

Progressive Missionary Baptist Church History

Progressive Missionary Baptist Church was organized in **1910** by members of Pleasant Valley Church of Rosedale, Kansas, under the leadership of **Reverend H.E. Strickland**. The congregation initially met in a tent before renting space in **Toliver's Hall** on West 30th Street, where the church was officially formed. In 1913, they purchased a building at **2930 Summit**.

Pastoral Leadership and Key Moves

The church was guided by several pastors in its early years, including:

- **Rev. James Holley** (1914-1921): Named interim in 1914 and full-time Pastor in 1915. Under his leadership, the church moved to **1416 Vine** in 1918.
 - **Rev. J.S. Sutton** (1921-1925)
 - **Rev. Charles L. Versa** (1925-1941)
 - **Rev. Matthew H. Houston** (1941-1942): Led the move to **2115 Forest** in June 1941.
 - **Rev. W.A. Sparks** (1942-1951): Added the church's first Parsonage at 2330 Park. (Rev. Herad served briefly before being tragically killed).
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The Hudson Era and Long-Term Stability

- **Rev. Andrew Hudson** (1951-1989): Called to Pastor in July 1951. Under his 36 years of leadership, the church paid off the mortgages on its previous property and parsonage. In 1954, the church moved to its **current location at 2945 Bales**, which was paid off, and a cornerstone was placed on October 16, 1983. Upon retiring, he became Pastor Emeritus in 1989.
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Recent History

- **Rev. William F. Snorgrass** (1989-2023): Rev. Hudson's spiritual son, he became Pastor on December 17, 1989. For 33 years, Pastor Snorgrass provided dedicated service, even while battling health issues, and held leadership roles outside the church, including President of the New Era Missionary Baptist District Congress of Christian Education. He passed away on March 29, 2023.
- **Rev. Jeremy F. Robertson, Sr.** (2024-Present): Was called to Pastor in August 2024 and preached his first sermon on September 1, 2024.