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Mount Carmel Baptist Church



Open Doors Campaign

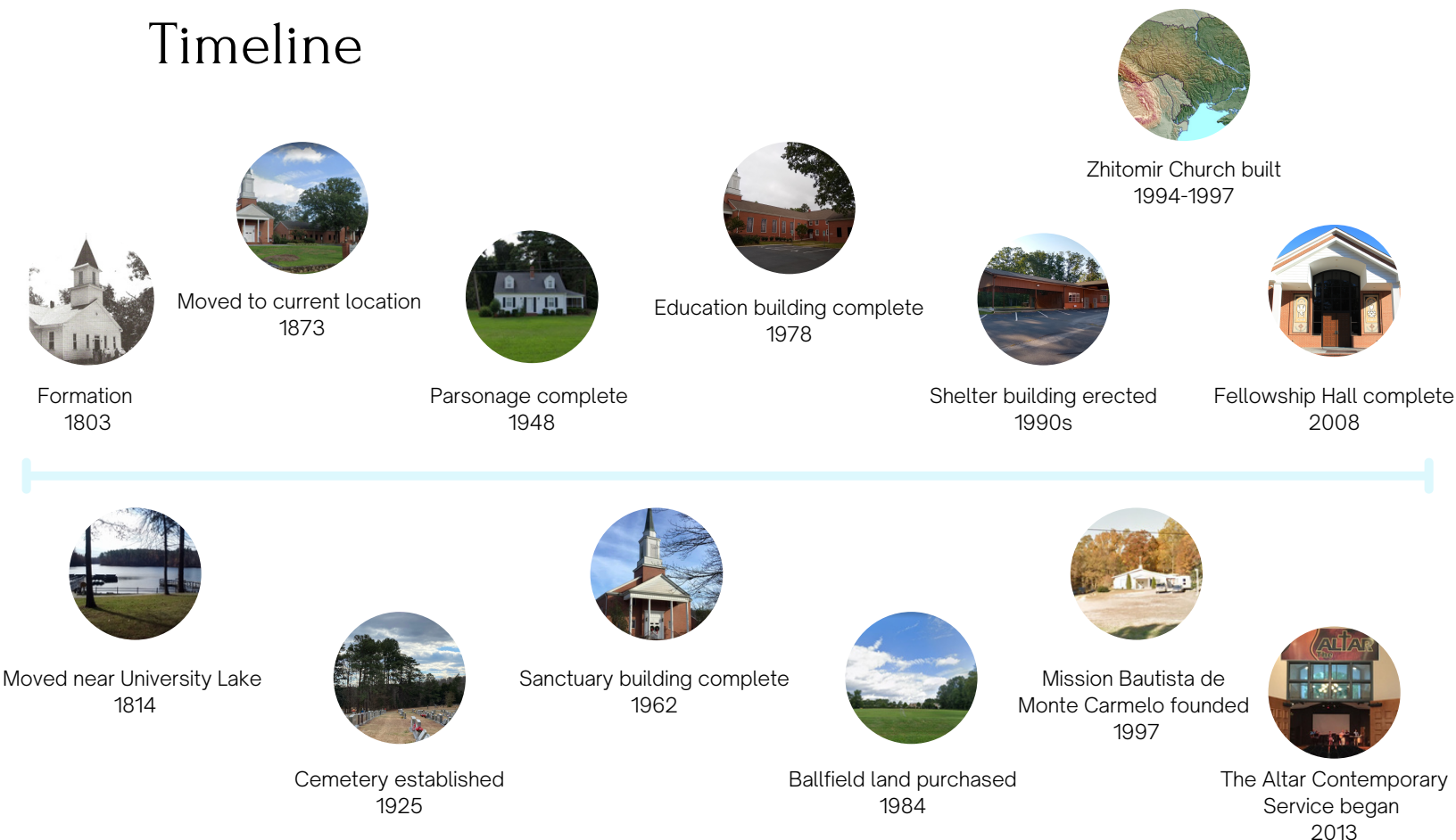
2022

Our Mission | To help you move with God wherever you are

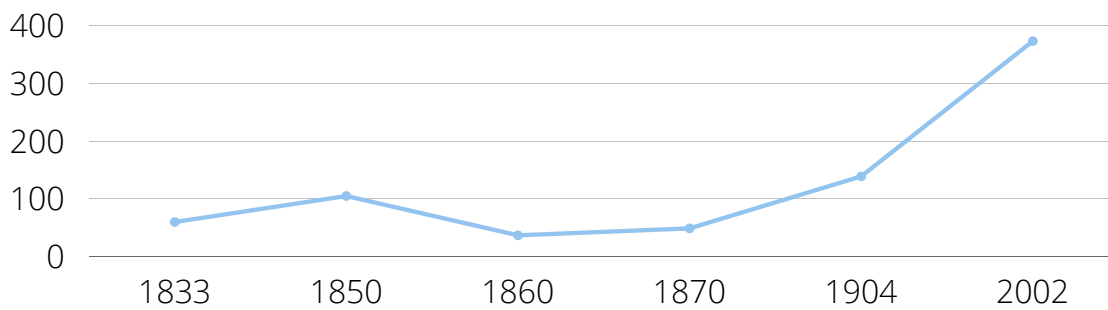
History

Mount Carmel has always been on the move. The church was formed in 1803 at Pritchard's Meeting House and was known as Christ's Church at Mount Carmel. In 1814 the church was deeded land near present day University Lake and established itself there. After several decades, the church moved to its present location in 1873, taking the old church building with them. After several more decades of additions and alterations, the church realized they had outgrown their space and construction of our present day Sanctuary was complete in 1962. The old building was dismantled. In 1978 the Education Building was completed, followed by the Fellowship Hall in 2008. Over the years, Mount Carmel was a part of four different Baptist associations, two different Baptist denominations, and planted three daughter churches which went on to plant three more granddaughter churches. Mount Carmel also aided a Hispanic mission and a church in the Ukraine. The church has never shied from an opportunity to **move** with God.

Timeline



Church Growth...an influx of people



