting support | \$2,400 |
| | Total Receptionist / Accounting Support | \$18,200 |
| | 67600 · Custodian & Maint. | |
| | Total 67600 · Custodian | \$21,470 |
| | Total 67000 · STAFF AND PAYROLL EXPENSES | \$187,441 |
| | Total MZBC Expense Budgeted | \$392,152 |
| | REQUIRED MONTHLY GIVING | \$32,679 |

North Platte School District Review

The North Platte R-I School District has a mission of being dedicated to empowering all individuals to successfully meet tomorrow's challenges. Our staff is committed to ensuring our students meet this goal by implementing innovative teaching and assessment strategies to help children reach the high standards set by our educational, co-curricular, and extra-curricular programs.

The North Platte R-I School District is primarily located in northern Platte County, while also containing a small section of the district in southeastern Buchanan County. The district is a consolidation of the Dearborn, Edgerton, and Camden Point School Districts, with the first graduating class of North Platte High School walking across the stage following the 1952-1953 school year.

The district is currently home to approximately 615 students in grades preK-12. It has a long history of academic success, with district accreditation and assessment scores consistently ranking among the best in the state. The district has three different campuses. The Elementary School (grades preK-2) is located in Camden Point, along with the Intermediate School (grades 3-5) in Edgerton and the Junior High/High School (grades 6-12) in Dearborn.