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Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church History The First 100 Years (1874 - 1974)

Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church, located in Lebanon, Kentucky, celebrated its 100th Anniversary October 27, 1974. In anticipation of this event, **Irene Maupin, Emogene Farmer,** and **Barbara Jean Benningfield** were assigned to compile a history of the church. We appreciate their time and effort in this endeavor.

The following information is what they compiled from church records and bulletins, associational minutes, the local newspaper (*Lebanon Enterprise*), personal interviews and other histories. This information is presented with the hope that it will recall many precious memories and renew an appreciation for the heritage of the church.

It is generally believed that **Muldraugh Hill Church** grew out of a Baptist church at New Market which was destroyed by a tornado in 1870. An article in the March issue of the *Lebanon Clarion* described the destruction caused by the tornado. The following story is printed as it appeared in the newspaper:

HURRICANE AT NEW MARKET

**Trees Uprooted, Fences Swept Away
and Houses Leveled with the Ground.**

TWO CHURCHES IN RUINS

Great Destruction of Property

The village of New Market, six miles west of this city on the Campbellsville turnpike, was visited last Saturday by a terrible tornado. The ravages of the tempest were confined to a few moments of time and to a small district of country; but they were of such a character that none that saw them wish ever to see the like again. The amount of property destroyed was very considerable, and the exemption from loss of human life, in view of the violence of the storm, seems like a special Interposition of Providence.

BEGINNING AND COURSE

About five o'clock in the afternoon there came up a heavy shower of rain, which lasted only a few minutes, and was immediately succeeded by the hurricane. The storm began its work of destruction beyond the Rolling Fork, not far from the residence of Mrs. Eliza Schooling, uprooting trees, sweeping away fences and demolishing houses, until it reached the eastern limits of the village, where it divided, the principal portion rising and the remainder taking an eastern direction. The course of the tornado through the village was almost exactly on the line of the Lebanon and Campbellsville turnpike.

ATMOSPHERIC PHENOMENA

The tornado occurring in the daytime, its phenomena were attentively noted by a number of persons whose statements, taking into consideration their different standpoints, are remarkably consistent. A gentleman residing near the north-eastern limits of the village says that his attention was first attracted by a brilliant light, apparently about the barn of Mrs. Massingale, which led him to believe for the moment that the building was on fire. It is hardly necessary to remark that, in such cases, men observe quickly and think fast. A moment later-in much less time than it requires to write it-he beheld a dark mass about the breadth of an average-sized house, with numerous bright intersecting lines not unlike chain lightning, and with a fiery-red border at the top. This same phenomenon was observed by others, and all testifying that it expanded and contracted as it proceeded on its way, the lines of light continually shifting, and the whole mass revolving, seething and boiling. At the bridge, just beyond the Presbyterian church; this mass was observed to pause and stretch out to the breadth of some thirty or forty yards, the base resting on the earth and the summit out of sight-then, as if having gathered fresh power from the delay, it swept up the slope, carrying every-thing before it.

PARTIAL LIST OF LOSSES

The barn, crib and stable of Mr. Samuel Roberson were blown down and a buggy torn up. The windows of his dwelling were broken by the wind.

A large barn belonging to Mrs. Massingale was destroyed, her carriage house blown over, and the carriage broken.

The smoke-house of Mr. David Walker was torn to pieces, his stable unroofed, crib blown down, and the top of the L part of his dwelling carried away. A rockaway standing in the yard was lifted some 15 feet into air, turned over, dashed to the ground and broken. The windows of Mrs. Lizzie Newcomb's residence were blown out and the chimney broken off. Her stable was blown and a wagon broken. A blacksmith shop owned by Mrs. Newcomb, was occupied by George and Matt Mobley, was blown down.

Mr. Ed. Luckett had a barn and two cribs torn to pieces, and lost several stacks of hay and 3000 bundles of fodder.

The L part of the dwelling of Thomas Hicks was unroofed, the front portion lifted up and moved several feet and a chimney broken off. His wagon shed was torn to pieces and the upper part of his stable and crib carried away.

The smoke-house and buggy-house of H. H. Carter were lifted out of their places and moved some distance, his crib unroofed, and a shed blown down. A small quantity of queensware in his store was dashed from the shelves and broken. The walls of his dwelling were sprung, the glass in the windows broken and the tops of the chimneys blown off.

The L portion of Mr. Wayne Ferguson's house was blown down, as was his smoke-house. Two poplar planks and a piece of fence rail were driven through the front portion of his house, from end to end, coming out on the other side. His hen-house was torn to pieces and the chickens blown so far away that they have never been heard from.

Mr. Jacob Miller was one of the heaviest losers. The L portion of his brick dwelling lost the whole of the second story, his kitchen was utterly destroyed, his corn crib and two barns blown down and two valuable horses killed. Every sash and pane of glass in his dwelling was broken and a large quantity of wearing apparel and several beds blown away. A store-house adjoining his residence, containing tobacco and other articles, were destroyed. His loss will amount to thousands of dollars.

The second story and roof of a house belonging to heirs of William Smith, deceased, until lately occupied by John Mobley, was forced down into the first.

The dwelling-house of Mr. George Meese was lifted up and moved forward some eight or ten feet, the entire front and roof torn off and hurled away. The kitchen adjacent was lifted up and

dashed against a tree near by, which prevented it from being carried off. The tree was bent low by the force of the blow, but gallantly held its position. A considerable quantity of clothing belonging to the members of Mr. Meese's family was carried away and almost all of the kitchen furniture destroyed.

THE CHURCHES

The village contained two churches, a brick church belonging to the Baptist denomination, and a frame church owned by the Presbyterians. The Baptist church, in the lower part of town, was about to receive a new roof, for which purpose two large piles of shingles had been deposited near it. One of these was hardly disturbed, while the other scattered to the winds, some of the shingles being carried six miles. The church itself was an utter wreck. With the exception of one corner, of which some eight feet in height remained, the whole edifice was leveled with the ground. The joists, thirty feet in length, were blown in every direction, and some of them forced eight or ten feet into the ground. Nearly all of the larger monuments in the churchyard were broken to pieces. The railing about one of the graves whirled away to an unknown distance, not a splinter being left behind. Another enclosure had about it a fence surmounted by heavy rocks, which were bound together by strong iron bands. Several of these rocks were blown off and the iron clasps were wrenched or broken.

Upon reaching the frame church the storm seems to have attained its utmost fury. After a short pause in the valley below, it rushed up the slope and tore the church to splinters in a moment, scattering the fragments along the side of the road for several hundred yards. Nothing was left but the stoves, floor and some of the seats. Strange to say, the Bible and Sunday School library were not injured.

PERSONS INJURED

One of the most singular features of this tornado is the fact that no human life was lost. Sixty-three persons were in the immediate pathway of the storm, none of whom was fatally injured. Four of Mr. Jacob Miller's family received painful injuries from the falling bricks. Mrs. Thomas Hicks was considerably hurt. Tommy Carter was bruised severely by flying fragments, and his left arm was disabled for the time. Mr. Thomas Taylor was also somewhat injured by a missile of some kind. Various other persons received slight wounds.

INCIDENTS

The bridge over the branch near Mr. Miller's consisted of stout oak puncheons, 20 feet long, eighteen inches in width and two inches thick, which were blown from thirty to two hundred yards, and some of them torn to splinters. One of these puncheons was carried a distance of one hundred yards and cut down a fruit tree in front of Mr. Meese's house. Some of the members of the family of Mr. John Sanders were repeatedly blown into the fire, and it was with great difficulty that they were prevented from burning to death. In the back yard of Mr. Meese there is an excavation, eight or ten feet deep, used as a milk-house. To this, on the approach of the storm, Mr. Meese retired with his family, and to this precaution they are probably indebted for the preservation of their lives. The storm appears to have moved very slowly. Mr. Miller was in his barn and saw it approaching at a distance of something like a hundred yards. He had time to run from one end of the barn to the other and get out before the storm struck it.

A lady's dress was seen to shoot rapidly upward to the height of several hundred feet and sail off. It was thought at the time by the spectators that the lady herself was in it, but fortunately this was not the case.

Singles, fodder and many other small articles which evidently came from New Market, were

found on the farm of Stephen Raley, six miles distant from the point from which they started. Mr. Henry Abell, who lives somewhat nearer to New Market, says that a wagon load of such fragments might have been collected from one of his fields.

The head of an Opossum, evidently recently severed from the body, was found lying in the road, near Mr. Sam Roberson's residence.

The bell of the Presbyterian church was carried some two hundred yards. Some persons residing not more than twenty to fifty yards of the track of the hurricane, were not aware that anything unusual was transpiring, and were quite astonished when their attention was called to the wreck and ruin so near them.

SUMMARY

It is estimated that, exclusive of a number of small out-buildings, 34 or 35 houses were blown down or badly injured. All the fencing and nearly all the fruit trees in the village vanished before the breath of the Storm-King. On Sunday morning the whole face of the country was covered with DEBRIS, and the principal street was filled and obstructed by rails, planks, and fragments from the ruins. Some of the damage has already been repaired, but months, and perhaps years, must elapse before the place will entirely recover from the effects of this visitation of Providence.

RELIEF FOR THE SUFFERERS

The losses entailed by the hurricane fell very heavily upon some of the citizens of the unfortunate village. We are glad to know that a vigorous effort has been made here to obtain contributions for their relief. We understand that a considerable sum has already been realized, but much remains to be done. Contributions of money or other needed articles will be received by Rev. V. E. Kirtley, who has been very active in his endeavors in behalf of these unfortunate persons. We sincerely trust that no one who is able will refuse to contribute to so worthy an object.

Little is known about the age of the New Market Church, except the name does appear in records as early as 1856. On September 22, 1856, New Market Church was dismissed from Russell Creek Association and entered the Lynn Association organized November 8, 1856. The church entered that association on that date with 79 members. In the 1859 minutes of Lynn Association, New Market is listed with 71 members.

A deed was drawn for the ground where **Muldrough Hill Baptist Church** is presently located on February 3, 1873 with Nathan and Elizabeth Sapp as grantors of the deed. The deed, as written in 1873, is as follows:

This Indenture made this 3rd day of February 1873 between Nathan Sapp and Elizabeth Sapp, his wife, as party of the First part and Thomas Underwood in trust for the use and benefit of the United Baptist Church of Christ as party of the second part Witnesseth. That the parties of the first part for and in consideration of ten dollars to them in hand paid hath bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell and convey to the party of the second part for the use aforesaid a tract of land lying in Marion County on the Campbellsville and Lebanon Turnpike road which is bounded as follows: Beginning at a Sassafras Walnut and Maple on said pike corner to Mr. Livers fence with the pike in the direction of the Rolling Fork 22 poles to a white oak at the end of a ditch cut in a pond on the pike fence East along said ditch 7 poles to a stake then South 11-2 poles to a Spanish Oak and dogwood comes to said Livers fence North 55 west with the line of said Livers 18 poles to the beginning. To have and to hold the said tract of land

with the appurtenances to the said party his heirs and assigns for the use of said church forever with covenant of Special Warranty Witness Our Signature this the day and year first above mentioned.

Nathan Sapp
Elizabeth Sapp

Elizabeth Sapp is given as one of the charter members of the Church. However, the name of **Nathan Sapp** does not appear on the records until October 1887, when he along with several others was baptized.

Nathan Sapp not only granted the ground, but he and his son, Perry, were also instrumental in partial construction of **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church**, as indicated by Perry Sapp's obituary which was in possession of John Hundley, son of the late Rev. W.C. Hundley. The obituary states that William Perry Sapp was born in Marion County, Kentucky, on October 21, 1847, and died October 25, 1930, at the age of eighty-three years and four days. He was the son of Nathan and Elizabeth Vessels Sapp. He was married in 1867 to Susan Bright who died in 1887. To their union were born seven children: W. T. Sapp, G. A. Sapp, J. N. Sapp, Nannie Rice, Zennie Colvin, Carl Sapp, and Frances Horton.

The obituary says that William Perry Sapp united with **Muldraugh Hill Baptist** and was one of the oldest members at the time of his death. He and his father, Nathan Sapp, hewed the sills by hand and donated them to the building of the church. The obituary reads, *"Brother Sapp was born-and reared in sight of this church and will now be laid to rest on a part of his home place where he spent his life."*

Descendants of the **Nathan Sapp** family are among the membership of the Church today:

- Descendants of W. T. Sapp are **Mrs. Esther Allen** and daughter, **Norma Ray**.
- **William (Billy) Veatch** and his children, **Estelle Veatch Brady** and **Bobby Veatch**; **David Veatch** and his children, **Donnie** and **Jeannie**; and **Bernard Veatch** are descendants of George A. Sapp.
- Descendants of John N. Sapp include **Coy**, **Twyman**, **Marion**, **Sudie**, **Mildred**, **Mrs. Nettie Sapp Colvin**, **Mrs. Mabel Sapp Yates**, **Terry** and **Steven Yates**.
- Descendants of Frances Sapp Horton are **J. D. Horton**, **Dorothy Horton Bishop**, and **Frances Horton Thompson**.



The dedication of **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church** was announced in the *Lebanon Weekly Standard* on October 13, 1874 by W. L. Ramsey. The article appeared as follows:



New Market, Ky., Oct. 13, 1874. Correspondence of the Standard.

Please announce through your paper that the new Baptist Church near the foot of Muldrough's Hill, on the Lebanon and Campbellsville turnpike, is nearly completed. It will be called the Muldrough's Hill Church. The first or introductory sermon will be preached by the writer, on the fourth Sunday in this month at eleven o'clock, and all the members of the old New Market church are requested to meet there on that day at 10 o'clock A.M. The church will be constituted on Saturday before the first Sunday in November, and will be dedicated on the first Sunday in November. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Henry McDonald, of Georgetown, Ky.

W. L. Ramsey

The dedication of the church took place November 4, 1874, with Rev. Henry McDonald preaching the sermon.

Henry McDonald, D.D. was raised up to the ministry, and labored a number of years, within the bounds of Russell Creek Association. He is a native of Ireland, was raised by devout Catholic parents, and was educated with a view to the priesthood. Being averse to becoming a priest, he ran away from his parents, and came to the United States. Making his way to Greensburg, Kentucky, he entered upon the study of law, under Hon. Aaron Harding. Under the preaching of B. T. Taylor, during an extensive revival at Greensburg, young McDonald professed conversion, about 1852, and was baptized into the fellowship of Greensburg church, by Mr. Taylor. He at once abandoned the study of law, and commenced the study of theology, under the directions of John Harding. He was ordained to the ministry, about 1854. After serving the church at Greensburg, some ten years, he accepted a call to Danville, where he ministered about twelve years. From thence he went to Covington, where he remained only a few months, when he accepted a call to the church at Georgetown, where, in addition to his pastoral labors, he filled the chair of theology in Georgetown College.

A brief historical sketch of "**Muldrough's Hill Church**" is in the minutes of the Russell's Creek Association for 1880 on page 7:

HISTORY OF MULDROUGH'S HILL CHURCH

This church was constituted with thirteen members, on Saturday before the first Sunday in November, 1874, in a new church building costing \$1500 dedicated on Sunday by a sermon by Bro. McDonald.

A pastor was called on that day, and [Bro. Thomas Underwood](#) chosen, who continued his ministrations from 1874 until 1879. During the five years in which Bro. Underwood acted as pastor, the church was in a flourishing condition, and at the time he left the church numbered 121 members.

Within this time, however, a great many letters were granted. The first deacons of the church were W. W. Rafferty and E. C. Wise. Afterward Bros. William Faucett and D. Walker were added. And Bro. W. F. Cowherd was ordained August 1, 1878. Bro. Porter Rafferty was our first clerk, serving in that capacity for three years. Bro. D. Walker acted as clerk for one year and was followed by Bro. Moses Farmer. At the expiration of his term, Bro. Wat Richeson assumed the duties, and he is clerk at the present time.

Muldrough's Hill Church is the outgrowth of the efforts of the Home Mission Board, of Russell's Creek Association, Bro. Thomas Underwood acting as missionary by direction of the Board. The brother canvassed the territory and secured the means for the purchase of the beautiful location and the erection of the church edifice, which is a handsome building, 36 by 54 feet in size, well

finished, and paid for. There is a well in the yard. Bro. Underwood spared no pains nor labor in the work, riding all over the territory and superintending in person all the business, for all of which we hope he will have his reward in the world to come. He has been a good and faithful minister in this part of the vineyard, and had it not been for his zeal in the cause, the church in all probability would never have been built.

Records of 1874 through 1878 were burned in the home of the church clerk, Porter Rafferty, whose house was destroyed by fire. For this reason we have two conflicting lists of charter members.

