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MOUNT LEBANON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

In October 1843, free blacks in Columbia established Mount Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church, the oldest black Baptist congregation in Tennessee. Edmund Kelly was its first pastor. The original church was built several blocks southeast of this site, and it served as a school during the Reconstruction Era. The present building was built in 1885.

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In January 1844, Rev. John C. Johnson, who
had been called to the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church,
the first Baptist church in the city of
Pittsburgh, Pa., by the people. The original
church was built around 1840 and is the
only one of its kind in the city during the
Reconstruction Era. The church building was
built in 1844.

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