

Historic Churches and Mt. Pleasant Day Trip #Dothedaytrip

Start your trip at the **Zion Presbyterian Church**.*(2322 Zion Rd, Columbia) This Greek Revival church was built in 1849. The church was located in the center of 5,120 acres purchased from General Nathaniel Greene's land grant from the Revolutionary War. You will have the opportunity to walk thru the old graveyard here where early settlers are buried.

Travel & Tour **St. John's Episcopal Church** (Hwy 243, Mt. Pleasant) was built in 1839 - 1842 by four Polk brothers at the junction of four of the Polk family plantations. One of the few unrestored buildings in the county with the interior basically left it as it was when general services were discontinued in 1889. The church is open once a year On Whitsunday. A fine example of Gothic architecture, the church contains original fixtures, materials almost all made on site by family slaves, including black cherry. Take a moment in the peaceful graveyard.

Travel to **Mt. Pleasant Grille*** (100 S. Main St. Mt Pleasant) this historic building which Housed a pharmacy has been renovated as Mt. Pleasant's favorite eatery. You will Enjoy the décor with many posters of famous musicians as well as local history. Enjoy a great meal and a delicious sundae from the soda fountain.

After lunch you are welcome to explore the Mount Pleasant / Maury Museum of Local History and various shops around square.

Travel to **Maury County Visitors Bureau*** (302 West 7th St, Columbia) then walk across the street to Tour **First United Methodist Church**. A stained glass window here commemorates the fact that President James K. Polk became a Methodist on his death bed. It depicts that he was the 10th president – now counted as 11th. This church was completed in 1876 by local brickmason and builder Anthony Gholson.

Walk & Tour to **St. Peter's Episcopal Church*** (311 W. 7th Street, Columbia). It was built 1860 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. St. Peter's is parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee. Active church to this day.

^{*}Restrooms available; if you plan to go inside any of the churches please call ahead to make sure they are available.