In 1901, 25 years after the church was organized, Bro. J. L. Collins and Porter Rafferty were appointed to prepare a list of the **charter members** of the church. This list includes:

- Bro. J. C. Benningfield
- Bro. E. C. Wise
- Sister J. C. Benningfield
- Bro. S. T. Wise
- Sister Elizabeth Abell
- Sister Mary E. Wise
- Sister Elizabeth Sapp
- Bro. W. W. Rafferty
- Sister Prissalla Thompson
- Bro. J. W. Rafferty
- Sister Maggie McDemar
- Bro. Porter Rafferty
- Bro. Richard Nolley

Another list which was in the possession of Mary Stockman Burrice, who was baptised August 11, 1896, reads:

- Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Benningfield
- Mr. & Mrs. Peter Abell
- Mr. & Mrs. Jake Miller
- Mr. & Mrs. Ward Rafferty
- Mrs. Lucy Carter
- Mr. Richard Nolley
- Mr. Perry Sapp
- Rev. & Mrs. Thomas Underwood

**ARTICLES OF FAITH
AS ADOPTED BY MULDRAUGH CHURCH
AT HER MEETING OF ORGANIZATION
(NOVEMBER 14, 1874)**

- 1st We believe there is only one true and living God whose name Jehovah The Maker and Supreme ruler of heaven and earth. Inexpressibly glorious in holiness worthy of all possible honor confidence and love revealed under the personal distinction of Father Son and Holy Ghost or Spirit Equal in Every office in the great work of Redemption.

- 2nd That the new and old Testament is the infalable word of God and is perfect treasure of heavenly instruction. That it has Salvation for its End and truth without mixture of Error for its matter. That it reveals the, principals by which God judges and therefore is and shall remain to the End of the world - the true center of Christian union and the Supreme Standard by which all humane conduct creeds and opinions should be tried.
- 3rd That man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his maker. But by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners not by constraint but choice. Being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God wholly given to the gratification of their own sinful passions and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin without difference or excuse.
- 4th That the Salvation of Sinners is wholly of grace through the mediatorial office of the Son of God who took upon himself our nature yet without Sin honored the Law by his personal obedience and made atonement for our sins. By his Death Being risen from the dead he is now in heaven and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest Sympathies with the divine perfection in Every way gratified to be a Suitable - Compassionate and all Sufficient Saviour.
- 5th That the great gospel blessing which Christ in his fullness bestowed on Such as believe on him is Justification. That Justification consists in the pardon of Sin and the promise of Eternal Life on principals of righteousness that is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done. But solely through his own redemption and righteousness that it brings us into a State of most blessed peace and favor with God and Secures Every Other blessing needful for time and eternity.
- 6th That the blessing of Salvation are made free to all by the gospel. That it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith. And that nothing prevents the Salvation of the greatest Sinner on Earth except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ which rejection will subject him to an aggravated condemnation.
- 7th That in order to be Saved - we must be regenerated or born again that regeneration consists in giving wholly disposition to the mind and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation by the power of the Holy Spirit. So as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel. And that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.
- 8th That such only are real believers as Endeavor to the End that their perserence Attachments to Christ is the ground work which distinguished them from mere professors. That a special providence watches over these wellfare and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto Salvation.
- 9th That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government that it is wholly just and good and that the innobility which the Scriptures asscribe to follow man to fulfill its precepts arises entirely from their love of Sin to deliver them from which and to restore them through a mediator to obedience of the holy law is one great end of the gospel and means of grace connected with the establishment of the church.
- 10th That a visable church of Christ is a Congregation of Baptist believers associated by Covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel. Observing the ordiance of Christ government by his laws and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His word. That its only proper Officers are Bishops or fathers and Deacons as defined in the Epistles of Timothy and Titus.
- 11th That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordiances of the Church. That Baptism is immersion of a penitent believer in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit by the authority of a church and always preceeds the Lord's Supper. That the Lord's

Supper is the use of Bread and wine to set forth the Sufferings and Death of Christ proceeded by a solemn Self Committal.

- 12th That the first day of the week is the Lord's day or Christian Sabbath and is to be kept Sacred to Religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation by the observance of all the means of grace both private and public and preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.
- 13th That there will be a resurrection of the Dead both of Just and the unjust. That there will be a general judgement. That there will be a separation of the righteous and wicked and that the happiness of the Righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

**CHURCH COVENANT
FOR THE UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
AT MULDRAUGHS HILL
MARION COUNTY, KENTUCKY
AS ADOPTED AT ITS ORGANIZATION
(NOVEMBER 14, 1874)**

As we trust we have been brought by divine grace to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ and by the influence of his spirit to give ourselves up to him so we do now solemnly covenant with each other that God enabling us we will walk together in Brotherly Love that we will exercise a Christian care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully warn rebuke and admonish one another as the care shall require. That we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together nor omit the great duty of prayer both for ourselves and for others. That we will participate in each others joys and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each others burdens and sorrows. That we will constantly endeavor to bring up Such as may be under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. That we will seek divine aid to enable us to walk circumspectly and watchfully in the world denying ungodliness and every worldly lust. That we will strive together for the support of a faithful, evangelical ministry among us. That we will endeavor by example and effort to win souls to Christ and through life amidst evil report and good report seek to Live to the glory of Him who hath us brought out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**RULES OF DECORUM
FOR THE
UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
AT MULDRAUGH HILL**

- 1st The Church shall meet for the transaction of business on Saturday before the first Sunday in each month at 11 o'clock A.M.
- 2nd The Church shall have a presiding officer called a moderator whose duty shall be to call the church to order and put all questions that come up by motion and second to the church by voting and in case of a tie give the casting vote but he shall not be allowed to vote in any other case.

- 3rd No member shall have the right of more than three speeches to one question without permission from the church, arising from his seat and addressing the moderator.
- 4th No member following the one who has spoken shall cast any reflection on his speech.
- 5th No member shall call any member by any other term or affiliation except brother or sister.
- 6th All private offenses shall be treated according to the 18th chapter of Matthew.
- 7th All public offenses shall come before the church by the appointment of a committee whose duty shall be to go to the offender and request them to come to the church and make their acknowledgements or defense.
- 8th No member shall have the right to leave church during its session of business except by permission of the moderator.
- 9th There shall be no whispering or talking during the conference of the church.
- 10th All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes cast except in the reception of members when it shall be unanimous.
- 11th No questions shall be debatable or ready for discussion except coming up by motion and second.
- 12th Appointment of Committee.
- 13th It shall take no less than five members to form a forum to transact business of the church.
- 14th In order to defray the expenses that each male member over the age of 21 pay \$2.00 and each male member under the age of 21 years pay \$1.00 and each female over the age of 21 years pay \$1.00 and each female under the age of 21 years pay 50 cents and the rest of the expenses be paid according to what we are worth and a failure to do this we forfeit our membership.
- 15th It shall be the duty of the church to open her doors for the reception of members before the close of the session.

In September 1879 **Rev. E. H. Brookshire** was called to serve as pastor. On Saturday before the fourth Sunday in December 1879, by motion and second, the church agreed to take Bro. Kerkendall to preach one-half of the time for Bro. Brookshire. This continued for a period of about 10 months.

Immediately upon the resignation of E. H. Brookshire, **J. C. Wray** was called as pastor in November of 1883. Financial problems plagued the church, which possibly was the reason for Bro. Wray's short ministry.

The pastor's salary per year depended upon the amount of money the members contributed, although the pastor usually asked for a set salary ranging from \$100.00 to \$250.00. The sexton's salary was from \$9.00 to \$15.00 per year.

Usually a committee of three people was elected to raise subscriptions (money pledged) for the pastor's and sexton's salaries and mission causes. Money raised in this manner was not always sufficient for the needs. Once the church considered imposing an advalorem tax on itself. That the church was hard pressed for funds is evident when on one occasion they decided to "go to the law" to see if they could get Bro. Newton to pay what he owed the church.

The sexton or housekeeper had to furnish his own supplies such as oil for the lamps, brooms, and wood for fires. Besides cleaning the church building, the sexton was also responsible for the upkeep of the racks that were put around the fence for a hitching post.

There is no record of any business meetings between July 1884 and April 1885.

Realizing the struggling condition of the church, **Bro. Thomas Underwood** accepted the pastorate for the second time.

In 1885 the July minutes of the church read as follows:

Saturday before the 1st Sunday in July, church met in regular order for the transaction of business. Bro. T. R. Farmer was called to the chair as moderator. The committee consisting of the deacons of the church reported they had concluded the church pledge themselves to pay Bro. Underwood \$50.00 for his services the ensuing year and all money paid by persons not members, he receives in addition to the \$50.00. Moved and seconded the report be received and the committee discharged. Motion carried. Moved and seconded the church pledge themselves to pay the amount as suggested by the deacons. Motion carried. Bro. Underwood accepted the call of the church.

The following persons agreed to pay the following amounts on pastor's salary:

Bro. Mills	\$2.00 paid	Sister Mike McDemar	\$5.00 paid
Bro. Lake	\$5.00 paid	Mollie Hardin	\$5.00 paid
Wm. Hardin	\$1.00 paid	Elizabeth Richardson	\$3.00 paid
E.C. Wise \$3.00	paid	George H. Phillips	\$5.00
Bro. Colvin	\$2.00	Mrs. C. Russell	\$1.00 paid
Robert Wise	\$1.00	George W. Moore	\$1.00
Bro. Nawley	\$1.00 paid	John Thomas Farmer	\$0.25
Mrs. Fulks	\$1.00 paid	Geo. Battcher	\$0.25
Mrs. Lake	\$1.00 paid	John White	\$1.00
Mrs. Short	\$1.00 paid	Taylor Abell	\$3.00
D. Cowherd	\$2.00 paid	Thomas Hardin	\$3.50
Mr. Abell	\$5.00 paid	John L. Collins	\$3.00 paid
Sister Mills	\$1.00 paid	Sister Riceson	\$5.00
Sister Sapp	\$0.50	W. D. Bright	\$1.00 paid
J. D. Maupin	\$0.50	Sister Putman	\$1.00 paid
John Gibson	\$0.25	Sister Putman	\$1.00 paid
Edmon Riggs	\$0.25		

T. Farmer
G. H. Phillips, Clerk Pro Tem.

An excerpt from the Lebanon newspaper reads:

New Market - September 14, 1885

*Rev. Thomas Underwood, assisted by Rev. V. E. Kirtley, has been conducting a series of meetings at **Muldraugh's Hill Church**, resulting in 11 accessions. The baptizing took place at the river on Friday. Mr. Kirtley is an able divine, and has greatly endeared himself to this people.*

Less than a year later, upon the resignation of Bro. Underwood, **Rev. V. E. Kirtley**, in August of 1886, accepted the call of the church to preach twice monthly (1st and 3rd Sundays) for a salary of \$200.00.

The automobile was practically non-existent in the late 1800's. Before people had automobiles to drive, they generally walked or traveled by horseback or some kind of horse-drawn carriage. One naturally concludes then, that transportation and weather conditions at this time greatly affected church attendance. In fact the records of April 1887 state:

Saturday before the 1st Sunday in April 1887, the church met and after preaching by the pastor, the church became organized for the transaction of business.

There being no reference from last meeting and as the weather and roads having been bad through the winter. In consequence of which the congregation has been small and the clerk having been absent, we are minus a record since September. On motion and second it is ordered that the minutes of this meeting show that the State meeting since September has been attended by the pastor and that Bro. C. F. Putman put in his membership with this church at the September meeting and that Bro. Charley Russell united with church at the January meeting. Motion and Second to adjourn.

V. E. Kirtley, Moderator
J. L. Collins Clerk Pro Tem

In connection with transportation by horseback or carriage, an amusing incident was related to the committee by almost every older person with whom they talked:

One Sunday morning a Mrs. Lucy Carter rode in her Phaeton to church, hitched her mare and went inside. While the worship services were in progress, the mare gave birth to a colt, a scene visible to the whole congregation through the church windows. Mr. Wash Moore came to the aid of the poor animal, releasing her from the carriage and rendering such assistance as necessary.

Afterwards, someone remarked, "It would surely be a good horse for it was born at a good place on a good day."

In a "*History of Kentucky Baptists*" by J. H. Spencer he states the protracted meeting became a feature of the polity of the Baptist church as far back as 1837. Hitherto, even during revival seasons, meetings were held only on Saturday and Sunday with an occasional night meeting, and that usually met at a private home; and the most zealous enterprising minister could not stretch his conscience beyond a 3 day meeting. But now the meetings began to be pro-tracted from day to day during a period of two weeks.

When the revival season passed the church continued to meet once a month, have Saturday and Sunday preaching, and exercise strict discipline over its members. But there were few additions to the church by experience and baptism "till another revival season came around and after the church would be much diminished in numbers by death and exclusion."

In September 1887 Dr. A. C. Graves assisted Bro. Kirtley in a protracted meeting at **Muldraugh Hill** described as "a joyous revival of religion."

A protracted meeting is discussed by Rev. V. E. Kirtley in a letter to the Russell's Creek Association. It is unknown when **Muldraugh Hill** joined the Russell Creek Association.

Letter to the Russell's Creek Association from United Baptist Church of Jesus Christ at **Muldraugh Hill** in Marion County, Kentucky. To the Russell's Creek Association when convened with East Fork Church in Metcalf County, Kentucky in September 1887 is as follows:

Dear Brethering

Since we last wrote you we have reason and we trust feel to thank God for his love and mercies and kind dealings with us through the past years. True we have not enjoyed the blessings of the Lord as it has been our privelege to do or as we might have done and death has claimed and taken from our number several of our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ (members of our church) and among the number is one that you have often met and counseled with in your association and that many of you have heard preached the Word of God that he doubtless proved the power of God to the saving of your own souls and will still prove that power to all that will yet believe that preached word.

We mourn for our beacon light has gone-the Time Honored Servant of God that founded this church and spent his last with us has gone to his reward. (Bro. Underwood) But we have had Bro. V. E. Kertley to preach for us twice a month through the past year and the Rev. Dr. Graves to assist him in a series of meetings which is now about to close and results in great good. Our membership has been very much received. We have had forty-nine (49) conversions and forty-seven (47) will be baptized tomorrow and four (4) have joined by letter. God will be praised for his blessings. Pray for us Brethering that we may ever enjoy the love and grace of God in our hearts and that our efforts may be to advance the interest of His cause and kingdom in the earth. Failing to get a volunteer we send no one to sit with you in your councils at this session. We trust your wisdom and council.

Our membership now stands as follows:

Males 67

Females 88

Total 155

Lost since our last report are 7 by death, 7 by letter and 16 by revision of list.

V. E. Kirtley moderator

J. L. Collins Clerk Pro Tem.

New converts that were added as the Blessing and results of the series of meetings mentioned in letter above were:

By Baptism:

- Alice Hicks & Wife Loutisha Hicks
- James Cooper & Wife
- Sam R. Yates & Wife

- Ignatious Wise & Wife
- James Jacobs & Wife
- Parker Wise & Wife
- Joff Maupin & Wife
- Parker Wise & Wife
- John Benningfield & Wife
- Annie White
- Sam R. Newcomb & Wife
- Maggie Benningfield
- George Sturgeon
- Abraham Wise
- Wm. White
- Mattie Newcomb
- Richard Wise
- Reubin Benningfield
- Jessie R. Acre
- Mrs. J. D. Maupin
- M. H. McElroy
- Effie Russel
- John T. Farmer
- Loula English
- Wm. Waide
- James Russell
- John S. Wise
- Iva Allen
- Nathan Sapp Sr.
- Annie Farmer
- Willie F. Harding
- Nora Lake
- Artimecie Harding
- Cara Fuiks
- Fannie Allen
- Miss Rury Hayland
- Annie Bell Russel

Others mentioned:

- Andrew Jacobs, restored
- Tolipha Jacobs, by letter
- Vester Malcone, watch care
- Mrs. Malone, by letter

This is the first mention of Nathan Sapp's name on record after giving the ground for the church site.

Under Bro. Kirtley's leadership the church seemed to progress financially as well as spiritually.

In July, 1888, the church met to call a pastor and adopt a system for raising finances for salaries and church expenses. A committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions to pay the pastor--one-fourth of said subscription to be paid in advance and the remaining three-fourths due every

successive three months. E. H. Brookshire was again called as pastor, if he could not accept, a call would be extended to Bro. J. H. Rife. If he would not accept, a third call would be made to C. M. Reed of Lancaster, all for once-a-month. The salary was to be \$120.00 for 12 months.

At the August meeting of 1888, Bro. Brookshire stated that if 12 of the bretheren would guarantee him \$120.00 and give him what he could get, he would preach, or if the church would give him \$120.00 and pay him \$100.00 the next meeting, he would take a chance on the balance.

Apparently, the chances were not good, for **Bro. J. H. Rife** made an appearance at the December meeting of 1888 and gave this reply concerning the call of the church. He stated he could preach "for the church" or "to the church", if the church wanted him, but if he preached, he wanted to preach "to the church", as he much preferred to preach "to a church" than "for a church". He requested that if anyone of the church did not mind him or was not willing to cooperate with him, he hoped they would manifest it then by rising, by proxy, or any way to express their feelings, and that he would take no exceptions at anyone so expressing themselves. He waited a moment to hear from anyone. He wanted and hoped that if there were no objections offered now, that there would be none hereafter, and that he might have the cooperation of all. After no objections were offered, Bro. Rife said he accepted the call of the church.

