

Statement of Resignation for MHBC
9-3-17

Today I must tell you that God is leading me to announce the end of my ministry as the pastor of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church effective the last Sunday of this month.

Five years ago, after a tragic event, the sudden death of Bro. Vic Stansbury, you called me first as your Interim Pastor and then as your Pastor. I believed at the time that God, in His providence, was bringing us together again for a specific purpose and I still believe that today.

In our service this morning we celebrated the Lord's Supper--a time of remembering the sacrificial death of Jesus. On that last night with His disciples, Jesus instituted the ordinance we call the Lord's Supper or Communion. It is a time to remember His shed blood and broken body. But Jesus also meant for us to remember that He is coming again. "I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God," Jesus told His disciples on that night (Mark 14:25). Jesus wanted His followers to know that He had a plan for them and would be faithful in fulfilling His promises.

Today, Muldraugh Hill, God wants you to know that He is *still* faithful and, in the course of His time, He has been preparing your next pastor. Shirley and I will be in prayer for you as you begin this search through the leadership of the Holy Spirit and with joy and great expectation over the good things God has in store for your ministry here in Marion and Taylor Counties.

In recent weeks I spoke with David England, outgoing deacon chair, and Mark Carney, our new deacon chair, about my intentions. I will not, at this time, be accepting a position at another church but anticipate ministering to and with God's people in a new way at this season in my life.

Shirley and I want you to know how much we love you. We truly love you as individuals and as a congregation. We are thankful to God to have had this time to walk down this path of faith with you.

At this time, I ask Mark Carney, Chairman of Deacons, to come forward and acknowledge receipt of this resignation statement.

Bro. Steve