Mt. Zion Church is a very historical church. Though it is not too much known about it. In 1785 Rev. Beverly Allen was sent as a missionary into Wilkes county, by General Conference. After remaining about a year he was followed by two other evangelists, who were successful in organizing the Methodist within the county. The methodist followed closely behind the Baptist in preaching the gospel and establishing a church in the new territory.

Two of the new members Daniel Grant and his son, Thomas allowed services to be held in their homes, which become known as Grants Meeting House. A permanent congregation organized in 1787, grew so rapidly that 3 years later the Grants erected a church for the members. Near their house and store about 5 miles from Washington. This was the first Methodist Church to be held in Georgia.

The stirring sermons of the early Methodist preachers gained so many new members for Methodist that by 1788 Wilkes County contained more than 2/3 of the 1600 Methodist in the state.

The first annual convention of the Methodist Church was held at Gen. David Meriwether's home near Broad River. The following two assemblies were at Grants Meeting House. The fourth at the Washington Court House. Much of the early success of the Methodist in Wilkes County was due to the religious strategy of Bishop Francis Asbury who visited Wilkes County every one of the seventeen trips to Georgia.

Several years after the Grants erected the church it was moved to Mt. Zion Hill which is not too far from its present location.

In 1905 the church was built where it stands now, using as much as they could from the other church. It still has the same pulpit and altar rail that was used in the first church. Up until a couple of years ago we used the same benches.

The early church had a divider in it so the men sat on one side and the women on the other side with separate doors for women and men. The colored could come and sit at the back of the church which they used to do.

Some of the early pastors were Crawford, Jackson, Rosser, Keely, Robertson, Colley, Allen, Cline, and Sprayberry. Some of the ones that have helped to build the church as of today are Whittemore, Dunagan, Hill, Emory, Herndon, and Ward, Butler Hughes, Flurry, Heard, Dickman. Our present pastor is Rev. Charles Robinson.

Some of the early superintendents were Charles Evans and Phillip Combs, Waldo Harris and Mr. Carlton Bell who was superintendent for 19 years. Another four or five miles to church each Sunday even when there wasn't but two or three there and also Mr. B. R. Turpin was a faithful superintendent for a number of years. Our present superintendent is Mr. Fred Ingram.

The first Missionary Society was organized in 1889 by Mrs. Garrard Combs. We now have 12 to 15 members of the U. M. W.

Several years ago Mrs. Agnes Blanchard sent a large donation to the church in memory of her father and we started a building project. With that donation plus our regular members and some other regular donations we have now added four new Sunday School rooms, baths, Fellowship room, organ, pews and a well.

Mrs. Ada Newsome and members of her family and the P. N. Combs family are presenting the church with stained glass windows in memory of her grandfather Phillip F. Combs and father Charles E. Combs and his sons.