In order for the pastors to fulfill their responsibilities at other churches, meeting dates were often changed. The early church records reveal the church meeting once each month. Besides the usual Sunday morning service, the church met on Saturday for business, during which time the doors were opened for membership. The business meeting was preceded with a sermon by the Pastor.

Until this time, **Muldrough Hill Church** had been affiliated with Russell Creek Association. On Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1889, a motion and second carried that a committee be appointed to carry the letter of withdrawal from that association to the new association to convene at Bethlehem Church in Washington County, with full power to join said association or return said letter as they may think best. Bros. C. F. Putnam, B. L. Russell and J. L. Collins were appointed as said committee. This committee, at the business session of November, 1889, stated that they joined the new association under the name of Central Association of Kentucky. This church has remained in this association to the present day.

Bro. Rife refused the call for a second year because the church was unable to collect the money pledged for the pastor's salary in 1889.

In January 1890, **Bro. William Stallings** was elected by a unanimous vote to be the next pastor. Bro. Stallings stated that he did not expect to be called, because nearly the entire membership of the church were strangers to him. He said he would accept the call on condition that the church would cooperate with him in the work and make him a salary of \$120.00.

At a business meeting on Saturday before the third Sunday in May, 1891, upon the suggestion of the moderator (Bro. Wm. Stallings), it was moved and carried that the church covenant be read, and that as a means of renewing our covenant and revising our list of membership, that every member who is now and who may wish to remain members shall re-sign the covenant.

Names of members who re-signed the Covenant under act of the May meeting, 1891:

Robert H. Shoftner	W. L. Newton	Sallie B. Bridgewater
Miss Lillie Turner	Ellen Miskel	W. G. Parsons
J. D. Nolley	Annie Farmer	James S. Colvin
Sarah Nolley	Lucy Johns	Effie Colvin Gebhart

J. D. Maupin	Sarah Wise	Francis Wharton
Matilda Benningfield	Lucy J. Carter	Atwell T. Harding
J. W. Colvin	James Farmer	Ed Farmer
James R. Russel	J. C. Sapp	Annie Parrott
Diannah Cowherd	Mrs. Nannie Brockman	Samantha Settles
Minnie Hayden	James Jacobs	Ellen Gebhart
Mary M. Sapp	Sarah Benningfield	Henry F. Miller
Amanda Wade	C. W. Cowherd	Moriah Russel
Trany A. Sapp	Charlie Russel	Margaret J. Farmer
Abe Wise	Norah J. Lake	Dennis Mills
Elizabeth C. Abell	Jessie M. Russel	John S. Wise
Thomas A. Benningfield	Addle Sullivan	Martha E. Mills
Bettie Nolley	Ida Allen	Linda Maupin
Fannie Allen	Louisa E. Parsons	Louis Cooper
John L. Collins	B. F. Russel	John T. Farmer
Russell Thompson	Emaline Shoftner	Rice Acree
Mary A. E. Graves	Ellic Harding	Russel Sapp
Sarah M. Newton	Elizabeth E. Richeson	Mattie E. Farmer
Sharlottie Benningfield	Moses Farmer	Debertha Wise
Louisa Brockman	Janie Sapp	Mrs. J. C. Benningfield
Sallie A. Brockman	Mike McDemar	Rura Jeffries
William Randyes	William Harding	Artinency Allen
Mattie J. Abell	Dirby Newcomb	Willard Cowherd
R. M. Wise	Mecie Harding	Linnie Carter
Richard Nolley	Ruthie J. Colvin	Sallie Garrett
Sarah A. Sapp	Margaret White	John H. Wise
F. T. Abell	Annie Y. Abell	Walter Burris
Maggie Benningfield	Alice J. Harding	Sophrona McNear
W. C. White	Mary C. Russel	Mary R. Newcomb
John E. Russell	Allice Mardis	Ermine Brady
Nannie Ermine Harding	Mattie J. Burdette	Pleasant Benningfield
Victoria Maupin	Rubin Newcomb	Mary D. Collins
Mary E. Harding	Ignatious Wise	Mathis G. Newcomb
Judson W. Russel	Mary A. Wise	W. J. Farmer
Almarinda Russel	John A. Sapp	Mary C. Newcomb
Abe Benningfield	Annie M. Johns	Nathan Sapp
Telipha Jacobs	Lou Allen	Margaret Malone
Thomas Benningfield	Nancy Acree	John Burdette
Nannie E. Nolley	Sallie Hickey	James Cooper
Annie White	Elizabeth Sapp	Lucy Allen
Loula M. Abell	Elmira Miller	Annie Polley
Margaret McDemar	J. C. Benningfield	Elizabeth Dabney
Stephen T. Harding	Samuel Benningfield	D. Parker Wise
John L. Collins, Jr.	Nancy Benningfield	Molly Malone
J. P. Sullivan	Osker Colvin	T. P. Jeffries
Mattie E. Harding	Andy Jacobs	Hettie Malone
Hugh Burris	Charley Nolley	Addle Bright
Ignatious Gebhart	Porter Rafferty	Amanda Newcomb

In 1892, **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church** reported to Central Association a little advancement, but hoped to do better the coming year. They gave \$5.00 to District Missions, \$5.00 to Home

Missions, \$6.31 to Foreign Missions. There were 50 pupils enrolled in Sunday School with an average attendance of 25. The church extended a call to Bro. Stallings for the third year and upon his refusal, **Bro. J. T. Hall** became the pastor in June of 1893.

On August 7, 1897, the Central Association met with the **Muldraugh Hill Church** for the first time. There were 11 churches in the association, and they reported 1,899 members with 7 Sunday Schools.

The first mention of any trustees of the church is made during Bro. Hall's ministry here. The trustees were J. L. Collins, S. T. Harding and Porter Rafferty.

Bro. J. T. Hall was our faithful pastor until his death May 5, 1905. He was laid to rest in Brookside Cemetery, Campbellsville, Ky.

Resolutions of Repect as written by Bro. J. L. Collins adopted by the church at its regular meeting, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1903:

Resolved first that whereas it has pleased Our Great Heavenly Father who doeth all things well, to call from us to his heavenly reward, our beloved pastor and brother, Rev. J. T. Hall, who departed this life on the fifth day of May, 1903 that we deeply mourn the loss of our beloved pastor and brother and rejoin only in the promise of our Blessed Savior that he has gone to enjoy a blessed reward for a useful life well spent in the service of the true and loving God and for the glory and advancement of His cause and kingdom in this world. Resolved second that for the ten years Bro. Hall served us so faithfully as our pastor, that we knew him as a faithful, zealous minister of the gospel of Jesus. A true Christian gentleman and honest honorable and upright citizen, abounding in faith in Christ as the Saviour of sinful men and in the grace of God. Always either by precept or example exhorting his fellowman to thoughts and deeds of righteousness and usefulness. Surely his life is worth emmulation and his works will follow him.

Resolved third that we deeply sympathize with his bereaved wife and children in this time of trial and sore bereavement and commend his precepts and examples to them as worthy of their greatest consideration and imitation.

Resolved fourth that it is our hearts desire and prayer to God that when our unprofitable lives of trial and sorrow shall end on earth as individuals and as the visible church of God that we may all go and-be prepared to meet our brother and Saviour together in the shining courts of Glory.

Resolved fifth that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our records, a copy sent to the bereaved family and a copy be sent to the Western Recorder for publication.

J. W. Crawley accepted the call to be pastor of the church at the August business meeting in 1903. In September, 1904, he was assisted in a protracted meeting by Bro. Sam Crawley. Those added to the membership at this meeting were:

Raymond Gillum
Lydia Newcomb
Sallie Farmer
Thomas Polley
Mary S. Benningfield
Martha Benningfield
Nannie Colvin

George Hudson
Bertha Grahm
George Newcomb
Sarah L. Lewis
Ethel Jarboe
Essy Hay
Cora Shelton

Girty Polley
Willie Jacobs
Dorah Newcomb
Nettie Graham
Arthur Colvin

One of the chief items of business in early Baptist churches was the maintaining of proper behavior of its members. This was accomplished by a member reporting suspected misbehavior of another member. The accused was notified to come to church business meeting to defend himself, or confess his guilt and ask forgiveness. If the accused did not appear, a committee was appointed to visit him and report to the church. This often resulted in exclusion of the accused from the fellowship of the body. The accusations recorded in the minutes are swearing, drunkenness, fornication, adultery, dancing, "playing marbles on the Sabbath", unscriptural conduct, and failure to re-sign the covenant. The 1891 minutes of Central Association record 52 exclusions that year by erasure. However, this was unusual and perhaps not all of them were for the above mentioned reasons. Some of these were later restored to fellowship.

Church records for the period between October 1904 and August, 1923 cannot be located. Therefore, we can do little more than list the names of the pastors during that time.

Associational records indicate **Rev. T. E. Ennis** was pastor in the year 1912 through 1916. An older member recalls that he traveled by buggy and later by car from Greensburg, Ky.

The same records also show that **A. R. Abernathy** was pastor in the year of 1917, but lists no pastor for the years 1918 and 1919.



In 1920, **W. C. Hundley** became our pastor. Apparently, no church letter was sent to the association during the years 1921 through 1923. Therefore, we cannot definitely state that Bro. Hundley was pastor during this time. He does appear on the record again in 1924 as our pastor. He remained pastor until 1928.



C. L. Harmon is given as pastor from 1928 until 1929. Then **W. C. Hundley** is given as pastor again and he remained until 1932.

It was under the ministry of W. C. Hundley that J. C. Raikes was licensed to preach the gospel, however, Bro. Raikes was ordained while Rev. Crit Harmon was pastor.



In 1932, **L. E. Whitlow** became the pastor. One of the greatest blessings the historical Committee received while working on this report was in visiting Rev. L. E. Whitlow at a Presbyterian Home for the aged at Beuchel, Ky. Although 94 years of age, he remembered vividly his years at **Muldraugh Hill**. He recalled each evangelist who served with him during revival periods. He laughingly remembered how he was showered for his efforts in the revivals with coops of chickens, half bushels of sweet potatoes (minus 2 lbs.), etc.

Bro. Whitlow told of one deacon (Bro. Farmer) who gave him half a bushel of sweet potatoes, because he didn't want to overload his car, and promised the other half bushel later. The following year when they were again in a revival, Bro. Whitlow and the evangelist visited the home of this deacon. During their visit the evangelist expressed the feeling that the revival was not progressing as it should and wondered why. Whereupon, Bro. Whitlow jokingly replied he knew the reason why. Bro. Farmer had promised him a bushel of sweet potatoes a year ago, but had only given him a half bushel and it lacked two pounds being a half bushel.

After an establishment had been built near the church door for the sale of alcoholic beverages, the church, through Bro. Whitlow's leadership, petitioned it out.

He remembered and mentioned many of the members in the six years of his ministry here. While preaching for us the second and fourth Sundays, he was also pastor of Palestine Church, preaching there the first and third Sundays of each month. He made his home at Campbellsville, Ky. Total membership as shown on the new register June 24, 1938 was 326.

Bro. Whitlow sent this reply to the church shortly after receiving an offering from us:

November 7, 1957

Dear Members:

I was surprised, and greatly humbled to receive such a generous love gift from you. It sent many precious memories rushing through my mind back to the time when you honored me with the privilege of serving as your pastor.

"Brethren" I haven't the words with which to express my gratitude to you for this remembrance. Mrs. Whitlow joins me when I say, "Thank you. We covet your prayers."

*Your true friend,
Rev. & Mrs. L.E. Whitlow*



For the next 14 months, beginning October, 1938, **Rev. E. M. Gash** served as pastor. Little is known about Bro. Gash other than he had a son who also was a preacher.



Rev. G. E. Puckett succeeded E. M. Gash in January, 1940. Several improvements were made on the grounds and buildings under his ministry. These general improvements consisted of papering, painting, replacing the roof on the church, two new doors, two new stoves, 100 hymnals, new flooring, and benches, as well as cleaning of grounds and cemetery. In 1942, the church purchased twelve Sunday School books to send to our men in the service and Mrs. J. P. Wade was authorized to make a service flag in their honor.

Within the past decade a "carbide light plant" had been installed which was somewhat an improvement over the "coal oil lamps", but an even greater improvement was made when R.E.A. lights were installed in December, 1940.

Disposing of the "carbide light plant" posed to be a problem for an entire year. The plant was advertised in both Marion and Taylor County papers which resulted in no sale. Omer Caulk was granted the right to sell the complete light plant at a price not under \$75.00. When he was unable to dispose of it at this price, an offer was made to trade a horse on the "plant." Motion and second was made for Bro. G. A. Sapp and Mance Moore to appraise the horse, which evidently was an unsatisfactory trade. The church lowered its selling price to \$60.00 and later to \$50.00. Finally in desperation the church offered the plant for sale at public auction to members of the church. Minutes of December 28, 1941 record the sale of the entire plant and building for \$71.25.

Bro. Puckett served Stewarts Creek Church in Marion County as well as **Muldraugh Hill** during 1940-1942 and resigned September 10, 1944 to accept the First Baptist Church at Jeffersontown.



October 15, 1944, the church called **John T. Pierce** as pastor for an indefinite period of time instead of yearly. At this time the church voted to go to full time preaching and weekly Wednesday night prayer meetings as soon as Bro. Pierce came on the field. Since **he was the first full-time pastor**, the church felt a need for a pastorium. The property adjoining the church was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maupin for the sum of \$2850.00 in 1945 and was debt free by February, 1947.

In a business session October 28, 1945, motion was made and seconded for the church to send a letter to the President, Representatives, and Senators to ask them to forbid alcohol of any kind to be in and around the military camps where our boys are in training. The Rev. Sam Morris of Houston, Texas, well known temperance speaker, who once spoke here, was sent a love offering of money periodically.

Our **first Bible School** was held in **1946** and has continued each year. In the same year, because of immoral practices on the church property, a fence of posts and cable were erected. Also, the monthly business meeting was changed from Sunday to Wednesday night. The next year, in order to have a more unified worship service and a better informed congregation, a bulletin service was established, however, upon the resignation of pastor, bulletins were discontinued until 1954.

Having resigned as pastor of the church, Bro. and Mrs. Pierce called for their letters to unite with the Burton Memorial Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Ky., March 27, 1947. He is most remembered for his firm stand on the use of tobacco, alcohol and catholicism.



Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church met on August 31, 1947 for the purpose of calling a pastor. **Rev. John M. Wall** was nominated and called with a unanimous vote. The church once again was extending a yearly call to her pastor. Shortly after his arrival on the field, a committee was appointed to make arrangements to start a **Training Union Program** which was finalized January 25, 1948 with **Paul Payne** as director and an enrollment of 123.

The church increased its outreach by sponsoring a **Radio Program** each Sunday morning over **W.T.C.O.** in Campbellsville, Ky. **Porter Benningfield, Howard Farris, Donald Moore, Robert Farmer, Harold Cox, Chester Payne, Mrs. Mary Parrott, Bertha Yates, Mrs. Lottie Moore, Dorothy Jean Farris, Pauline Bohannon, Delores Rice, Betty Yates, Joyce Maupin, Elizabeth Parrott** (pianist), **Lorene Hardesty, Lester Farmer, Emogene Brockman, Janet Farmer, James Robert Moore, Mrs. Ada Sapp, and Mrs. Irene Maupin** composed the radio choir. The radio program was discontinued with the resignation of Bro. Beard.



A much needed improvement of our church building at this time was Sunday School rooms. We only had curtains to divide the groups and it made it very unsatisfactory to teach and listen. Prior to this time, pastors had talked of the need for these facilities, but the church felt unable financially to build. With the leadership of Bro. Wall, interest was increased and the rooms were completed by September, 1948.

The men of the church honored Bro. Wall with a new car during his ministry here.

April 2, 1950, Bro. John W. Wall announced his resignation as pastor of **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church** to become effective about the first or second Sunday in May.



Our eighteenth pastor was **William R. Beard** who came on the field in June of 1950. Soon after becoming our pastor he married Frances Niceley. Their oldest daughter was born while they served here.

Worship services and prayer meetings were well attended and the Sunday School broke all previous records with an attendance of 376 on a homecoming day. During seasons of revival the church would often be filled to capacity with people sitting in the aisles and around the platform of the pulpit.

Bro. Beard was instrumental in starting a building fund for the Present house of worship and at the time the building was started, there was \$10,000.00 in the building fund.

Rev. Beard made known his resignation January 24, 1954 to become pastor of Mackville Baptist Church in Washington County.

On January 23, 1954 the "Minutes of Church Business" record reports that Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church held a special business meeting after the Evening Worship Service for the purpose of electing a pulpit committee. The following men were voted to make up the committee: **Rodger Smith, John Taylor, Leroy Feather, Steve Rice, and Chester Veatch.** **John Taylor** was elected chairman of the pulpit committee.



