

Come With Us, and See Our Zeal for the Lord



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Minister's Message



Minister & Elder
David Eadens & Nova

The church at Mt. Zion has a rich and unique history, a history that dates back to 1852. Certainly, our knowledge of that history is only sketchy at best. We do know, however, what the church has meant to this community and what it has stood for the past 144 years. A host of faithful men and women have served and worshiped here during that time. Some of those we remember well and some we never knew at all.

Someday, if God wills, fifty or even a hundred years from now, someone may look at this old relic directory, tattered and yellowed with age and wonder who we were and what we did back in 1996 for the cause of the Lord.

Let us insure today that when we pass in review tomorrow before some future generation and certainly before God that we shall have used our talent wisely, to our honor and not to our shame.

Abraham Lincoln in his Gettysburg Address expressed his concern that "our dead shall not have died in vain." He said, "they gave their last full measure of devotion - that the mission that they strove for shall not perish from the earth."

May we ever be a city set on a hill, whose light grows ever brighter unto the darkest corner of this community and even unto all the world.

David M. Eadens



Elder
Ellis Basham & Marilyn



Elder
Ed Upton & Lena



Elder
Jackie Young & Linda

In Memory



Marion Ennis Eadens



Marion with family and friends after Sunday evening worship.

Marion Ennis Eadens was born November 3, 1920, the son of John Eadens and Exie Neal Eadens. He attended Mt. Zion Church of Christ as a small child and obeyed the gospel at age 12, during Revival meeting, and was baptized in Barren River at Greencastle, by A.C. Ashlock.

He was married August 10, 1940 to Georgia Miller. They were blessed with five children: David, Ruth Ann, Elaine, Phillip and Doris, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He served Mt. Zion as treasurer from July 1940 to March 1957 and was Elder from 1955 to 1958. In January 1958 the Richardsville congregation was established and he moved to that congregation serving as Elder from January 1958 to 1975, resigning because of preaching duties. Returning again to Mt. Zion, he was appointed Elder, December 1992, serving with Ellis Basham.

Marion began regular preaching February 10, 1963 and continued for twenty-five years, mainly in rural churches in Butler, Edmonson, Grayson and Ohio counties at the following congregations; Asphalt, Christian Home, New Baymus, Morgantown, Lone Star, Green Valley, Big Reedy and Clarkson. He also held many funerals and weddings in this area.

On August 22, 1996, Marion crossed the mighty Jordan and said good-bye to this old world. Marion was dear to us because of his faith! He believed firmly in God, in the Bible, in the church, in the resurrection and in Heaven. He was faithful to his Lord till the very end. He was an inspiration to all who knew him. He lived his life with love, simplicity and devotion. He always had a smile, a handshake and a little story to tell, to everyone he met.

Our Zeal to Help Others



Neighbors helping neighbors
over 100 volunteered



1994 & 1995 Bible Bowl Winners



Body & soul was in a time of need

Zeal to Learn



Adult Bible Study Class



Intermediate Bible Study Class



Willie & Nellie Basham
Married 70 Years

Missionary and Church Activities



Help support V.C. Rehabam
Missionary to India



Christmas Carolers 1996



Candidates for Baptism
Rajahmundry, India



After hayride wiener roast



Ed & Vivian Mosby
Missionaries for Africa



Our Future

Church History



Mt. Zion Church of Christ

Mt. Zion Church of Christ and adjacent cemetery is located on Mt. Zion Road near Richardsville, Warren County, Kentucky. The building is in a picturesque and peaceful spot on a high bluff overlooking Barren River about one mile downstream from the old Greencastle locks and dam.

According to the original roll book, which is now in the Manuscript section of the Kentucky Building of Western Kentucky University campus, the church was organized October 11, 1852 and was originally called Swan Creek Church of Christ.

A list of the charter members is in the book, and many of those names are on the gravestones in the cemetery.

The church building was erected on land owned by William Brown who donated three acres for a place of worship and a burying ground. The building was constructed of yellow poplar grown on the steep hillsides nearby. The foundation stones, steps and mounting blocks were quarried from the bluff behind the building and scars from the workmen's tools may still be seen. Some of the workmen were slaves owned by William Brown. The stone quarry is mentioned in the deed survey.