Mount Carmel's membership fluctuated in its early years. Membership struggled in the 1850s and 1860s coinciding with new church plants and the Civil War. In 1870, membership had dropped to 47. When the church moved to its current location three years later, it doubled in size. Ever since, Mount Carmel's membership has increased steadily. The church presently has 382 members and an additional 416 extended church family members.



With an increase in membership comes **an increase in participation...**

2012

- Nursery and preschool children: 8
- Elementary aged children: 10
- Youth: 12
- Meals served on Wednesday nights: 50-75
- 9am worship attendance: 0
- 11am worship attendance: 70
- Weekly buildings and grounds use: 2-3 events
- Worship services per year: 54
- Staff: 2 full-time, 2 part-time, 1 intern/contract
- Deacons: 9

...an increase in missions...

Community-focused missions have increased with the addition of:

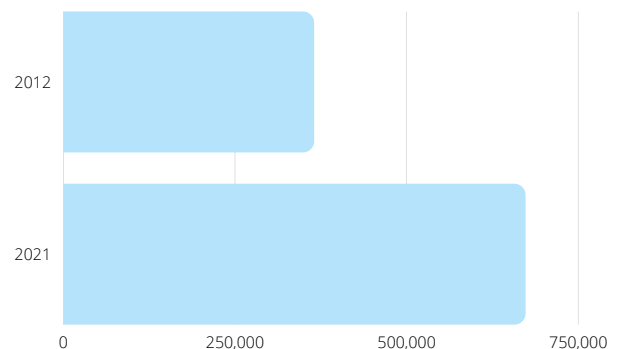
*Mount Carmel Church Preschool
AHOP Christian Leadership Academy
Community Garden at Mount Carmel
Grief Oasis*

2022

- Nursery and preschool children: 24
- Elementary aged children: 35
- Youth: 17
- Meals served on Wednesday nights: 80-110
- 9am worship attendance: 100+
- 11am worship attendance: 90
- Weekly buildings and grounds use: multiple events daily
- Worship services per year: 117
- Staff: 3 full-time, 4 part-time, 3 intern/contract
- Deacons: 40

...and an increase in budget.

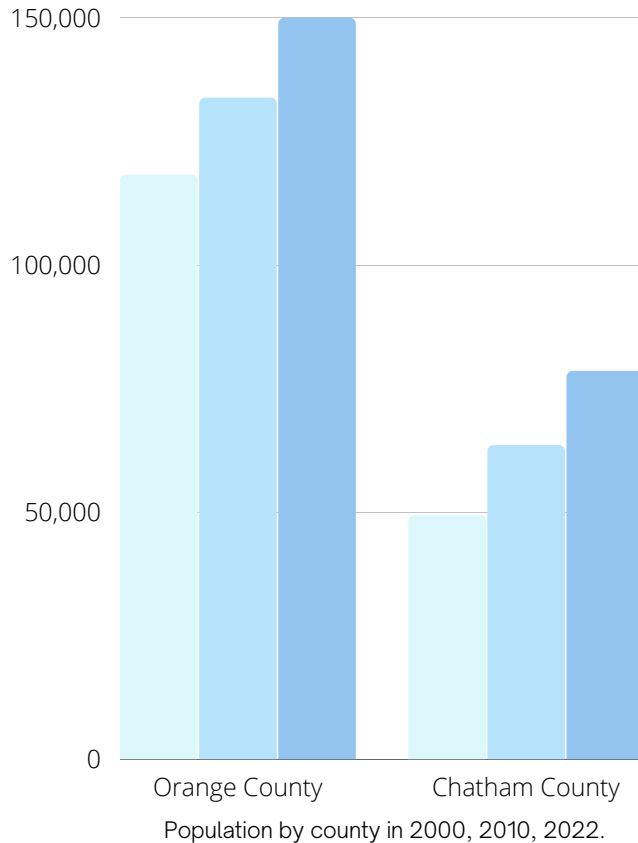
The church's annual budget in 2012 was \$346,000 and is currently \$673,000.