Bro. W. R. Cook succeeded Bro. Beard as pastor and was called March 17, 1954, from Younger's Creek Baptist Church in Hardin County. Bro. Cook's stay at **Muldraugh Hill** was brief, lasting only 10 months, and during his pastorate a budget system was first set up in September, 1954.



Following Bro. Cook was **Rev. Kit C. Yeaste** in August, 1955.

In the spring of 1947, a **Woman's Missionary Society** was organized with an enrollment of 14 and **Mrs. Bertha Yates** as President. Again the W.M.S. was reorganized on September 9, 1957 under the leadership of **Mrs. Sara Yeaste**, with 22 members. **Mrs. A. B. Colvin** helped organize and presided at this meeting. Officers elected were: **Mrs. Virgie Smith**, President; **Mrs. Bertha Yates**, First Vice President; **Mrs. Mary C. Begley**, Second Vice President and Program Chairman; **Mrs. Esther Veatch**, Community Missions; **Mrs. Sara Yeaste**, Missions Study Chairman; and **Mrs. Louise Bright**, Secretary-Treasurer. Several auxiliaries have since been added: **Y.W.A (Mrs. Richard Shields)** in March 4, 1959; and **G.A.'s (Mrs. Betty Meers)** in Jan., 1962. On September 29, 1974, **Carolyn Porter** and **Tammy Settles** received the adventure 3, which is equivalent of princess in the forward steps program. **Sunbeams (Mary Frances Veatch and Marie Caulk)** was organized in Jan., 1962.

Bro. Yeaste seemed to have been interested in organizing a **Brotherhood**, but this wasn't

realized until 1962 with **Steve Rice** as President and **Clarence Yates**, Secretary-Treasurer. The **Pioneers of the Royal Ambassadors** was organized on Wednesday night, February 28, 1962 at **Muldrough Hill Baptist Church**. **David Veatch** was the leader with the following 8 members: **Sammie Farris, Mike Farris, Danny Farmer, Lonnie Moore, Dennis Allen, Jerry Smothers, Leon Smothers, and Ricky Yates.**

During these years, under the leadership of Bro. Yeaste, the people were made aware of needy people in the community. Financial aid was given to a former pastor, (Bro. Whitlow), a free will offering was taken for a man with a terminal illness, and shoes were bought for a needy family. This has been a policy of the church as far back as records exist.

After the morning worship service of December 19, 1957, Bro. Yeaste resigned to accept a pastorate at Stanford, Ky.



Rev. Richard M. Shields assumed his duties as pastor, March 19, 1958.

On October 4, 1958, a wet--dry election was the subject of much controversy in Marion County. In a bulletin dated July 6, 1958, Bro. Shields stated:

"Our church will be involved in a great way in the very near future, as the time arrives for the local option election in the city and county. I trust that you will make your stand for the cause of the right as you sign the petition to vote dry. You will speak louder than you have had the opportunity to speak for a long time and maybe even for a longer period of time."

Rallies were held at this church and throughout the county to boost support for the dry cause. The opposition, however, was just as determined and came out victorious in the campaign.

On February 4, 1959, a telephone was installed.

In order to enable more people to attend the worship services, the church purchased a bus in May, 1959 for the sum of \$175.00. The bus proved very useful during Vacation Bible School. This service continued for almost two years, when, because of the expense involved in upkeep, the church felt best to sell it. Money derived from the sale of the bus was used to buy a used piano for the basement.

On May 12, 1959, a motion and second was made to go on record to build. However, prior to this time, funds had been set aside with building in mind. A survey of the membership was made in order to determine who really wanted a new house of worship and would be willing to support it financially. A building plan was adopted similar to that of Bullitt Lick Baptist Church of Shepherdsville, Ky.. At first, a basement was not included in the plans, but was added later. The colonial style, brick sanctuary with basement and education facilities was to cost approximately \$55,000.00.

On June 10, 1959, during the Monthly Business Meeting, **Howard Farris and Edward "Boss" Benningfield** were nominated to serve as deacons. Upon their approval, a date was set for their ordination. They were ordained by **Bro. Richard Shields on June 28, 1959.**

In a business meeting of May, 1960, a motion was made to begin building as soon as contractors and materials could be secured. Serving as a building committee were: **Carl Farmer, Leslie Brockman, Edward Benningfield, John Taylor and Bro. Shields.**

In August, 1960, **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church** broke ground for the erection of a new building. The oldest member, **Mrs. Virgie Thompson**, and youngest member, **Estelle Veatch (Brady)**, helped **Bro. Shields** with the first shovel of dirt.

Money in the building fund was soon exhausted, and until a loan could be secured, Mr. Frank Caulk came to our assistance with a loan of \$10,000.00. Later, \$25,000.00 was secured from the Taylor County Federal Savings and Loan Association to complete the construction of the building and to repay Mr. Caulk. Within a year, the building was completed.

On Christmas Day of 1960 following the morning worship service, Bro. Richard Shields resigned as pastor to be effective January 15, 1961.

A Pulpit Committee was formed January 1, 1961.



Two months after Bro. Shields' resignation, on March 19, 1961, **Harold G. Meers** of Knox Creek Baptist Church was called as pastor. He moved to Lebanon April 13, 1961.

A typewriter and filing cabinets were purchased May 10, 1961.



The church building had not been completed when Bro. Meers became our pastor. Within a few months, however, the building was ready for use.

Dedication services were held on July 16, 1961. The dedication message was by J. Chester Badgett of the Campbellsville Baptist Church. The dedication prayer was led by the pastor and the hymn, "*Bless This House*," was sung.

The responsive reading of the dedication was as follows:

Pastor: In recognition of our dependence upon and as an expression of our love for God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we the pastor and members of the **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church**, here assembled on the 16th day of July, 1961

People: Acknowledge with gratitude, that is from the heart, Thy divine blessings and unerring leadership through the years.

Pastor: To the glory of God by whose favor these blessings have come to us; to the honor of Jesus, the Son of the living God, our Lord, and Saviour; to the praise of the Holy Spirit, source of light and life:

People: We do with joy and gratitude solemnly dedicate this building.

Pastor and People: We now, the people of this church dedicate this church together with all material, equipment and ourselves. We are Thine, use us and the church according to Thy Holy purpose, for Thine Own Glory. Amen.

Several improvements have been added in the years since. The public address system was installed July 17, 1968, a lighted outdoor bulletin board, walks and curbing, shrubbery, steeple, and other small items such as Baptist hymnals, chairs, cabinets, etc.

On November 8, 1961, by recommendation of the deacons, the church adopted the family night plan for the various mission organizations. Family Night was to be held on the fourth Wednesday night of each month and continues to meet at that time until this day.

Robert Smothers was ordained as deacon on **April 4, 1962.**

The New Market Presbyterian Church property was purchased by the church in the fall of 1962 for a sum of \$400.00. The ground was to be used as a free cemetery and the trustees were to dispose of the old church building in the most profitable manner. The church building was sold to **Charles Wright** for \$125.00 and the piano to **Howard Farris** for \$15.25.

The church assumes the responsibility of the upkeep of three cemeteries. Included in these is the cemetery across the highway which was given by a Mr. Sapp to be used as a community cemetery, and the cemetery at the site of the former New Market Baptist Church.

Following is a letter of resignation from Rev. Harold G. Meers on January 29, 1963:

*To My Dear Friends in Christ, of the **Muldrough Hill Baptist Church:***

It is apparent to me that God wills that I go to become pastor of the Highland Park First Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky. It is for this reason that I am resigning as pastor of this church. My last Sunday with you will be February 10, 1963.,

Our time together has been short, but it has been most rewarding for the cause of Christ. Let me make it clear, I am not leaving because any-thing is wrong here, rather, it is because most things are in good order. The reason for leaving is the call to fill the great need of the Highland Park First Church.

My heart is near many of you and this place. It is not easy to leave those we love. It is not ours alone to choose, for when God calls, His ministers must follow. I am as concerned for your welfare today as I was the day I began to work with you. My prayer is that God will lead you to a wise and able pastor.

Yours in Christ,

Harold G. Meers



A vote taken on March 31, 1963 resulted in the call of **E. V. Carrier** as pastor. Bro. Carrier was instrumental in helping to retire our church indebtedness. Most of the White Christmas offering, which has been a tradition for several years, was used for this purpose.

A bulletin dated March 13, 1966 states: Taylor County Loan was paid \$3,195.00 on the building debt. This brought the debt down to \$15,032.42.

As recorded in the minutes of the **August 10, 1966** Business Meeting, **David Veatch** and **James "Buddy" Moore** were elected as deacons and "are to be ordained on Sunday, August 28, 1966 at 2:00 p.m. Those ordained deacons and pastors serving as council were as follows: **Edward Benningfield, Steve Rice, Herbert L. Anderson, Paul Battcher, Clarence Benningfield, J. C. Riley, Clarence Harmon, Melvin C. Veatch, James Roarx, Malcolm Caulk, W. B. Hall, Howard Farris, Rev. Tim Herring, Rev. E. V. Carrier, and Rev. Herman Rowlette.** The ordination was performed by **Bro. E. V. Carrier.**

In another bulletin dated September 22, 1968, Bro. Carrier stated:

"At the beginning of this last year, as your pastor, I said in a prayer meeting, 'If this church will support missions around the World by giving as much as 10% of our income to mission causes, God will give us a great year.'"

This He has done, our receipts this year has gone beyond the \$20,000.00 and our gift to missions has been the largest in the history of the church.

We now owe the Taylor County Loan Company approximately \$2,600.00. If our offerings keep pace with the past, we are planning to have a "note burning" service on December 15, 1968.

A note burning service was held at **Muldrough Hill Baptist Church**, Sunday morning, November 24, 1968, after paying the church debt. In seven years, the church was able to pay a \$22,000.00 note plus interest. The church trustees had negotiated seven years ago with the Taylor County First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Campbellsville for a \$22,000.00 note that was to be paid within 14 years.

"Since the building of the church, the budget has steadily grown until now the budget has reached the \$20,000 a year outlay for local and mission work," said the Rev. E. V. Carrier, who recently resigned his pastorate at the church.

November 24, 1968 was the last Sunday of the pastorate for Bro. Carrier, who now is pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, Kentucky.



L. D. Kennedy of Campbellsville College served as interim pastor three months before our present pastor, **Rev. R. B. Hullette** came on the field, March 7, 1969.

The church in a called business session, August 24, 1969, on a Sunday morning, voted by a 64 standing vote and none in opposition to proceed with breaking ground for a **new pastorium**. The planning and building committee consisted of **Lester Farmer, Raymond England, Edward Benningfield, Sarah Brockman, and Betty Graham**.

On October 14, 1969 the contract was let to G. W. Barnes, Campbellsville, Kentucky. Work began October 18th on the excavation of the basement. The new home (28 feet 8 inches x 74 feet, 8 inches) consists of a full size walk-out basement, two car garage, den, kitchen, dining room, living room, three bedrooms (one with adjoining bath) and a central bath facility. The cost was to be around \$25,000. Harry B. Thompson was the architect and upon completion of the pastorium, the Hullette family moved October 5, 1970.

The former pastorium which stood near the front of the present one was purchased by Lambert Livers March 21, 1970 at a cost of \$725.00. The building was moved intact to Mr. Livers' property which adjoins the church property.

Plans were discussed at length at a June, 1973 business meeting for replacing the steeple which had been destroyed by wind May 23rd of the same year. The steeple decided on at this meeting was one with a cross on top and one from which the bell of the former church building could be installed. This bell was purchased and erected for the first time in 1925 by Mr. James Farmer. The present steeple was erected October 1, 1973 by Aluminum Manufacturing Company of Greensburg, Kentucky costing \$3500.00 of which \$1131.06 was derived from insurance.

ALUMINUM MANUFACTURING CO. INC.

Greensburg, Kentucky 42743

W. C. Moon (Route 4 - Phone 932-5364)

Walter Wooden (Route 4 - Phone 932-7587)

PURCHASE AGREEMENT

We **Muldrough Hill Baptist Church** Of Route 1 Lebanon, Kentucky 40033

Agree to purchase from Aluminum Mfg. Co. Inc. of Greensburg, Kentucky, the following as described herein:

That one all aluminum church steeple - 8 ft. by 8 ft. by 4 ft. base, 5 1/2ft. by 5 1/2 ft. by 7 ft. window section, third section 4 ft. by 4 ft. by 4 ft. with eight functional louvers, 18 ft. spire and a 5 ft. - 38 ft. overall -- 4 colored glass windows as selected by Church - structural tower riveted and heli-arch welded at all joints, all outside covering is .032 white baked on vinyl finish-steeple is a copy of Greasy Creek Baptist Church of Rt. 4, Greensburg, Ky. Deliver, installed and grounded Base to accomodate bell.

And furthermore agree to pay Aluminum Mfg. Co. Inc. for the above named goods as set hereforth, the sum of, \$3500.00 exclusive of any applicable sales or use taxes.

Payment be remitted as follows:

one third down and balance when erected

Agreed and accepted this 12 day of June 1973.

Clarence Yates

Lester Farmer

By: **Smith Mays, Jr.**

Aluminim Mfg. Co. Inc., by W. C. Moon

The church being without a song leader, after **Jerry Smothers**, who held this position, moved, felt someone outside the church could better fill this vacancy. **David Forman** of Campbellsville, Kentucky was elected and presently fills this position.

Until 1930, a pump organ was used to accompany the congregational singing. This was the first mention of a piano in the records. In the years following, the church brought a new piano and electric organ which are in use today.

The church history includes documentation of the **Church Membership and Sunday School Enrollment** from 1875 to 1973.

CHURCH YEAR	CLERK	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT
1875	Porter Rafferty	65		
1876	Porter Rafferty	62		
1877	Porter Rafferty	93	L. D. Massingale	50
1878	D. Walker	105	L. D. Massingale	
1879	Moses Farmer	121	Moses Farmer	
1880	W. Richeson	117		
1881	D. Walker			
1882	D. Walker	121		
1883	Moses Farmer	116		
1884	George H. Phillips	93	George H. Phillips	
1885	George H. Phillips	108		
1886	J. L. Collins	120		
1887	J. L. Collins			
1888				
1889	J. L. Collins	161		
1890	J. L. Collins	173	J. L. Collins	85
1891	J. L. Collins	119		
1892	J. L. Collins	119	J. L. Collins	50
1893	J. L. Collins	125	J. L. Collins	50
1894	J. L. Collins	124	R. H. Shoufner	20
1895	J. L. Collins	168		
1896	Porter Rafferty	170	J. L. Collins	40
1897	Porter Rafferty	160		
1898	Porter Rafferty	160		
1899	Porter Rafferty	156	Willis Burdette	50
1900	Porter Rafferty		Willis Burdette	78
1901	Porter Rafferty	78	Willis Burdette	50
1902	Porter Rafferty	176	Willis Burdette	60
1903	Porter Rafferty	177		
1904	J. L. Collins, Sr.	182	J. L. Collins	39
1905	J. L. Collins, Sr.	124		
1906	J. L. Collins, Sr.	123		
1907	J. L. Collins, Sr.	117		
1908	J. L. Collins, Sr.	189	J. L. Collins, Sr.	70
1909	J. L. Collins, Sr.	163	Sylvester Malone	59
1910	J. L. Collins, Sr.	193	Matthew Newcomb	72
1911	J. L. Collins, Sr.	184	Issac Farmer	41
1912	Issac Farmer	188	J. Luther Collins, Jr.	65
1913	J. L. Collins, Sr.	183	Sylvester Malone	30
1914	J. L. Collins, Sr.	236	W. Burdette	127
1915	J. L. Collins, Sr.	232	W. Burdette	56
1916	J. L. Collins, Sr.	227	W. T. Sapp	45
1917	J. L. Collins, Sr.	221		
1918				
1919				
1920	Truman Rafferty	268	C. F. Baker	
1921				
1922				
1923				
1924		235		
1925		252	A. R. Perkins	
1926	A. R. Perkins	260	A. R. Perkins	65
1927	A. R. Perkins	265	A. R. Perkins	
1928	A. R. Perkins	377		
1929		280	J. W. Wise	
1930	J. W. Wise	280	Ray Perkins	85
1931	J. W. Wise	290	W. E. Parrott	
1932	J. W. Wise	307	W. E. Parrott	
1933		317	W. E. Parrott	75
1934				
1935	Alvin Farmer			
1936	J. W. Wise	365	Alvin Farmer	110
1937	W. E. Parrott	381	Alvin Farmer	111
1938	W. E. Parrott	326	Alvin Farmer	
1939	W. E. Parrott	244	Alvin Farmer	86
1940	W. E. Parrott	288	Charles P. Allen	
1941	W. E. Parrott	304	W. J. Battcher	
1942				
1943	W. E. Parrott	420	W. J. Battcher	
1944				
1945		402		
1946	W. E. Parrott	392	W. J. Battcher	153
1947	W. E. Parrott			
1948	W. E. Parrott	480	W. J. Battcher	380
1949	Howard Farris	517	W. J. Battcher	307
1950	Howard Farris	509	W. J. Battcher	324
1951	Howard Farris			
1952	Howard Farris		W. J. Battcher	334
1953	Howard Farris	560	W. J. Battcher	337
1954	Howard Farris	580	W. J. Battcher	377
1955	Howard Farris	594	W. J. Battcher	281
1956	Howard Farris	609	Irvin Farris	380
1957	Harold Caulk	574	Leroy Feather	353
1958	Harold Caulk	562	Leroy Feather	367
1959	Harold Caulk	558	Ezra Hunt	372
1960	Harold Caulk	569	Ezra Hunt	368
1961	Harold Caulk	551	Clarence Yates	341
1962	Betty Jean Gaham	535	David Veatch	318
1963	Betty Jean Gaham	532	David Veatch	300
1964	Betty Jean Gaham	526	David Veatch	310
1965	Betty Jean Gaham	542	Albert Smothers	280
1966	Betty Jean Gaham	561	Albert Smothers	313
1967	Betty Jean Gaham	560	Albert Smothers	366
1968	Betty Jean Gaham	556	Carroll Taylor	438
1969	Betty Jean Gaham	545	Carroll Taylor	286
1970	Betty Jean Gaham	522	Carroll Taylor	331
1971	Betty Jean Gaham	518	David Veatch	253
1972	Betty Jean Gaham	549	David Veatch	264
1973	Barbara Benningfield	557	David Veatch	263

The church history also includes documentation of **Training Union Enrollment** from 1948 to 1973.

