

## History of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church

On the 6th day of July, 1872 the Presbytery met for the purpose of constituting a Baptist Church in Randolph County. The Charter Members composed of seven male members and nineteen female members had withdrawn from Mount Zion Baptist Church to constitute a church of like faith and order. An Advisory Council from other area Baptist churches examined the church on their faith in Christ as Missionary Baptist. The church became an independent church and was given the right hand of fellowship and named Mount Pleasant Baptist. The land was presented to the church by Henry Kivett. From the earliest records we find the church was functioning in a steady way by August, 1872.

During the lifetime Mount Pleasant (which was called Kivetts due to the many number of Kivetts attending there) held services in three different church buildings. The first church, believed to be a log structure was located on or near where the present sanctuary now stands. History reveals this original building was used some 30 to 34 years. The second church building was begun in October, 1904 and completed in August, 1906. This building consisted of the sanctuary recently torn down but had a vestibule, steeple and Sunday School classroom annex that had been added. The plans for the first cemetery were drawn up in 1874 and many loved ones buried there are fondly remembered today.

Our present brick sanctuary was completed in 1982, with the first service being in June. The educational building was finished in 1962 and the first service was held on January 20th, 1963. Our first pastorium was built in the year 1968.

Originally Mount Pleasant was a part of the Sandy Creek Association but joined the Randolph Association in 1934-35.

Music has always been a part of worship at Mount Pleasant. Records indicate the first organ was purchased in 1906 and the second in 1987. Of course, many pianos were used.

Missions have always held a prominent place at Mount Pleasant. They helped to organize in January, 1887, Liberty First Baptist as an arm to Mount Pleasant. In December 1887, a letter was granted to establish a permanent church for themselves.

During the lifetime of Mount Pleasant Church a host of consecrated Christian men, women, and children have tried to do their part for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.