#### **MT ZION MBC All Members Orientation Overview**

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# CLASS 1

# **THE BIBLE**

#### WHY DO WE NEED THE BIBLE AT ALL

God gives that verbal communication in writing, rather than orally, in order to give us a public standard so we do not delude ourselves. I need to know what God says to you, and you need to know what God says to me: the written Word makes God's truth universal and objective.

### WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT THE BIBLE AT MT ZION MBC

MT Zion MBC, since its founding in 1809, has held to a "high view" of Scripture. That is, we hold it to be God's inspired, inerrant word that is sufficient for all matters of faith and Christian living. A person who takes his or her Christian faith seriously will want to give serious attention to the Bible in its entirety. It becomes a matter of life commitment to understand properly what God has said to us as a church and to us as individuals.

### THE BIBLE IS A COVENANT DOCUMENT

A covenant is a three-way agreement (two parties and a witness to enforce it), as opposed to a contract, which is a two-way agreement (two parties, but no witness). In God's covenant with his people, he is both one of the parties and the witness.