CHURCH YEAR	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS	ENROLLMENT
1948	Paul Payne	123
1949	Steve Rice	128
1950	Steve Rice	154
1951	Steve Rice	
1952	Steve Rice	130
1953	Steve Rice	131
1954	Steve Rice	161
1955	Steve Rice	169
1956	Paul Battcher	180
1957	Chester Veatch	131
1958	Chester Veatch	157
1959	Paul Battcher	206
1960	Paul Battcher	169
1961	Paul Battcher	155
1962	Robert Smothers	118
1963	Albert Smothers	131
1964	Billy Veatch	109
1965	Billy Veatch	104
1966	James R. Moore 1	20
1967	James R. Moore	113
1968	Ray Stapp	112
1969	Ray Stapp	114
1970	Ray Stapp	121
1971	Ray Stapp	98
1972	Ray Stapp	112
1973	Ray Stapp	200

The church history also includes the **Women's Missionary Union Presidents and Brotherhood Presidents** from 1957 to 1973.

CHURCH YEAR	WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION PRESIDENTS	BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENTS
1957	Mrs. Virgie Smith	131
1958	Mrs. Emogene Farmer	157
1959	Mrs. Emogene Farmer	206
1960	Mrs. Richard Shields	169
1961	Mrs. Emogene Farmer	155
1962	Mrs. Barbara Benningfield	Mr. Steve Rice
1963	Mrs. Esther Veatch	Mr. Steve Rice
1964	Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer	Mr. Steve Rice
1965	Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer	Mr. Steve Rice
1966	Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer	Mr. Steve Rice
1967	Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer	Mr. Steve Rice
1968	Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer	Mr. Steve Rice
1969	Mrs. Ruth Farmer	Mr. Steve Rice
1970	Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer	Mr. Steve Rice
1971	Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer	Mr. Steve Rice
1972	Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer	Mr. Steve Rice
1973	Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer	Mr. Steve Rice

Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, five men from our church have been licensed to preach and four of them ordained: **J. C. Raikes, Roy Houston, Paul Payne, Chester Veatch, and J. W. Farmer.**

- **J. C. Raikes**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry J. Raikes was born in Bradfordsville, Kentucky on August 10, 1908. He has four sisters, Mrs. Gene (Artie) Taylor; Mrs. Verlin (Florrie) Samples; Mrs. Damien (Estelle) Benningfield; Mrs. Paul (Juanita) Payne; one half-sister, Mrs. Tony (Barbara) Rodriques, and a sister, Nancy, who died in 1928. He also has three brothers, Claude, Gilbert, and Eugene, who died in 1963, also two half-brothers, David and Phillip Raikes. He is married to Virginia Moore Raikes. They have one son, Glen Raikes who resides at Morehead, Kentucky. He professed faith in the Lord in autumn of 1926. He graduated from Lebanon High School; Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Before entering the ministry, he served nine years as teacher and administrator in the public school system of Marion County, Kentucky. He announced his call to the gospel ministry, was licensed to preach in 1927 and was ordained by **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church**, Lebanon, Kentucky on September 22, 1928. He was pastor of the Willisburg Baptist Church, Willisburg, Kentucky; Magnolia Baptist Church, Magnolia, Kentucky; Weaver Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky; First Baptist Church, Morehead, Kentucky; and Dayton Avenue Baptist Church, Xenia, Ohio. He is retired from active pastorate as of September 30, 1973 and is presently serving as interim pastor of Bellview Baptist Church, Bellbrook, Ohio. He has been active in this denominational life during his 36 years as pastor; serving as Moderator of Associations; as member of Executive Board of State Conventions of Kentucky and Ohio; served as member of Board of Child Care; Kentucky Baptist State Convention for number of years; served as Trustee of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, and toured the Bible lands and Greece in 1972.
- **Roy Edward Houston**, son of the late George M. and Nellie Burnett Houston was born in Marion County, Lebanon, Kentucky, December 19, 1919. He attended grade and high school in Marion County, graduated from Campbellsville College in 1947 and Louisville Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky in 1949. He was married to Roberta Thompson March 29, 1937, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident near Rome, Georgia, February 12, 1966.

Rev. and Mrs. Houston had five children, R. E., Fitzzy, Ben, Imogene, and Betty. About five years prior to Mrs. Houston's death, Reverend Roy Houston passed away of a fatal heart attack June 22, 1961, after suffering a first, one hour earlier while attending a Sunday School clinic at Forsyth, Georgia. He was baptized in 1930. He pastored the Salem and Friendship Baptist Church, Salem, Kentucky for three years, Gethsemane Baptist Church in Danville, Kentucky four years before going to First Baptist Church in Trion, Georgia. Roy and Roberta moved their membership to Salem Baptist Church in July 1946. It was this church which requested his ordination which was held November 28, 1945. For almost a decade, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Trion, Georgia. While serving as pastor there, the First Baptist Church building burned on November 25, 1956.

Reverend Houston led the church in making plans for its replacement. Bro. Houston expressed his appreciation for our concern with this letter:

"I have never been so wordless in my life as I am in trying to express my feelings in this letter. We have received many donations from our friends and from churches around our community, but no gift has ever meant so much as the gift

from my home church. Please express to the church my personal appreciation and the appreciation from the church here for this gift. I am deeply touched and I feel that it is an expression of love. I love your people and am happy that you are doing a great work there."

Roy Houston

Bro. Houston had one brother, Robert A. Houston; five sisters, Mrs. Omer (Lyda) Caulk, Mrs. Ethel Bohanon, Mrs. Robert (Thelma) Gowan, Mrs. Steve (Elsie) Rice and Mrs. Hall (Lillie) Newcomb. The latter two are members of our church now.

- **Paul Payne**, son of Will and Mary Payne was born in Marion County, Kentucky on July 28, 1923. He has seven brothers, Howard, Lyle, Gerald, Joe, Marion, Chester, and Ronnie Payne; two sisters, Mrs. O. R. (Edith) Perkins, and Mrs. Helen Mattingly. He is married to Juanita Raikes Payne. They have one daughter, Mrs. Shelby (Mary Alice) Payne who also resides in Ohio.

He professed faith in the Lord on July 5, 1936 and was baptized into the fellowship of **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church** on November 11, 1936. He attended Marion County Grade Schools, received B. A. At Georgetown College in 1952, and Master of Divinity, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1956. Before entering the ministry, he was a foreman at L & N Railroad, served two years as a Paratrooper in World War II, and was a farmer at the time he surrendered to preach. He surrendered to the call to preach on August 15, 1948. He was licensed November 28, 1948 and Ordained June 19, 1949 by **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church**. He has pastored at the Friendship Baptist Church, Casey County, Kentucky; Ottawa Baptist Church, Rockcastle, Kentucky; Blue Ash Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio; First Baptist Church, Miamisburg, Ohio; and First Baptist Church, Huber Heights, Dayton, Ohio where he is presently serving.

He also served seven years as Director of Missions under The Home Mission Board in Dayton, Ohio, has served as a member of the Executive Board of Kentucky Baptists, member of the Executive Board of Baptists in Ohio, member of the Executive Committee of The Southern Baptist Convention, served as First Vice President of Ohio Baptists, and is presently serving second term as a Member of the Foreign Mission Board of The Southern Baptist Convention. He made a preaching tour of England in 1964 and also a tour of the Middle East, including Israel in 1971.

- **John Wesley Farmer**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Farmer, was born in Taylor County on January 20, 1925. He has three sisters, Esther, Frances, and Ruth. The latter is a member of our church now. He is married to Edna Bernice Jarboe Farmer and they have two children, a son, Lynn Edward, and a daughter, Karen Gay.

He graduated from Taylor County, Campbellsville College, Georgetown College, and also received Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He was engaged in farming in Taylor County before entering the ministry.

He professed faith in Christ in September 1936 at **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church**, was called to preach when he was a teenager, but surrendered to the call in August 1948, and was ordained December 8, 1949 at South Campbellsville Baptist Church, Campbellsville, Kentucky. He has pastored Pikes Ridge 1949-1952 Taylor County; Walnut Hill now Lowell Avenue 1952-1954 Campbellsville, Menlo 1954-1957 Menlo, Georgia; Buice

Memorial 1957-1959 Atlanta, Georgia; Superintendent of Missions 1959-1963 Bedford, Kentucky, Little Union 1963-1966 Fairfield, Kentucky; First Baptist Church 1966-1973 Irvine, Kentucky and is presently serving First Baptist Church, Carrollton, Kentucky. He served in the armed forces of our country for two years (1945 and 1946). Thirteen months was on Okinawa. He made a tour around the world June 20, 1970-July 20, 1970, visiting 15 countries. He also visited 49 states in our nation and preached revivals in Alabama, Georgia, California, Missouri, and Kentucky.

PASTOR'S COMMENT:

*The pastor deeply appreciates the many hours of research and writing of our church history. Our history committee: **Mrs. Edward Benningfield, Mrs. Jesse Maupin and Mrs. Lester Farmer** are to be complimented for a thorough and interesting history.*

I am grateful also to be pastor of a church where her members are not only rich in historical data, but rich in love, understanding, cooperation and fellowship.

In celebrating a hundred years as an organized church, one becomes involved with the thrill of a small band of people seeking for a place and creating an atmosphere for worship. One finds himself joining with the congregation in singing, praying and listening to the thundering messages of pastors--messages on God's grace, judgment, condemnation upon sin and other great doctrines of the faith. These men of God preached unflinchingly against unchristian conduct and led the church to reinforce their messages by taking immediate action to discipline her members. Many times the services began or ended in long sessions of church business.

*The history, decade by decade moves along from organization with charter members and their descendents joined by hundreds of other members uniting in one faith and purpose. **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church** has experienced periods of physical and spiritual depressions, but always followed by revival and victory.*

Under the leadership of various pastors, the members of the church have cooperated and progressed toward better organization and facilities for Sunday School and Church. The church has consistently maintained interest in worldwide missions through missionary organizations and contributions through the Cooperative Program.

The church has demonstrated a greater understanding of a pastor's role and has provided a beautiful and adequate home and better financial assistance for his needs.

Whatever progress has been made has resulted in part by members of this church who sacrificially gave of themselves in the Lord's work. Many of these have gone to be with the Lord.

May the same pioneer spirit and promptings of heart unite us in continual zeal and fellowship as we make history "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13

Bro. Bruce Hullette



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The History Of
MULDRAUGH HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
(October, 1974--October, 1984)

Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church celebrated its Centennial Anniversary with a week-long revival from Oct. 21-Oct. 27, 1974. The speakers for each night were as follows:

- **Monday (Bro. L.D. Kennedy)**
- **Tuesday (Bro. W.R. Beard, a former pastor)**
- **Wednesday (Bro. Hicks Shelton)**
- **Thursday (Bro. Paul Payne, ordained by this church)**
- **Friday (Bro. E.V. Carrier, a former pastor)**
- **Saturday (Bro. J.W. Wall, a former pastor)**
This was old-fashioned night with old-fashioned dress and lanterns and lamps lighting the sanctuary)
- **Sunday-Bro. Richard M. Shields a former pastor**

Sunday morning services were followed by "dinner on the grounds" at noon and entertainment that afternoon by the Journeymen Quartet and a closing message delivered by Bro J.C. Raikes, who was ordained by this church.

513 people signed the guest register that week and there were probably several that attended services and failed to sign the register.

At the close of his message on Sunday morning (November 17, 1974), Bro. Bruce Hulette read his letter of resignation to the Church. The resignation was effective Dec. 8, 1974. He had accepted a call to Surgoinville Baptist Church in Surgoinville, Tennessee, where he had been pastor previously and where he is pastor at this time.

The telephone was made a private line on February 5, 1975.

Bro. Gene Hall served as interim pastor, substituted once by Bro. Carrier and once by Bro. Ken Forman (father of our Music Director, **Dave Forman**)



Following the Sunday morning services on April 13, 1975, the church was called to order for the business of voting, by secret ballot, on [Bro. Earl Pike](#) as Pastor. The results were 159 for and 16 opposed. A unanimous standing vote was also given in favor of Bro. Pike and an announcement was made at the evening services that he had accepted..

The Pike family moved to the parsonage on Monday, May 5, 1975 and he assumed the pastorate on June 1, 1975.

On June 8, 1975, our Music Director, David Forman, submitted his resignation to become effective June-15, 1975.

In a special called business meeting on Sunday morning (June 22, 1975), the church voted to install air condition in the church building.

On August 6, 1975, at regular business meeting, a committee composed of **Mary C. Begley, Ruth Farmer, Carroll Taylor, Albert Smothers, and Theresa Feather** were appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws. A copy of the complete document was distributed to each church family on Sunday, Sept. 27, 1975.

Buddy Moore resigned as deacon on September 7, 1975.

On Sept.28, 1975, at a called business meeting, the church voted, upon the recommendation of the music committee, to call **Larry Brandenburg** as our full time Music Director.

At the conclusion of this church year (October, 1974--Sept., 1975), the number of new members added were 6 (by letter) and the following members were recorded as deaths:

- Leonard Moberley (Nov. 1, 1974)
- Mrs. Harlan "Christine" Farmer (Feb. 1.5, 1975)
- H.G. Disney (July 6, 1975)
- Leonard Sapp (September, 1975)
- Ezra Colvin (Sept. 4, 1975)
- James. H. Smith (Sept. 210, 1975)

On Nov. 12, 1975, at regular business meeting, the church voted to hire **Gloria Mattingly** as church secretary for one day per week. On this date it was also decided to install aluminum siding and guttering at a cost of \$1261.00 instead of painting the church's exterior trim. Also it was determined that there should be one deacon for every fifty residents and a rotation list of deacons was started.

Hubie Graham, Ernest Carol Taylor, and Clarence Yates were ordained as deacons by **Bro. Carrier** on **January 25, 1976.**

On April 7, 1976, the church voted to purchase a small tract of land containing approximately 3 acres from **Mrs. Theresa Feather** and **Felix Cooper** at a cost of \$4300.00.

On April 21, 1976, at a called business meeting, the church voted to purchase a tract of land containing approximately one and one-half to one and three-fourths acre from Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Livers at a cost of \$5000.00. **Earl Brockman, Lester Farmer** and **Marion Payne**

cleared this newly acquired land for a recreational area.



An aerial view of **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church** and the parsonage.

On May 30, 1976, we had a Homecoming celebration and note-burning, which ended indebtedness on the parsonage.

A new typewriter was purchased in August 1976.

An Evangelistic Crusade was held from Aug. 22-29, 1976, composed of 27 churches of different denominations from Marion and Washington Counties. It was held at the Marion County High School Football Stadium each night at 8 o'clock. Bro. Wayne Bristow of Lubbock, Texas was the evangelist.

At the conclusion of the church year (October, 1975-September, 1976), the Deceased members recorded were:

- Harlan Farmer (Feb. 8, 1976)

J.E. Settles and **Raymond England** were nominated and approved to be deacons **on September 15, 1976**. They were ordained by **Bro. Earl Pike** on October 3, 1976.

On Oct. 6, 1976, it was noted that the Church Secretary, **Gloria Mattingly**, has secured fulltime employment elsewhere and could no longer hold the position of secretary. **Debbie Farris** was hired for this position, which she now holds.

On April 10, 1977, **Larry Brandenburg** tendered his resignation as Music Director to accept a similar position at Hodgenville Baptist Church.

On April 17, 1977, **Bro. Pike** addressed the congregation after morning worship services regarding his desire to acquire a church bus. Pledges were called for and more than enough money was realized to purchase the used bus. The initial cost of the bus was \$700.00 plus the additional costs of license, title, tires, painting, and insurance amounted to \$1600.00. The bus is still in service and has covered many, many miles since the time of purchase.