Comparison of annual budget in 2012 and 2022.

Community Growth

The community around Mount Carmel has grown steadily in the last few decades. Orange and Chatham counties have both seen increases of over 10,000 new residents per decade since 2000 with no signs of slowing down. Additionally, Chatham Park is slated to bring an estimated 60,000 people to the area.



Neighborhood Growth



Mount Carmel's next door neighbors, Governors Village and Governors Club, have increased our area's population since their inception in the 1980s and '90s. By 2012, the neighborhood population reached 17,454. There are now over 20,000 residents.

Regional Growth

North Carolina's Triangle has consistently been ranked one of the top fastest growing areas and best places to live in the nation over the last few years.



Tremendous growth is on the horizon, and God has placed Mount Carmel at the center of it.

Our Future

Even though our community and our church is growing, we place tremendous value on our heritage. Mount Carmel originated as a small, country church, and we want to retain that feel. We still want to be a place where names are known and faces are recognized, and the words "church family" mean something. Our vision for Mount Carmel's future is not that of a mega church or a multi-site church with satellite campuses. We also do not anticipate planting new churches like those who came before us did. Instead, we envision a partnership with our existing daughter and granddaughter churches.



Daughter Churches

Mt Gilead Baptist
1823



Lystra Baptist
1853



University Baptist
1854

Mount Carmel planted three churches in its history: Mt Gilead Baptist in 1823, Lystra Baptist in 1853, and University Baptist soon after in 1854. After the Civil War, black members of Mt Gilead, Lystra, and University Baptist formed their own churches, and thus Haw River, Mt Zion, and First Baptist were born.

Unfortunately, not all of these church plants have seen the same growth trajectory as Mount Carmel. It would be disheartening for Mount Carmel to grow into a substantial body with considerable resources and not be generous to our daughters and granddaughters.

We look forward to a time when we can move with these churches as we follow the path God has set for our future.

Granddaughter Churches



First Baptist 1865



Mt Zion Baptist 1866



Haw River Baptist 1866

Master Plan Phases

While loving and supporting the churches in our family tree, we also recognize the need for responsible growth and stewardship of our land, buildings, and reserves. This is why in 2014 the church reinstated the Master Plan Team to help us prepare a long range plan for our church future. The first iteration of this group yielded a playground, garden, and additional parking. This second iteration is focusing on both land and buildings.



Phase 1 - Real Estate - Complete ✓

Phase 2

Construction of a **Recreation Park** across the street from the main campus, which may include a gym, soccer field, basketball court, and trails, as well as additional parking.

Renovating one of the Jay Thomas Drive properties as an information center with restrooms.

Construction of an **Outdoor Pavilion** south of the garden.

Construction of a **Community Education Building** that will replace the Shelter Building. This new building will have a large gathering area and multiple classrooms.

Additional parking and the construction of a third driveway on the main campus.

Phase 3

Expansion of the **Sanctuary and Education buildings**.

Additional parking on the main campus.

A Call to Action

The time has come for Mount Carmel to respond to our growth and move once more. In order to fulfill our Master Plan, we will need to finance the projects laid before us.

Mount Carmel is blessed to be in a strong financial position. Budget giving has increased about 6% per year, on average, over the last 10 years. We finished the 2022 budget year with a \$14,000 surplus. As of April 1, 2022, our capital campaign account held close to \$300,000.

The three properties Mount Carmel purchased as part of Phase 1 were the first step. The church is currently renting two of the properties and using one to house Afghan refugees.

In September 2021, the congregation gave the church authorization to spend funds, as they are available, for development of the site plan and design of the Outdoor Pavilion and Recreation Park.

Our goal is to raise \$5 million in 5 years. We already have 70+ households pledging over one million dollars towards the campaign.

The church will continue to prayerfully seek God's guidance in using our resources to give God the glory.

How To Contribute

Visit www.mcabc1803.org/give to explore ways to give to the church. If giving online, in-person, or via mail, please designate funds towards the "Open Doors Campaign".

Visit www.mcabc1803.org/open-doors for the latest updates.

