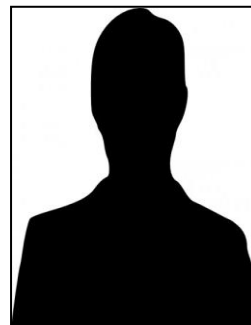


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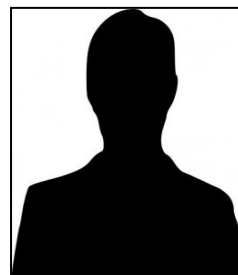
1888 - 1944

Heavenly inspired and feeling the need to expand Christian work perhaps motivated the late **Elder John H. Williams** to establish MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH in 1888, on the southwest corner of Basil and Pine Streets in Mobile, Alabama. **Elder Williams** pastored this new Church for a brief period of time.



(1888 – Brief Period)

Succeeding him was **Elder U. M. Gardner**, whose stay was also brief.



(Brief Period)

In 1890, **Elder Scott Tate**, became Pastor and served the Church for twenty-five years. The Sunday School, Senior Choir, and Missionary Society were organized under the skillful guidance of this spiritual overseer. A business firm purchased the facility housing the Church. The services were then temporarily housed in a store on the southwest corner of Adams and Pine Streets.



1890 – 1915

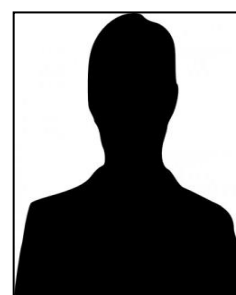
The members of the Church later purchased the remaining portion of the lot and were soon able to erect a small Church. Here, the members sang praises of thanksgiving.

In 1916, **Elder Joshua James** succeeded Elder Tate. The James administration lasted for four years.



1916 - 1920

From 1920 until 1923, the Church was under the leadership of the late **Elder Fortner**. During that administration, the Church moved to its present site at 1012 Adams Street.



1920 - 1923

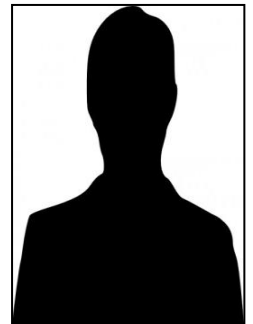
In 1924, ***Elder Jacob McQueen, Sr.***, succeeded Elder Fortner. For sixteen years, this able minister led the Church to greater heights. He was the inspiration that led to the organization of the B.Y.P.U. (BTU) in 1925, designed to promote advanced training for the youth. The Christian Prayer Band, the Queen Esther Club, the Loyal Workers Club, Young Men's and Young Women's Progressive Clubs were initiated during his administration as service organizations of the Church.



Impaired health forced the retirement of Elder McQueen.

1924 - 1940

In 1941, ***Elder C.A. Raulston*** was assigned the task of spiritually ministering to the needs of the Church. It was under his leadership that the Church began to send messengers to our state and national conventions and conferences. Elder S. M. McCree was chosen as assistant to Elder Raulston. Elder Raulston resigned in May 1944.



1941 - 1944