On May 4, 1977, the decision was made to pave the parking area of the church grounds (3,537 sq. yd at \$2.65.per sq. yd.) totaling \$9,373.05 plus the cost of preparation for paving (filling in with rock). The paving was completed by July 13, 1977. It was also decided at this meeting to erect a plank fence surrounding the church grounds. It was also reported at this meeting that .3 acre of ground had been given to the church to complete the recreational area.

At the conclusion of this church year (Oct. 1, 1976--Sept., 1977), the number of new members added were 8 (by baptism) and 8 (by letter). The members recorded as deceased were:

- Winnie S. Martin

- Frank Caulk (Jan. 23, 1977)
- Matra Raikes (Feb. 15, 1977)
- Clarence Hardesty (March 6, 1977)
- Arthur, Sanders (April 3, 1977)
- Porter Benningfield (May, 1977)
- Coy Sapp (Sept. 9, 1977)

According to the minutes of monthly business meeting in October, 1977, no attendance record was listed for Training Union, so we assume that as of **October, 1977, Training Union was discontinued.**

During the week of June 23-July 2, 1978, **The Stalneckers** conducted revival services here with their music, preaching, and activities for the youth. They traveled in a bus which furnished their living quarters. The group included Ed and Bette Stalnecker, their 2 sons and wives, and 1 grandchild. At that time, they had traveled to over 600 Southern Baptist Churches from First Baptist Church in Key West, Fla. to First Baptist Church in Anchorage, Alaska.

A special called business meeting was held on July 2, 1978 in which the church decided to purchase the organ (which we now use) from the Stalneckers at a cost of \$2600.00.

On July 12, 1978, the church voted to amend by-laws, Article VI, Section 3 concerning the selection and rotation system of deacons.

At the conclusion of this church year (October, 1977-Sept., 1978), the number of new members added were 14 (by baptism) and 10 (by letter). Those members recorded as deceased were:

- Arthur "Jip" Hardesty (Oct. 19, 1977)
- Annie Bright (March 3, 1978)
- Omer Wise (May 28, 1978)
- Leslie Brockman (July 12, 1978)

On Oct. 4, 1978, **Gary Vidito** was called as Minister of Music

A special business meeting was called for Jan. 17, 1979, at which time the decision was made to renovate the parsonage by enclosing the garage to make a den, adding a fireplace and carport.

At the conclusion of this church year (October, 1978--Sept., 1979), the number of new members added were 6 (by baptism) and 15 (by letter). The members recorded as deceased were:

- Mrs. Omer "Lizzie" Wise (Dec. 23, 1978)
- Charlie Wise (Jan. 20, 1979)
- John Taylor
- Sherman Wise
- Mrs. Pete "Ethel" Hardesty
- Ira Taylor
- Cordie Horton

On July 6, 1980, **Bro. Pike** submitted his resignation and Sunday, July 20, 1980 was Bro. Pike's last sermon here as pastor.

Bro. Charles VanZant, who was a member of our church, served as interim pastor.

At the conclusion of this church year (October, 1979--Sept., 1980), the number of new members added were 12 (by baptism). Those members recorded as deceased were:

- Frank D. Jacobs (Sept, 23, 1979)
- Leona Watson (March, 1980)
- Shelby Wise (Aug., 1980)



On Oct. 5, 1980, **Bro. Victor Stansbury** came for a trial sermon. On Oct. 8, 1980, the pulpit committee made a recommendation to the church to call **Bro. Stansbury** as pastor. On Sunday, Oct. 12, 1980 the congregation voted by secret ballot of 150 "yes" and 3 "no" votes to call him as our pastor. His first sermon as our pastor was Nov. 30, 1980.

On April 26, 1981, **Gary Vidito** submitted his resignation as Music Director effective May 24, 1981.

On July 8, 1981, the church voted for the construction of a ramp and the renovation of the front steps to be done by Bradley Hoosier at a cost of \$3000.00.

On July 26, 1981, Bro. Stansbury was pleasantly surprised upon arriving home from vacation to find 2 new air conditioners installed in the parsonage at a cost of \$1030.00.

On Sept.9, 1981, the church voted to call **Nick Szymansky** as Music and Youth Director. Shortly thereafter, **Marty Szymansky**, wife of our Music and Youth Director, started **Mission Friends** for the preschoolers of our church. Mission Friends are still meeting on Sunday nights during worship service.

At the conclusion of the church year (October, 1980--Sept., 1981), the number of new members added were 3 (by baptism) and 9 (by letter). Those members recorded as deceased were:

- Winfred "Tink" Brockman (Jan. 1. 1981)
- Gilbert Brockman

March 18-21, 1982---World Missions Conference preceded by study course each night. Speakers included:

- Thursday (Nasby Cecil Mills)--State Missions serving in the Upper Cumberland Association
- Friday (Donald Wayne Dyer)--Home Missions serving as pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, Brunswick, Maine
- Saturday (Mike Greer)--foreign missionary to Israel
- Sunday morning (Jim C. Dillard)--foreign missionary to Nyeri, Kenya
- Sunday evening-H. Fay Hughes-home missionary serving in Illinois

At the conclusion of the church year (Oct., 1981--Sept., 1982), the number of new members added were 3 (by baptism) and 7 (by letter). Those members recorded as deceased were:

- Hall, Newcomb (March, 1982)
- Mrs. Buddy "Helen" Moore (August, 1982)
- Mrs. Ed "Annabelle" Moore (September, 1982)

On Oct. 6, 1982, the church voted to buy the piano, which is presently being used in the basement, from **Wanda Buckler** at a cost of \$400.00.

On November, 1982, **Nick Szymansky**, our Minister of Music and Youth, resigned.

In a special called business meeting on August 7, 1983, it was decided to call **Jerry Noble** as Minister of Music and Youth.

At the conclusion of the church year (October, 1982--Sept., 1983), the number of members added to the church were 3 (by baptism) and 9 (by letter). Those members recorded as deceased were:

- Mrs. Frank "Margaret" O'Gorman (Dec. 13, 1982)
- Ella Yates (July, 1983)
- Sudie Sapp (July, 1983)

In May, 1984, **Jerry Noble** resigned as Minister of Music and Youth.

On July 1, 1984, the church voted to call **Don Hamlin** as Minister of Music and Youth. During the times that we were without a Minister of Music, **J.E. Settles** served as the Music Director and **Danny England** worked with the youth when the Youth Directors resigned.

At the conclusion of the church year (October, 1983---Sept., 1984), the number of new members added to the church were 7 (by baptism) and 5 (by letter). Those members recorded as deceased were:

- Edward Wise (Oct. 1, 1983)
- Deward Cox (Oct. 5, 1983)
- Elsie Disney (Dec. 5, 1983)
- William Lee "Bill" Moore (Jan. 1, 1984)
- Teresa Cooper Feather (June 26, 1984)
- Lillie Newcomb (Aug. 23, 1984)
- Samuel Watson (Sept. 25, 1984)

The main source of material for this summary of the last 10 years was the minutes of the business meetings recorded for those years. Many other events and activities were accomplished that were not mentioned in the minutes, but due to lack of time, the History Committee was unable to research the dates of these happenings.

Some things recalled by the Committee were:

1. Renovation of the church kitchen
2. A new copy machine for the church office which is now paid for in full as of Sept., 1984.
3. New Communion Chairs, given by an anonymous donor and made by Tommy Buckler, a church member.
4. Published a monthly church newsletter, the Sunday School Gazette, along with a monthly calendar of birthdays and anniversaries
5. Recreation Committee was formed to plan activities and trips for the church
6. Annual Maundy Thursday services on the Thursday before Easter fellowship meal followed by candlelight services and observance of the Lord's Supper
7. Christmas caroling to the shut-ins

8. Annual Christmas Eve Services

On Oct. 14, 1984, the church will have its 110th anniversary celebration with old-fashioned dress and a meal served after morning worship service. The youth of the church plan to bury a time capsule behind the church containing items that are relevant to our church and community today. Films of past church functions will be shown in the afternoon.

The History Committee plans, within the next few weeks to compile a more detailed account of the past 10 years, which will be available in booklet form for each church family.

The History Committee:

Irene Maupin

Emogene Farmer

Judy Benningfield

The History Of MULDRAUGH HILL BAPTIST CHURCH (1984-1999)

Barbara Jean Benningfield, Elizabeth Farmer, Emogene Farmer, and Joyce Payne compiled the history of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church from 1984 to 1999. Much appreciation goes to these ladies who spent many hours gathering information from church and associational minutes, church records and bulletins, and individual sources. Although much time was required, the ladies reported that they enjoyed reminiscing about the many activities occurring in the history of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church.

The following amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws pertaining to the election of deacons was approved on October 10, 1984.

Amendment to our By-Laws ARTICLE VI, Section 3 of the Constitution

Section 3. Deacons

(1) There may be one deacon for every fifty resident members whose names are on the church roll until a maximum of fifty deacons is reached. The deacon shall serve on a three year rotation system, based on our fiscal year, after which, he must be inactive one year before being chosen again. The recommendation of men for deaconship to be activated into active service shall be made by the nominating committee.

The primary guide for the Church as to the men who are qualified will be 1 Timothy 3:8-12, Acts 6:1-7, and Titus. The qualifications for deaconship shall be read by the pastor after which asking God's guidance in prayer. Each member of the nominating committee shall have before him/her a list containing the names of all men in membership of the Church. The pastor will read from the list, asking them to give prayerful consideration to each, and to decide together upon the men, in their judgment, that are the most qualified for deaconship. When they decide, the men needed shall be contacted and asked if they are willing to serve, if so, they will be presented to the Church along with all the other teachers and officers recommended by the nominating committee.

During the church year of 1985, there were 7 additions by baptism and letter; the Sunday School Attendance average was 162; and the recorded deaths were:

- Henry Benningfield
- Mrs. Clarence Hardesty
- Carter Rafferty
- Marion Sapp

During 1986, with a majority vote, the decision was made to renovate the sanctuary as follows:

- Install oak paneling across the front, behind the piano, organ, and pulpit area.
- Carpet the entire sanctuary, the hall in back of sanctuary, and all the stairs.
- Install new floor covering on the floor of the vestibule.
- Install padded covering on pews.
- The renovation cost was not to exceed \$22,000. The actual cost was \$19,544.99.

During Business session conducted on July 8, 1986, recognition was given to **Charles Glenn Wright**, who has surrendered to the ministry and has given evidence that God has called him by preaching for us. Through the vote taken, approval was given for Glenn to be issued a certificate of license to preach.

We learned on June 10, 1987, that Charles Glenn Wright had been called as pastor of the Brush Grove Baptist Church located in the Central Association. The ordination service for Charles Glenn Wright was held on June 21, 1987.

On August 6, 1986, the Church voted to issue a certificate of license to **Charles E. Hamlin**, who has surrendered to God's call into the ministry.

During the church year of 1986, there were 11 additions by baptism and letter; the Sunday School Attendance average was 179; and the recorded deaths were:

- William Bright
- Daisy Buckman
- Mayme Cox
- Nathaniel Farmer
- Zelma Farmer
- Stella Hardesty
- Leonard Jacobs
- Corine Sanders
- James Shipp
- Della Wilson

Burnam and Anita Lanham were hired to clean the church on **April 8, 1987**.

According to the minutes of the business meeting conducted on June 10, 1987, the members present were surprised as they experienced the shock of a moderate earthquake while the financial report was being read.

A new roof was installed on the church building during 1987.

There has been some concern among the membership regarding ownership of the cemetery across the road from the church building. The deacons contacted John Smith, a local attorney, who was asked to research and investigate the matter. During business meeting on June 10, 1988, the deacons reported that Mr. Smith had researched the court records and found a deed dated

December 6, 1874, stating that a 1.5 acre tract in front of the Baptist Church has been conveyed to the trustees on **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church** to be held by them as a public cemetery. (The 1974 deed is a record of the transfer of property from Citizens National Bank, executor of the will of Samuel Cooper, to Teresa Feather and Felix Cooper. That deed for slightly more than 56 acres shows an exception of that conveyance of a 1 1/2 acre tract in front of **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church** which has been conveyed to the trustees of **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church** to be held by them as a public cemetery.) Other deeds and records indicate that the property was deeded to the trustees sometime between 1897 and 1917.

During the church year of 1987, there were 5 additions by baptism and letter; the Sunday School Attendance average was 173; and the recorded deaths were:

- Carol Brockman
- Mrs. James P. Farmer
- Elbert Rafferty
- Joe Richerson
- Herman Stapp
- Mary Wade

On **May 15, 1988**, **Steve Skaggs** was called as minister of music and youth. He began to serve in this capacity on **June 12, 1988**.

Also in 1988, the Church voted to enter into an agreement with the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to pay \$210 per year for the pastor's retirement plan with no additional cost to the Church.

On August 21, 1988, a special offering was taken after the worship service to be sent to the "Citizens Against State Lottery," to help them in their television, newspaper, and other areas of advertisement against the lottery.

The Church purchased a reconditioned commercial stove for the kitchen.

The Church voted to approve a proposal presented by the deacons to change Sections 6 and 12 of the Constitution and By-Laws to be amended so that the stewardship committee be nominated by the deacons at the same time as the nominating committee and that the secretary-treasurer become a permanent member of the stewardship committee.

During the church year of 1988, there were 18 additions by baptism and letter; the Sunday School Attendance average was 175; and the recorded deaths were:

- Lottie Moore Dorsey
- Oda Farmer
- Lyndon Melton, deacon
- Ellen McNear
- Mary Payne
- Roy Porter
- Minnie Wise
- Clarence Yates, deacon
- Geneva Yates

During 1989, there was a recognized need for new hymnals. The music committee was given the authority to purchase the number of books needed when the new edition is published. The edition is expected to be available in 1991. Members were given an opportunity to purchase hymnals for the Church in honor of or in memory of friends, relatives, or loved ones. Three hundred copies of

The New Baptist Hymnal were purchased in 1991.

A love offering and \$500 from the treasury was provided for **Steve and Shirley Skaggs** toward expenses for a trip to Europe.

More than 100 meals were served for the senior citizens meal provided by the deacons and their wives on July 29, 1989.

A major purchase made in 1989, was a Grand piano for the sanctuary. The piano was used for the first time during the annual fall meeting of the Central Association held at the **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church** on October 3, 1989. The cost of the piano was \$8,900.

During the church year of 1989, there were 14 additions by baptism and letter; the Sunday School Attendance average was 169; and the recorded deaths were:

- Tommy Battcher
- Jimmy Cox
- Lillie Sapp
- Twyman Sapp
- William J. Watson
- Almarine Wright

Benny Battcher was nominated as a deacon by Billie Veatch and it was seconded by Howard Farris on **January 10, 1990**. Upon his approval he was ordained by **Bro. Vic Stansbury** sometime before March 14, 1990 when it was mentioned in the minutes.

During 1990, the church building and the pastorium were connected to the water line providing water from the Marion County Water District. A new vacuum cleaner, TV and VCR were purchased. Video tapes were also acquired to begin a video tape library for check-out.

During the church year of 1990, there were 12 additions by baptism and letter; the Sunday School Attendance average was 177; and the recorded deaths were:

- Harry Maupin
- Jesse Maupin
- Bernice Richerson
- Anthony "Cell" Yates

During 1991, new American and Christian flags were purchased for the sanctuary. **Steve Skaggs** resigned after 2 1/2 years as director of music and youth. **Darrin Jenkins** served as interim director for music and youth.

Improvements for the building and grounds included new guttering for the church building, construction of the basketball court, and resurfacing of the parking lot.

During the church year of 1991, there were 6 additions by baptism and letter; the Sunday School Attendance average was 173; and the recorded deaths were:

- Mildred Farmer
- Mildred Sapp

Many felt that the acoustics in the sanctuary were not satisfactory. Therefore, in February of 1992, the Church voted to name a committee to check into the possibilities of installing a sound system. After many contacts, the sound system was installed in 1995.

The Church decided on August 26, 1992, to replace the air conditioning system in the sanctuary and basement. The bid was awarded to Custom Air of Danville, Kentucky for a cost of \$13,985.

During the church year of 1992, there were 19 additions by baptism and letter; the Sunday School Attendance average was 165; and the recorded deaths were:

- Lou Ella Wright
- Felix Cooper
- Carl Farmer
- J. C. Farmer
- Sudie Farmer
- Irvin Farris
- Hubie Graham
- Ada Sapp
- Mable Yates Sapp

A new program designed for children ages 2-prekindergarten began in 1993. This program gives children an opportunity to attend **Children's Church** in the basement following the children's sermon in the sanctuary. **Linda Taylor** volunteered to be the director of the program. As of this date (1999), **Wanda Farris** and **Bonnie Benningfield** are coordinating the program.

