

Tolu basketball become winners despite no gym

If you see the county road sign on KY 654 N that says Mt. Zion Church Road and wonder where it got its name, here is the history of the old church. The old Mt. Zion Methodist Church was located next to Mt. Zion Cemetery. This is an example of one of our county road signs that help preserve our history.

Annual Cemetery Cleaning Day

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, Sept. 2, 1897, we read of the annual cemetery cleaning day. Truly an almost forgotten custom, cemetery cleanings were very much a part of our past history and equally important before the days of riding lawn mowers.

The people of the area met at Mt. Zion Church for the purpose of cleaning off the cemetery. Annually they have a meeting of this kind, and they have grown to regard this as a sacred duty they owe the dead, and very few fail to attend and take part in the work.

Fully 500 people gathered there and many came from a long distance, having friends resting in this "city of the dead," they were willing to dedicate the day to their memory. The forenoon was spent in the work. At noon, dinner was spread on the ground and there was plenty and some to spare.

In the afternoon, religious services were held and all participated in the prayers and songs. An appropriate address was made by Uncle Highly Gilbert. He assisted in digging the first grave at the cemetery, and has lived to see many more mounds reared in this silent home.

The first grave was made for Mr. Jonathan Beals, who departed this life in September of 1844. Since then, representatives of almost all of the old families in that section have gone thither. Among the pioneers there were Ryland Heath, Col. Wm. Hughes, Chapel Nunn, Chesley Nunn, Dr. M. Bristow, Wm. and Jack Hill and others whose names cannot now be recalled.

Rev. J. A. Wheeler Tells

History
Rev. J. A. Wheeler wrote the following article in 1914 at the close of his four-year service. He was the Methodist preacher for the Shady Grove circuit, and Mt. Zion Church was one of his churches. By doing this, he helped preserve much history of this church.

Mt. Zion Church

The church was organized at Mt. Zion in the year of our Lord 1838 by the Presiding Elder Cain. The log house was built near that date. The charter members were as follows: Ryland Heath and wife, W. M. Hill, wife and son, Dr. Bristow and wife, Wm. Hughes, Ezibel Porter, James Broadfoot and wife, Ingram Lucas, Pastor Hughes, J. B. Hill, James T. Taylor and wife came in later on, old Bro. Ira Nunn and wife were also charter members as services were held in their house, also Dr. Bristow's before the church was built.

When the log house was built, Uncle Highly Gilbert helped to cut down the first tree that was put in the building. He was just a boy at the time, and died a member of that church. The promise is to the faithful. J.W. Hill was a boy of 13 years of age at that time. The names of many more could be given, but as the tree is known by the fruit, we are sure their names are given in the Lamb's Book of Life, and they are remembered by some of the old people that were children when they passed away from this old world.

They say many were the good meetings held in the old log house; and many were brought into the fold of Christ, that were bright and shining lights that were ornaments to the church and community.

Many have gone out from here to build up other churches, so their influence still lives and will live on and on, and will live until time is no more and when Christ comes to gather in His jewels they will walk up to receive their crown and will still



In later years, the building was remodeled, during which time the upper story and bell tower were removed. It was torn down in 1978.

live forever more.

On Jan. 25, 1855, a deed was made to Mt. Zion Church and Masonic fraternity by William Williams and wife, for the sum of \$5 and was recorded in 1864 by Berry S. Young, during the Civil War.

The church had its trials, rises and falls, still souls are being saved at that place, it's a dear sacred spot in the memory of many that still live. The writer has had many seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

Bro. Big Truitt was one of the pillows of the church at the time he went out of the church to preach the gospel. He did not live long, but he lived a true Christian life, and many rise up in that day to call "him blessed."

Church Destroyed by Cyclone

On May 17, 1890, the house was blown down by a cyclone; this being the second house, then more land was secured. The deed being made by Robert Heath, in 1901, L. R. Hughes, J. W. Cook and G. P. Wilson, trustees.

There was another new house built and was dedicated by Rev. J. W. Bigham; Rev. Thrash-

er was the preacher in charge at that time, and the church has been wonderfully blessed since. It has been under the care of Revs. Gibbons, Archie, Boggs, Crow, Smithson, Rowling, Love, Smart and Wheeler.

Four years ago the writer was honored with the privilege to come to this sacred place and we worshiped in the old frame house until 1913.

Then by the assistance and help of the brethren, and trust in the Lord to lead us, with Bro. E. L. Nunn as chairman of the board of the building committee, Albert Lucas, James O'Neal, Tom Williams, George Hughes and John Hardin, proceeded to tear away the old church house, and we soon had a new one erected.

I directed in the digging of the ditch and being assisted by Thomas Fowler and others in making the concrete foundation, on which now stands one of the most modern up-to-date church buildings in Crittenden County.

When I came to this pastoral charge, Mt. Zion was said to be dead - only had 33 officiated members, all were female members but three, but now we have 102.



The Mt. Zion Church that was built in 1913. It was a two-story building with the church occupying the bottom and the Masonic Lodge occupying the upper level. Standing on the steps are Ewing and Ethel McDowell, long time members of the church.

The new house was completed and ready for dedication July 12, 1914, and our beloved Presiding Elder, J. B. Adams, preached the dedication sermon. A fine dinner was on the ground, and a great reunion for all, about 1,000 being present.

In the afternoon Bro. Adams proceeded, with the help of the trustees

and the pastor, to dedicate the beautiful structure to the Lord, and we have just recently closed a great revival of which about 25 were saved and as this is the close of my four year's stay and will close by saying as St. Paul said: "Finally my brethren, farewell; be perfect; be of good comfort; be of one mind; live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Amen, J. A. Wheeler

The Mt. Zion Methodist Church was closed in 1965, and the remaining members went to Rosebud. The church building was torn down in 1978. The bell from the church is on display in the Crittenden County Historical Museum. .

(Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com).



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