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*One generation will commend your works to
another; they will tell of your mighty acts.*

Psalm 145:4

CHARTER MEMBER HISTORY II

- Dennis Sipe

William E. Killian was born on October 13, 1857 and died August 9, 1935. He was a charter member of Mt. Zion and was my great-grandfather.

Billy Killian was definitely a man of the times. He was liked by many and then there were those who, because of his demanding nature, didn't speak as highly of him. Yet, he was successful and respected for his abilities and his love of God. He was Mt. Zion's first Sunday School Superintendent.

Billy married Julian Huffman and together they were the parents of five children: Ida (who was my grandmother), Albert, Rosa, Carrie, and Olive. When Julian, his first wife, died, Billy married her cousin and their close neighbor, Amy Huffman Sipe. Amy was the widow of Titus Sipe, another of our charter members. Both Billy and Amy had their own families, and yet they grew up worshipping and loving God at Mt. Zion.

The descendants of William Esley Killian who are current Mt. Zion members are: Katherine Yoder, Wayne Reed, Clara Kanupp, Pauline Kiziah, Imogene Hefner, Donald Sipe, Glenn E. Sipe, and so on and on.

BAPTISMAL CUSTOMS

- Lucille Hefner

When I think about baptisms, I think of the changes I have seen with my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Mernie was baptized by Rev. L. P. Propst in the parsonage on October 25, 1906. I was baptized by Rev. P. C. Henry in April at the parsonage of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Then Oct. 24, 1928 I married Mernie and moved my membership to Mt. Zion. Both of our children, Doris and Richard, were baptized in the home of Rev. L. M. Hunt in Conover. Doris' baptismal date is July 8, 1929 and Richard's is May 5, 1931.

All of our grandchildren were baptized by Rev. Roever in our second sanctuary; our great-grandchildren, in our current sanctuary.

So I have seen baptisms change from a bowl of water, a pastor's hand, and God's Word to a bowl of water, a pottery shell pouring the water on the head, a baptismal towel, the anointing of oil, a baptismal candle, a baptismal garment, and a baptismal service of God's Word that involves the congregational members.