During the church year of 1993, there were 10 additions by baptism and letter; the Sunday School Attendance average was 167; and the recorded deaths were:

- Esther Allen
- H. P. Carrender
- Bob Graham
- Lawrence "Buck" Wise

In response to a recommendation from the deacons, the church voted on October 6, 1993, to send the pastor, and his wife, Joan Stansbury, on a trip to the Holy Land. The trip was scheduled for December 27, 1993 to January 4, 1994 at a cost of \$4,820.

Now that the church building and pastorium are connected to the Marion County Water line, there is no longer a need for the cistern which had been the source of water. The members were informed on November 10, 1993 that the cistern had been filled and the ground sealed.

The Church voted on August 10, 1994, to replace the columns on the front entrance of the building. On November 9, 1994, the members were informed that the columns had been replaced by All Seasons Aluminum Company of Campbellsville, Kentucky at a cost of \$716.56.

During the church year of 1994, there were 11 additions by baptism and letter; the Sunday School Attendance average was 160; and the recorded deaths were:

- Pete Hardesty
- Viola Newcomb
- Steve Rice
- Hermann Stapp
- Jack Taylor

There are many good cooks among the ladies of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church. In order to share their recipes and pass them on to future generations, there have been two cookbooks published. The first cookbook entitled ***Favorite Recipes*** was published in 1981. The second cookbook entitled ***Sharing Recipes*** was published in 1995.

During the church year of 1995, there were 20 additions by baptism and letter; the Sunday School Attendance average was 163; and the recorded deaths were:

- Paul Battcher
- Mary Catherine Begley
- Harold Cox
- Charles Hardesty
- Raymond McNear
- Elsie Rice
- Aliza Richerson
- Harlan Thompson

After much discussion and a survey regarding transportation needs, the Church voted on March 8, 1995 to buy a van.

On March 10, 1996, picture sessions began for the 3rd Church Directory.

In 1984 and 1987, **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church** was involved in a movement against the sale of alcoholic beverages and the establishment of additional night clubs on U.S. 68 (new road close to county line). Church members were also active in a wet/dry election for the Jessetown precinct which was voted "dry" on December 15, 1987.

On November 4, 1992, the deacons recommended that we prepare a petition against violence on television during prime time to send to the FCC and to our Senators and Representatives. We also decided to send a copy to the Western Recorder and to take a copy to the Central Association asking other churches to do the same.

During the church year of 1996, there were 14 additions by baptism and letter; the Sunday School Attendance average was 159; and the recorded deaths were:

- Ernest Benningfield
- Leroy Benningfield
- Karen Cox
- Howard Payne
- Earl Sanders

On January 8, 1997, action was taken that a letter of appreciation was to be sent to the *Lebanon Enterprise* recognizing articles and commending Charlie Pearl for the series of articles written on alcohol and drug abuse in Marion County.

During the church year of 1997, there were 16 additions by baptism and letter; the Sunday School Attendance average was 155; and the recorded deaths were:

- Robert Moore
- Hubert Murphy
- Lee Richerson
- Frances Thompson

During the church year of 1998, there were 8 additions by baptism and letter; the Sunday School Attendance average was 151; and the recorded deaths were:

- Ruth Farmer
- Chester Payne
- Pauline Rafferty
- William Nicholas Hill
- Abigail Rogers

- Minnie Craig
- Bertha Yates

On May 8, 1996, the deacons recommended the Constitution and By-Laws committee meet and set up a cemetery committee with guidelines to oversee the administration of the cemeteries belonging to the Church and the cemetery fund. The following amendment was presented on July 10, 1996. The second reading and approval was given on August 7, 1996.

Article VII Committees (New Section)
Section 14 Cemetery Committee

This committee of three shall have the responsibility of administering funds received and/or generated for the purpose of caring for church cemeteries. The members are to be elected for a three year term on a staggered basis. In order that this may be accomplished, the original committee will consist of one member who will serve a one year term. Thereafter, each member shall be elected for a three year term. The committee shall administer the funds to effectively maintain the cemeteries as appropriated by the church for up-keep of the cemeteries until the cemetery fund reaches \$30,000. When the cemetery fund reaches \$30,000, the committee shall administer funds generated through interest to maintain the cemeteries.

Changes within the Southern Baptist Convention and the dates of publication of literature for Sunday School Bible Study necessitated **change of the church calendar year from (October 1 through September 30) to (September 1 through August 31)**. The church fiscal year will now follow the calendar year, (January 1 to December 31).

The antique chairs kept from the old (1874) church building have been restored by one of our members, **Goldie Graham**, and are now used in the sanctuary.

The job description for **Minister of Music and Youth** has now been separated into **two positions** with one position for **Minister of Music** and another one for **Minister of Youth**.

During 1999, the women of the Church had an opportunity to participate in the Bible Study, *A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place* by Beth Moore.

The following amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws was approved on January 6, 1999.

Article VII
Section 1

All church committees shall be recommended by the nominating committee and elected by the church unless otherwise indicated in the description below. The committee members shall be elected each year. After being elected, the committee members of each committee shall be called together to elect their officers and organize for the consideration of problems related to work. Each committee shall report the action to the second business meeting following the election of its members. The following committees shall be elected.

On June 9, 1999, the Church voted to accept a recommendation to open a brokerage account with Edward L. Jones in Lebanon, Kentucky. This fund was established to enable individuals to transfer stocks, bonds, and securities to the Church as gifts.

Reverend Victor Stansbury, Pastor, has been a member of our Church family since 1980. Rev. Stansbury is active in many community affairs, the ministerial association, the Central Association, Campbellsville University, and supports many activities for better family and community life for Marion County and Taylor County residents.

Darrin Jenkins was called to be the Minister of Music on Sunday, July 18, 1999.

During the absence of a Youth Director and presently, **Steve Yates** serves to coordinate activities for the youth.

Building Program (1992-1999)

For many years, members of **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church** have had the opportunity to contribute to a building fund. This fund was established by a stewardship committee who felt that the time would come when we would need more space and additional facilities. On April 8, 1992, the deacons recommended a building steering committee be nominated. The following were approved to serve on the committee: **Roger Barnett, David England, Joyce Payne, Billy Veatch, and Betty Whitehouse.**

On February 10, 1993, the building steering committee requested and received approval for an expenditure of up to \$250, for an on-site consultation and possible sketches and plan reviews for future building needs from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board Architecture Department.

Using the results of a survey regarding the desires of church members and the comments and suggestions coming from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board Architecture Department, On October 4, 1995, the building steering committee presented some ideas for building and requested approval to contact an architect to complete some preliminary drawings. Approval was given for up to \$1000 for drawings.

On Sunday, January 14, 1996, there was a special called business meeting to vote on the recommendations coming from the steering committee. A "yes" vote being a vote to build and a "no" vote being a vote not to build. Vote was by secret ballot. When the ballots were counted, there were 86 "yes" votes and 76 "no" votes.

Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church December 10, 1995

In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church, a notice is hereby given of a Special Called Business Meeting to be held after the morning service on December 17, 1995. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear and act upon the following recommendations of the Steering Committee:

Having consulted with an architect who has submitted preliminary drawings and cost estimates, the Steering Committee presents the following recommendations to the Church:

1. The Church enter into an agreement with Mr. Brian DeMeers to be our project architect and have him proceed with working drawings for the **construction of a new multipurpose building**, as shown in the architect's preliminary architectural drawing dated November 20, 1995.
2. Construction of the building will not begin until the Church has a minimum of **\$100,000** in the **building fund**. It is estimated by the architect, that the proposed

building will cost approximately **\$200,000-\$250,000**, depending upon the final construction method chosen, the bid process, amount of church supplied-labor, etc.

3. The design of the building would be subject to final modifications by the architect and a **Building Committee** which will be appointed by the Church body to oversee the final plans and construction of the building. The basic design concept as shown in architect's rendering, such as: the brick veneer exterior to match our existing building, conventional shingled roof, building dimensions, and overall intent of the rendering is to remain the same.

The vote (whether to build or not to build) will be taken from the members present during the Special Called Business Meeting. The vote will be taken by secret ballot. Members of the Steering Committee will start the business meeting with a motion and a second, so as not to put undue pressure on anyone. This will allow for discussion and a vote on the committee's recommendations.

The Steering Committee members will be available after each service on December 10, throughout the following week, and during the midweek prayer meeting service to answer and discuss any questions about the project and to give everyone an opportunity to become fully informed about the project.

On Sunday, November 2, 1997, the following persons were elected to serve with the pastor on the building committee: **June Elliott, Lester Farmer, Kelly Holderman, Jim Sabo, Joan Stansbury, Ernest Carol Taylor, and Steve Yates**. Ernest Carol Taylor served as chairman, Lester Farmer, vice-chairman, and June Elliott, secretary.

The groundbreaking ceremony was held on July 5, 1998.



During business meeting on July 8, 1998, **Ernest Carol Taylor** reported that the Building Committee had obtained bids for the Fellowship Hall and Sunday School rooms addition with a total of 7,746 square feet. Isaac Tatum submitted the lowest bid of \$316,000. The effective date of the contract is July 1, 1998. The official starting date is July 15, 1998. The project should be completed in 6-7 months. The Church will apply to the Ervin G. Houchens Foundation, Inc. for a loan in the amount of \$75,000 at 5% interest. If other funding is needed, local banks have agreed

to finance the remainder. The building committee seeks help, prayers, physical efforts, and financial support from everyone with this project.

Mark Carney was ordained as a deacon by Bro. Vic Stansbury on Sunday evening, **September 6, 1998.**

On December 9, 1998, it was reported that the Houchens Foundation granted **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church** a loan of \$50,000. The payments are set up for 14-15 years at \$400 monthly at 5% interest. Approval was given for up to \$110,000 to be secured from Citizens Bank of Lebanon as needed.

The theme for the building program is *"Come Grow With Us"*. In addition to the efforts and many hours work by the Building Committee, others who were instrumental in the completion of this project are Brian DeMers, architect; Isaac Tatum, contractor; Charles Yankey, brick layer; and Frankie Mattingly and Mike Gootee, electrical and plumbing contractors. **Lester Farmer** and **Marion Payne** donated the excavation for the foundation and the surrounding site. In addition, Lester prepared the site for seeding and sodding, constructed the driveway, and furnished the rock. **Tommy Buckler** donated his labor and expertise on installation of the cabinets in the kitchen and bathrooms. **Kelly Holderman** installed all appliances in the kitchen. **Steve Morris** installed all phone and communication lines. **Mike Craig** is working on a project to improve the acoustics in the Fellowship Hall. **Bro. Vic and Joan** and many other church members too numerous to name have donated countless hours cleaning, mopping floors, and moving church furniture in preparation for use of the building.



The dedication service for the new addition was held on **May 23, 1999.** On July 18, the adult women were the first to occupy a classroom with other groups moving in during July and August.

DEDICATION SERMON FOR NEW BUILDING May 23, 1999

"...Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." Psalm 127:1

"And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD. And solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD." 1 Kings 8:62-63.

Several years ago this building was but a dream in a few peoples minds, but today it has become a reality. I am thankful that we have had people dream the dream. Proverbs 29:19 says "Were there is no vision, the people perish:" Churches always need people who have a vision of things that the Church needs to do and accomplish for the Lord, if not it will soon wither and die. I am thankful for a Steering Committee that began to put this dream down on paper and brought it before the Church for a vote and to a Building Committee that carried out the wishes of the Church and saw to it that the dream became a reality in the buildign you see before you today.

But as we come to this dedication service today, let us not forget whose building this

really is. It isn't the Steering Committee's, the Building Committee's, the deacon's, the congregation's, or even the Church's. This building is the Lord's. Two hundred thirty-four times in the Bible do we hear the Temple referred to a "The House of the Lord." And in the New Testament when Jesus cleansed the Temple, He said, "You shall not make my Father's House a den of Thieves." So any Church must realize that its buildings are to be used as if it is God's House. And as such, it is meant to be used, not to glorify a committee or a Church, but to glorify our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We come then today to dedicate this building to God and His Son Jesus Christ. May He always be glorified by what takes place in this building. And may many young people and adults alike be brought closer to the Lord and one another through the activities that will take place in this building.

Rev. Victor J. Stansbury, Pastor



A committee was elected to draw up a policy regarding the use of church facilities in August of 1999. January 5, 2000 a Facilities Use Policy was presented for discussion, input for additions and questions. A Facilities Use Policy was approved, with the addition of listing the reason for use of the building, in April 2000.

Two young men of the church, **Donald Lee Veatch** and **Stephen Keith Benningfield** were ordained as deacons October 17, 1999.

On October 24, 1999, **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church** celebrated its **125th Anniversary**. The celebration began with revival services: Wednesday, October 20th **Bro. Kit Yeaste** was the speaker; Thursday, October 21st **Bro. Harold Meers**; Friday, October 22nd **Bro. Richard Shields**; Saturday, October 23rd **Bro. Earl Pike**; and Sunday, October 24 **Bro. Bruce Hullette**. On Sunday afternoon **Bro. William Beard** and others were given an opportunity to speak and reminisce. People were dressed in the garb of 1874. **Bro Stansbury and Joan** were brought to church in a horse drawn carriage driven by **Lynn Benningfield**. Pictures of the past were displayed in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner and fellowship followed the morning services.

November 10, 1999 the church voted to close the lower cemetery at New Market. Work was done on the cemetery across the highway from the church and a new fence put up in April of 2001. The upper cemetery at New Market was cleaned off and a new fence erected in the spring of 2002. The church reached its goal of \$30,000 to go into a perpetual fund to take care of the cemeteries in October 2002. The interest from the money will help with the upkeep of the cemeteries. Since interest rates are so low it was voted to start another savings account to eventually go into this perpetual care fund. The goal for this savings account is \$20,000 before interest will be applied towards upkeep of the cemeteries.

The church received an invitation to **Bro. & Mrs. E. V. Carrier's 65th wedding anniversary** at Somerset, KY in December 1999. **Bro. Carrier** was a former pastor and is now deceased.

During the church year of 1999, there were 7 additions by baptism and letter; the Sunday School Attendance average was 146; total receipts were \$158,115, and the recorded deaths were:

- **Ivy Brockman**
- **Minnie Craig**
- **Lennie Rafferty**
- **Abigail Rogers**
- **Bertha Yates**

The History Of
MULDRAUGH HILL BAPTIST CHURCH (2000-Present)

Barbara Jean Benningfield, Melody Mays, and June Elliott compiled the history of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church from 2000 to Present. Much appreciation goes to these ladies who spent many hours gathering information from church and associational minutes, church records and bulletins, and individual sources.

A ladies Bible study began January 31st, 2000. This study contained reflections on the life of David and was entitled "A Heart Like His" by Beth Moore.

We were given the status of our loans for the new addition in a business meeting held February 9, 2000. The loan is up for renewal and needs to be finalized on February 19th. We still owe Isaac Tatum \$4,000. We have \$5,102.59 in our Building Fund Savings Account. Including all interest we owe Citizen's National Bank (Lebanon) \$87,287.10. A motion was made to pay \$27,287.10 on our loan from our regular checking account. That will make our loan total \$60,000 from Citizen's Bank. The motion was approved. February 20, 2000 the church bulletin reads:

"This week we made our final loan at Citizens Bank on the new building. Our final loan at the bank will be \$60,000 plus we have already had a loan with the Houchen's Foundation for \$50,000 that we have already made a year's payments on. Thanks to everyone's generosity, our final loans were a lot less than we anticipated. The loan from Houchen's was set up for 15 years at 5% interest, with a payment of \$400 a month. We want to thank all of you for your continued support. Thanks to people who donated time, labor, equipment, and money to make this building a possibility. Thanks to those who have donated chairs, tables, kitchen appliances and supplies, wiring for telephones, decorations, basketball goals/equipment and volleyball equipment."

The church bulletin of November 5, 2000 states:

"This past week we paid off our \$60,000 note at Citizens Bank on our new building. This note was taken out in February of this year and has been paid off in just a few short months. Let us give God the praise for what He is doing in our church. We still have a note taken out with Houchen's Foundation for \$50,000 toward our building. We have made almost two years payment on this note."

A note burning for the Citizens Bank loan was held Sunday morning November 26, 2000.

A personnel committee recommended **Dawn Yates** as **Minister of Youth** April 23, 2000. Dawn is a member of the church and a student at Campbellsville University. She accepted the position

after the church voted to call her Sunday May 7, 2000. Dawn had served on mission teams to Texas, Eastern Kentucky and Brookhaven Mission in Lebanon, KY. In June of 2000 Dawn traveled to Taiwan for eight weeks to serve as a summer missionary there. In July 2001 Dawn along with **Bro. Stansbury and Joan** accompanied a group of our youth to Arlington, Texas on a mission trip. Dawn later resigned to take employment in Louisville, KY. **Wayne Downs** from Henderson, KY and a student at Campbellsville University had helped Dawn with the youth for a while and had gone to youth camp with them. On Sunday morning August, 2001 the church voted to call **Wayne Downs** as **Minister of Youth**. He served in this capacity for about a year. Wayne was given permission to take down the wall between the two rooms adjoining the old kitchen and use it for a youth room. He also helped build a pantry in what was formerly a men's restroom. Wayne resigned to take a position at Lebanon Baptist Church. In the mean time parents of the youth and some of the older youth served as youth leaders. December 8, 2002, **Eddie Fightmaster** was called to be **Minister of Youth**. He is a student at Campbellsville University and from Louisville, Kentucky.

