MARKET STREET BAPTIST
140 N. 6TH ST.
ZANESVILLE, OH 43701

CHURCH PROFILE
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Welcome to Market Street Baptist Church! We were founded in 1835 and were originally located on Market Street in Zanesville, OH.

We are a downtown church in a city of about 25,000 people. We are known for having the largest number of stained glass windows in any church in Ohio. We are a member of American Baptist Churches of Ohio and are known for our commitment to missions.

Our purpose is the advancement of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. We seek to attain this goal through the public worship of God, the preaching of the Gospel, consistent Christian living by its members, personal evangelism, missionary endeavor, and Christian education. Additionally it is our purpose to cooperate with the local organized work of the American Baptist Churches of Ohio and with interdenominational work as deemed proper.

We have a loving church family and we participate in meetings of our association at the state, regional, and local levels.
As stated before, we were founded in 1835. That foundation was the result of a split from our parent church over the subject of slavery.

We have raised many ministers and missionaries in our church. Some have gone on to serve in leadership in ABC and our most notable missionary was Charma Moore who was martyred in the Philippines.

We have been very fortunate in the pastors that have served us. Our last 3 pastors have been George Kimsey who served from 1973 to 1985, D. Scott Johnston who served from 1986 to 2009, and our current pastor, Howard Thompson who has served since 2011 and intends to retire 6/2024.

We have nurtured leaders in our community and continue to be very involved in supporting our missionaries in the field.
Why is Market St. Baptist located at 140 N. 6th Street?

The first meeting of Market Street Baptist Church was held in the spring of 1835, on the third floor of the old Academy building on Market Street, between 3rd and 4th streets. Organization was accomplished May 15, 1835 with 29 members. After two years and the addition of 70 members, the Church made plans for a building of their own. Construction began in 1837 and dedication took place January 1st, 1839. That building stood on a lot on North 6th Street, Zanesville, Ohio. The property was donated by “Father Mills”. The congregation decided to keep the name of Market Street Baptist Church in memory of their place of beginning and early struggle. The photo below depicts the “Original Meeting House” which was dedicated in 1839.

The old “Academy Building” was located on Market Street between 3rd and 4th Streets.

Our current building was built in 1905 and dedicated in 1906. And now you know why we are located at 140 North Sixth Street, and not on Market Street.

In 1837 “Father Mills” donated the land for the “Original Meeting House” to be built on the land located on North 6th Street.
Our Vision Statement

At Market Street Baptist Church, believers and nonbelievers are loved and discipled through God’s Word for a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our Core Beliefs at Market St. Baptist

1. We believe in the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit-The Trinity
2. We believe in the authority of the Bible, the Word of God
   —We are made in the image of God
3. We believe in Salvation through Jesus Christ alone—eternal life
4. We believe in following Jesus through
   —Worship and Prayer
   —Faith
   —The Priesthood of the Believer
   —Church family and Fellowship
   —Teaching and Discipleship
   —Witness and Service
   —Missions and Evangelism
   —Giving
5. We believe Jesus will come again
Worship at Market St. Baptist

We have a welcoming and supportive church family that participates in a blended service that leans toward a traditional service. We have worship leaders of any age from the congregation that make announcements, pray, and occasionally preach. We engage in both unison prayers and pastor led prayers. Prayer concerns come from the congregation in written form to be read by the pastor. We also extend an invitation for decisions for Christ or rededication to Christ as well as church membership each service.

We engage in communion the first Sunday of each month which is led by the pastor. We sing both hymns and praise songs.

We have a strong commitment to Sunday School and have several adult classes as well as children’s classes that range in ages from toddler through high school.

We have an active Awana program and children’s choir, VBS program, bell choir, several women’s circles, men’s prayer breakfasts, and several bible study groups.

We have developed and participated in mission trips during disasters. We also support several overseas missionaries as well as the following local community ministries:
- Salvation Army
- Christ’s Table
- Buckeye Mission
- Heartbeats (a pro life pregnancy center)
- Retired Ministers & Missionaries
Worship at Market St. Baptist (cont.)

-Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan’s Purse)
-White Cross
-Care and Share
-One Great Hour of Sharing
-Lifewise Academy
-Tools for Schools
-Souper Bowl Benefit Luncheon
-Eastside Community Ministry where we have members on the board, we participate in monthly gathering of food items for their pantry and more

We have hosted National Day of Prayer programs and have held community car washes as well as outreaches at the local shopping centers.
Pastoral Expectations

Preaching and Teaching
A. Sermon preparation
   -to include study, time of reflection, prayer & quiet discernment
B. Sermon presentation/Sunday worship leadership
   -encourage & involve others in worship leadership
C. Bible Study/Prayer time preparation & presentation
D. Teach new member classes

Administration & Leadership
A. Regular office hours
B. Board and committee meetings
C. Bulletin/Newsletter contribution

Pastoral Care & Visitation
A. Hospital, Nursing Home, Shut-in visits
B. Guest follow-up visits (as desired)
C. Funerals
D. Weddings
E. Pastoral Counseling (make referrals to other resources as needed)

Participation & Encouragement of Outreach & Networking
A. Mission/evangelistic outreach
B. ABC of Ohio meetings, events, & offerings
C. Zanesville Baptist Assn meetings
D. Zanesville Downtown Clergy Assn

Other
A. Teach and provide leadership for stewardship
B. Participation in his/her own continuing education
C. Encourage participation in Assn or Regional camping
D. Meet regularly with worship committee to evaluate and plan services as well as the Pastoral Relations Committee to discuss opportunities for continuing education and self-care.
Our Strengths and Needs

Strengths:
- Strong Leadership
- Effective 1 board system of leadership
- Effective Sunday School program
- Missions support on the local, state, national, and global levels
- A loving and prayerfully supportive church family
- Music program
- Bible study groups for both men and women
- Women’s groups (circles)

Needs:
- New membership outreach
- Effective youth ministry
- New ideas and ways to revive the fire in our church
- Outreach to attract younger families to our church
- More participation in activities outside of Sunday worship

Covid hit our community hard. We were actually one of the very few churches that continued to keep our doors open and have services except for the first 2 weeks. Even at that, we lost many members and had to dissolve our adult choir. We are recovering although slowly and will welcome ideas to bringing our congregation back to the vibrant program-filled light it once was.

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PASTORAL COMPENSATION

At Market Street Baptist we have a pastoral Compensation package that includes the following:

1. Pastoral salary
2. Housing allowance
3. Retirement
4. Annual gathering allowance
5. Continuing education
6. Conference, convention, & misc. expenses
7. Miscellaneous (phone)

Details will be discussed with administration committee upon offer of employment.
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