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Baptist Church

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MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

on River Road

Mt. Zion Baptist Church was received into the Concord Association August 27, 1852, at Ghent, Carroll County. The sermon was preached by Rev. Henry H. Ballard, text Rom. 8:3.

There were 95 members, but the pastors' names were not given. In 1872, was the first time that pastors' names were listed in the minutes for any church, and Rev. C. M. Riley was Mt. Zion's pastor.

1872-1875	C. M. Riley	1905-1906	R. G. Lusby
1874	Jordon Thomas	1907-1910	A. B. Morgan
1875	J. D. Clark	1911-1912	B. F. Hunter
1876-1877	C. M. Riley	1913-1920	No report
1878-1879	J. B. Thomas	1921-1923	S. A. Cooper
1880-1884	J. B. Wheatley	1924-1925	S. W. Becham
1885-1886	R. H. Alexander	1926	B. F. Hunter
1887-1890	C. M. Riley	1927-1947	Albion Arnold
1891-1892	James Clark	1948-1953	W. W. Oliver
1893-1894	P. H. Johnson	1954-1957	Albion Arnold
1895-1901	A. B. Morgan	1958-1959	Edgar O'Banion
1902	B. B. Hunter	1960-1961	Simeon Webster
1903-1904	J. D. Clark	1962	Ralph Bourne
		1963-1965	F. E. Webster

The minutes show Mt. Zion has had 17 pastors. Five were called back: C. M. Riley 3 times, total 7 years, J. B. Thomas 2 times, total 3 years, Albion Arnold 21 years the first time, 4 years the second, making a total of 25 years, the longest pastorate in the history of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

August 1882, revival, baptisms 36, letter 17, restored 3, total membership 158. J. B. Wheatley, pastor, evangelist J. W. Lee.

July 1923, tent meeting, good size crowd. Many rededicated their lives. S. A. Cooper, Pastor, John Ransdell, evangelist.

Most every year from 1928 through 1957, Old Mt. Zion Church enjoyed a homecoming once a year. There are two special ones we wish to report: July 1933, J. E. Baird, pastor of Owenton, Levi Kemper pastor of Salem, August 1955, Simeon Webster, pastor of Mt. Hebron and H. L. Green of Owenton delivered four wonderful sermons. There were about 150 former and present members attended and all remembered the "good old days" they had spent in the old church. Albion Arnold was pastor both dates.

May 1944, Mt. Zion was the scene of a second dedication. The church had been completely remodeled by John H. Perry, and the church members. Mrs. W. A. Henry organist, devotional, J. B. Holbrook, sermon by Albion Arnold, pastor taken from Psalm 127: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that keep it." Other speakers were Mr. John H. Perry, Hon. Simeon Willis, former governor of Kentucky, Hon. John Bickers, governor of Ohio, Mr. Tom Wallace, Editor of the Louisville Times. At this time Dr. E. F. Wright, pastor of New Liberty, delivered the afternoon message.

In August 1963, Ralph Bourne, evangelist, nine were baptized, two dedications, and 2 by letter. At this time, and up to the present date, (April 1965) F. E. Webster is pastor.

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1872-1873	C. M. Riley	1905-1908	F. E. Webster
1874	Jordan Thomas	1909-1910	A. A. Morgan
1875	J. D. Clark	1911-1912	B. E. Hunter
1876-1877	C. M. Riley	1913-1920	No report
1878-1879	J. B. Thomas	1921-1923	S. A. Cooper
1880-1884	J. B. Theobald	1924-1925	S. W. Beckham
1885-1888	S. H. Alexander	1926	B. F. Hunter
1889-1891	C. M. Riley	1927-1947	Albion Arnold
1892-1897	Jones Clark	1948-1949	W. W. Oliver
1898-1899	F. H. Johnson	1954-1957	Albion Arnold
1900-1901	A. A. Morgan	1958-1959	Eggar O'Benton
1902	B. E. Hunter	1960-1961	Simeon Webster
1903-1904	J. D. Clark	1962	Ralph Bourne
		1963-1965	F. E. Webster

The minutes show Mt. Zion has had 17 pastors. Five were called back: C. M. Riley 3 times total 3 years, J. B. Theobald 2 times, for 4 years, Albion Arnold 21 years the first time, 4 years the second, making a total of 22 years, the longest pastorate in the history of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.