The oldest grave in the cemetery is that of Lauren Morrow, nine year old child. The death date on the gravestone is June 20, 1859.

Records have been sporadically kept. However, Mt. Zion appears to have reached peak membership in 1883 when the quill pen of the left-handed clerk, Evertt E. Taylor list 197 names of members.

During the depression years, membership and attendance declined. The reconstruction of the locks and dam at Greencastle, a part of Roosevelt's N.R.A. Program benefited the community and many local people sought employment there. The men were sometimes required to work Sundays. Attendance at Mt. Zion reached an all time low. On a few occasions no male members were present and the worship services were conducted by a few faithful women.

E.E. Moats, an Elder for many years, wrote in his notes September 26, 1948, {Let us work}... "for the upbuilding of the church, and for the salvation of souls in the Master's vineyard. May the Lord bless us as we labor together under the direction of His holy work."

Mt. Zion is presently enjoying prosperity in interest and membership. A building fund has been established recently for additions to the existing building or a new auditorium in the near future.



BARRICK, Greg & Lynn
Ryan, Bret



BASHAM, Barry & Wanda
Tammy, Nicholas



BASHAM, Ellis & Marilyn



BASHAM, Jerry & Carolyn
Camile, Kerby



BATES, Mrs. Joe (Opie)



DAVENPORT, Bobby & Virginia



DAVIS, Steve
Michael, Tracy



DE VORE, Paul & Joyce



DUCKETT, James & Ludean



EADENS, Brian & Bobbie
Adam, Leah



EADENS, David
Ethan



EADENS, Georgia



FLOYD, Ronnie & Vicky



GRAY, Scott & Lori



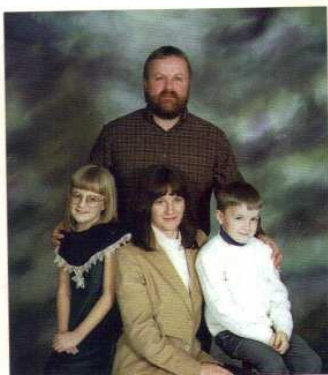
GRIMES, Hoy & Tina
Ashlev, Brooke



GROSS, Frankie & Janice



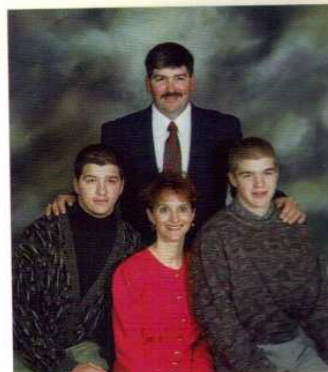
HARDIN, Bob & Janet



KEITH, Joey & Pam
Jamie, Bryan



KLOVSKI, Sybil



LYONS, Steve & Debbie
Brian, Michael



MC GINNIS, Cooper & Freda



MC GONIGAL, Larry & Pamela
Wesley, Megan, Mallory



MILLER, John & Portia



MOATS, Gracie



O'LOANE, JoAnne



PARIS, Kathy
Krystle, George, Joanthan, Douglas



PHELPS, Martha Lou



RUNNER, Kermit & Elizabeth



SANDIDGE, Charles & Carol



SANDIDGE, Greg & Anita



SIMS, Kevin & Terri Conner



SKILLERN, Butch & Jane
Fawn



STAHL, Elmer & Francis



UPTON, Ed & Lena



WILSON, James & Glenna
Richard



YOUNG, B.B. & Johnnie M.



YOUNG, Derrick & Jamie
Deborah



YOUNG, Jackie & Linda
Amy



YOUNG, Terry & Linda
Kirk



YOUNG, Timmy & Susie
Brandon, Ashton



YOUNG, Travis & Tammy
Trevor, Trenton



‡BASHAM, Nellie



‡MILAM, Gordon & Virgie



‡YOUNG, Jared & Emily
Lindsey, Katelyn

‡ Denotes Submitted Photograph