Darrin Jenkins, Minister of Music submitted his resignation the first part of February 2000. Assistant Band Director at Campbellsville University, **Tim Michaels** led the music September 3, 2000. October 1, 2000 he was called to be **Minister of Music**. We have been without a music director for quite some time. Two of our members, **Benny Battcher** and **Jim Sabo** have been leading the singing in the Sunday worship services.

The organ the church is presently using was purchased in July 1978. April 5, 2000 it was brought to our attention the organ needed extensive repair. After several inquiries we learned repairs would be quite expensive and repairmen were few and far between. In September 2002 the music committee was asked to look into the possibility of purchasing a new instrument.

A decision was made to cease the opening assembly for Sunday School in July 2000. This was done so there would be more time in Sunday School classes.

In July 2000 the church was asked to donate copies of the Church History to Marion and Taylor County Public libraries and Campbellsville University. Mature Living magazine was subscribed to for Senior Adults.

Repair work to the nursery area began in August of 2000. The adjoining paneled room is now part of the nursery. The walls were dry-walled and painted, and new carpet was laid.

A wide screen television and VCR were purchased in September of 2000 for \$1625. Ping-pong tables, a coat rack and a soft drink machine were added to the fellowship hall in 2002.

Central Association hosted a tent revival at Willisburg Baptist Church in Washington County September 17 – 20, 2000. An associational wide revival was also held September 22-25, 2002 at Lebanon Baptist Church and Woodlawn Baptist Church in Lebanon. Bill Saye was the evangelist for both times. Our church participated in the services.

A proposed bid for blacktopping the drive at the sides and rear of the new addition was approved in the business meeting of October 4, 2000.

Ernest Taylor was asked to choose and activate Internet Service for **Bro. Stansbury's** personal computer. December 2000 **Muldrough Hill Baptist Church** went on-line with Kentucky-On-Line. The e-mail address is mhbc@kyol.net. A committee was appointed to buy a computer for the church office in March 2002. No purchase has been made as of January 2003. A committee was appointed in August 2002 to construct a church web site and keep it updated. It was

reported at October's business meeting that the web site is up and running. The address is www.muldraughhill.org.

On Sunday, November 12, 2000 the church commemorated twenty years of service by **Bro. Stansbury** to **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church**. Following is the event as found in the Lebanon Enterprise

"After months of secret meetings to plan and prepare a surprise celebration for the 20th anniversary of Vic and Joan Stansbury with Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church, the big day, November 12, finally arrived. This was an exciting day and will be listed as one of the most memorable days in the history of our church. The day began with 176 in Sunday School as we studied from the book of Isaiah. There were 343 members and visitors present for the morning message, which was taken from the book of Luke and the story of the prodigal son. Many members of the Stansbury family were among the visitors who came to join us in our celebration. Special music was presented by Benny and Karen Battcher. Bro. Vic preached his first sermon as pastor of our church on November 30, 1980. His children, Vickie, Chris and Jon, have grown up and received their education in Marion County. All are now college graduates and are living in other areas of Kentucky and Tennessee. Following the morning worship service, a potluck meal was served in the decorated fellowship hall. A cake decorated for the occasion was presented for the Stansburys to cut and was then served as dessert. The afternoon service began with music presented by Bonnie Wicker, Estelle Brady, Anita Lanham, Goldie Graham, Nettie Summers, Tim Michaels and Tina Bradshaw. Mark Carney served as Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon program as we enjoyed comments and stories from Ron Rafferty, Ernest Taylor, Dr. Michael Carter, Rev. John Chowning, Rev. Al Hardy, Rev. Earl Pike, Steve Skaggs, Jim Durham, Rev. J. W. Hatfield, Max Richerson, John and Jan Simpson, Davette Mays, Billy Veatch, Sam Graham, and Ron & Jan Ellis. The church family presented the Stansburys with hand made beautiful cherry bedroom furniture and an elegant oak grandfather clock as gifts to honor their many years of faithful service to the church. A pictorial tribute composed of 585 slides with events of the last 20 years, designed and presented by Kaylene Poff was then shown. The afternoon service concluded at approximately 5:30 p.m. with all present joining hands and singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". We realize that the pastorate of Victor Stansbury extends beyond our church to many areas of Marion and Taylor counties. We recognize his love for God. We appreciate and love this couple very much and feel that God has blessed us through their leadership. We look forward to many more years together."

The following is a poem presented to Bro. Vic and Joan at the 20th Anniversary Celebration during the roast and prior to showing the Pictorial Tribute in the Fellowship Hall:

Thank You For Your Service

Kaylene Poff (November, 2000)

You've told us many times this year
How long you've been with us.
Has it really been that long
Twenty years or so this month?

We've done a little research
And what you say is true
It doesn't really seem that long
The time has certainly flew.

In our investigation
We uncovered many facts
About the twenty years gone by
We document these stats.

You were thirty-five the day you came
To visit with our church
A trial sermon was the test
To finalize our search.

We were pleased and recommended
The church to vote for you.
To serve God as our pastor
As you were willing to.

You took the challenge and moved in
To the parsonage and our hearts
We stored up a host of memories
Of which we now impart.

We've added on some classrooms
And a brand new fellowship hall
Made cookbooks and directories
And bought hymnals for us all.

We built a ramp onto the porch
Bought a piano and a van
Remodeled the sanctuary
And let you visit the Holy Land.

We celebrated milestones
Of our church's history
We dressed old-fashion and fellowshipped
With the surrounding community.

Take note of all these changes
That have happened ore' the years
The happy times, the tragedies
The laughter, and the tears.

The weddings and the funerals
Baptisms and births
You shared in our joys and sorrows
This gesture has great worth.

We've gathered all these memories
Sorted pictures for you to view.
It took the family of the church
To prepare these slides for you.

So sit back comfortably with us all
And watch the picture show
It's done to thank you for the years
And to you, our love bestow.

On Sunday, December 3rd, 2000 Sunday School attendance dropped to 65 because of snow. Christmas caroling the following Wednesday had to be postponed also because of bad weather.

During the church year of 2000, there were 7 additions by baptism and 8 by letter; the Sunday School Attendance average was 148; the budget for the year was \$140,200.58, and the recorded deaths were:

- **Edith Craig**
- **Kevin Farmer**
- **Irene Maupin**
- **Sarah Taylor**
- **Chester Paul Whitehouse**

In the business meeting of January 2001 we voted to make a distinction between "Building Fund" and "Building Fund Loan". Money given to pay on the debt for the new addition will need to be marked "Building Fund Loan". Money marked "Building Fund" will go into a fund to take care of our church building needs such as a new roof, some other maintenance or repairs as needed.

There was a discussion of whether the church would benefit from being incorporated in April 2001. No action was taken at this time. In October 2002 the church voted to have a lawyer draw up a proposal for incorporating the church and present it for the church's approval.

A group from the church attended the Billy Graham Crusade in Louisville, KY June 21st, 2001.

On July 15th, 2001 the Sunday bulletin reads:

"Over the last few weeks, we have had several extra expenses at the church. We have had our tractor with belly-mower worked on costing over \$340. The Cub Cadet has blown an engine and we don't know what it is going to cost to fix it. We put tires on the van and other work on it that has amounted to about \$800. We have put a new roof on the church building at a cost of around \$7,000 and repaired a sidewalk that cost around \$800. It is expensive to keep things going. It takes all of us giving and working together to meet the expenses of the church."

September 11, 2001 about 8:45 a.m. America was attacked by terrorists. Two jet planes crashed into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York. Minutes later the Pentagon in Washington, DC was also hit by a plane. Thousands lost their lives and America suffered a great financial loss.

(President – George W. Bush and Vice-President – Dick Cheney)



On Sunday, September 16th the bulletin reads:

"This has been a very hard week for our nation. We have all been deeply touched by the mass destruction and loss of human life brought about by terrorist attacks in New York and Washington DC. Each of us need to remember that our God is a loving God and the One we need to turn to in a time like this. Let us be in prayer for our nation and all those who have been affected by this terrible attack. Our hearts and prayers need to go out to the families of those who lost loved ones and for the injured. We need to keep those who are medical workers, police officers, and rescue workers in our prayers as they cope with the awful task before them. Pray for our President, Vice President, Congress and the leaders of our nation and other nations as they seek to respond to the situation. Continue to lift up our servicemen that may be called on to risk their lives to respond to this terrible act. Also pray for those who are responsible for planning this act of aggression that they might come to know the true God of love and be converted from their evil ways."

September 30, 2001: This past week, **Nick Szymansky**, one of our former **Ministers of Music and Youth** passed away in Louisville, KY. Nick served our church from September 1981 to November 1983. Nick's wife, **Marty**, started Mission Friends while she was here and Nick started the Sunday School Gazette. Another former **Minister of Music and Youth**, **Steve Skaggs**, was ordained November 4, 2001 at Valley View Baptist Church in Vine Grove, Ky.

During the church year of 2001, there were 3 additions by baptism and 6 by letter; the Sunday School Attendance average was 142; total receipts were \$136,597.05, and the recorded deaths were:

- **Jessie Benningfield**
- **Jesse Cox Cundiff**
- **Lettie Mann**
- **Elbert Caulk**
- **Lucille Wise**
- **Lester Farmer**

The Building Committee was asked to get information/estimates/bids for an elevator or lift in the new addition in March 2002. In June the committee reported that an elevator in the new addition would cost \$50,000. A lift could be installed for 16 to 20 thousand dollars but state codes will not allow a lift to go through a floor. If enough interest is shown a fund could be established and when a designated amount is reached we could go ahead with the project. No action was taken.



The family of **Evelyn Cooper** donated a shawl to the church in April 2002. The shawl was worn at the dedication of the first church in 1874. The History Committee was appointed to have this bit of history preserved by framing it in a shadow box.

At July's business meeting there was a first reading of a proposal to amend the Constitution By-Laws Article VII Section 7 and to add Section 15. Article VII Section 7 changes the number of members on the Personnel Committee from three to five. Adding Section 15 to Article VII forms a Youth Advisory Committee. The amendment was approved in the business meeting of August.

On September 8, 2002, the church bulletin read:

“We would like to start running the church van on Sundays to pick up people for church but in order to do this we need people who would be willing to drive the van”.

Volunteers were asked to sign the insert and turn it in. This idea was first mentioned June 13th, 1999 and again in January 2003. There have been meetings of people willing to drive the van, but as of January 2003 nothing definite has been done regarding the matter. Amended regulations for use of the church van were approved in November 2002.

Central Association asked its churches to gather at the Marion and Washington county courthouses the first Saturday in October 2002. They were asked to gather at 10:00 a.m. to pray for their county and the people of their county.

During the church year of 2002, there were 4 additions by baptism; the Sunday School Attendance average was 131; total receipts were \$134,513.25; and the recorded deaths were:

- **Louise Melton**
- **Charlie Wise, Jr.**
- **Cora Inman**
- **Evelyn Cooper**
- **Kelly Thompson**
- **Edna Porter**
- **Winnie Porter**

The Sunday School Director for 2002-2003 was **Kelly Holderman**; the Sunday School Director for 2003-2004 is **Sam Graham**.

During the church year of 2003, there were 2 additions by baptism and 7 by letter; the Sunday School Attendance average was 129; and the budget was \$136,395.28.

Larry Bright was ordained as a deacon on **September 28, 2003**.

Several repairs and improvements were made to the church's properties in the year 2003. A new roof was placed over the existing one on the Fellowship Hall due to faulty shingles. Replacement windows and doors were installed on the parsonage and a dehumidifier was placed in the basement. A porch and ramp was added to the south side of the church building. Air conditioning units for the church sanctuary were replaced. The Sunday school rooms in the basement of the church were painted and the windows replaced with thermal windows. The carpet and pews in the sanctuary were cleaned by Coit Cleaners of Louisville in November. Several trees were removed from the cemeteries at New Market and some fencing was done around the unused cemetery. A row of pine trees was planted on the south side of the parsonage in November.

A fifteen passenger van was purchased from Pickerill Motor in Lebanon for \$16,000 dollars in October 2003. At the September 2003 business meeting **Chris Stansbury**, an attorney, presented The Articles of Incorporation. He stated most of the paper work involved had been completed. A motion was made to proceed with the legalities of becoming incorporated.

In March our country became engaged in war with Iraq. A special prayer service was held Sunday night March 30th for our service men and women. Those present were asked to name a loved one or someone they knew in the service or deployed to the Persian Gulf for prayer.

Beginning September 7th and going through December 15th, the Kentucky Baptist Convention asked its churches to participate in "**100 Days of Prayer**". A prayer guide was given out by the Convention to help with prayer concerns. The Convention held a special International Mission Board Appointment Service for missionaries at Rupp Arena in Lexington during their annual meeting November 11, 2003. Churches were urged to bring their members to this special service.

Some of the men and boys participated in a church softball league in Campbellsville. Other recreation activities included the youth traveling to Six Flags KY Kingdom for a Christian Concert Day, Youth Camp, church wide swimming party at the Campbellsville City Pool, Youth bowling, Senior Citizens meal, an occasional trip to Lincoln Jamboree, annual picnic and worship service at the farm of **Marion and Joyce Payne**, and a fall festival in October. The

Fellowship Hall was opened one night a week for recreation. The Marion County Board of education has used the Fellowship Hall for a third year for a summer reading program.

Gary Vidito, a former **Minister of Music**, presented a program of music entitled "Generation Reconciliation" February 9th. He is presently serving as Minister of Music at Taylorsville Baptist Church. In July a Civil War Band from New Mexico, participating in the Civil War Festival at Campbellsville University, performed special music for the morning worship service July 27th.

John Wesley Farmer who attended church here for much of his youth died September 16, 2003 in Lexington, Kentucky at the age of 78. He was the son of the late **Alvin and Nettie Farmer**. He is survived by his wife Bernice Jarboe Farmer and two children Lynn Farmer and Karen Marshall. Two sisters also survive Esther Veatch and Frances Skaggs. He became an ordained minister on December 8, 1949. His pastorates included Pikes Ridge Baptist and Walnut Hill Baptist Church in Taylor County, Kentucky; Menlo Baptist Church in Menlo, GA; Buice Memorial Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA; Little Union Baptist Church in Fairfield, KY; First Baptist Church in Irvine, KY; First Baptist Church in Carrollton, KY; and Mt. Gilboa Baptist Church in Taylor County, KY. He was buried in Campbellsville at Brookside Cemetery with full military honors.

Quoting from the Bulletin of December 21, 2003:

"Our White Christmas Offering" will be taken up during the morning worship service. As in years past you will be given an opportunity to designate your offering to where you would like it to go. We still owe close to \$17,000 dollars on our building, about \$14,000 on our van and \$5,000 dollars for our multi-periol insurance. We also have a goal of \$1,500 dollars for International Missions, a cemetery fund, reclad Steeple Fund, New Organ Fund, etc. We also have large heating bills for the next few months. Money not designated will go into the regular offering to help meet our bills."

We had an outstanding White Christmas offering of \$16,188!!!

On January 5, 2004, the paperwork was sent in for the Articles of Incorporation.

On January 18, 2004 we had our first annual birthday celebration after the morning worship service. A table was decorated for EACH month of the year (we had some awesome tables) and members sat at their birthday month table. The church furnished a large birthday cake. The youngest and oldest member was recognized at each table. The oldest member present was **Mrs. Lucy Benningfield (age 93)** and **Avery Rayann Cochran** daughter of **Kevin & Tracy Mays Cochran** (age 2 months) was the youngest member. The tables were judged and an award was given to the best decorated table. The event was enjoyed by all!!!

The morning and evening worship services were cancelled January 25, 2004 because of an ice storm. Several surrounding churches cancelled also.

Larry Hunt, a layman from Taylor County, spoke at Sunday morning worship services, January 18. Larry and two other men went to Africa on a mission trip. Our church gave \$560.00 to help with their expenses. Larry spoke to the church about his trip June 13th. Dr. Eugene Shively spoke and showed slides of his recent Medical Mission Trip to Togoa, Africa on Sunday night May 23rd. Other mission projects, besides our special mission offerings, included purchasing school supplies for Brookhaven Mission in Lebanon and soccer balls for missionary Joe Beal to take to children in South Africa.

The basement of the church was painted in March, 2004.



On March 2, 2004, **Bro and Mrs. Stansbury** became grandparents for the second time. A girl, **Haylee Ray**, was born to **Chris and Heather Stansbury**.

Jason Logan's first Sunday with us as **Minister of Music** was March 21st. He is from Bowling Green, KY and a student at Campbellsville University.

A group from the church attended an Easter play March 25 at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville. Some of our members attended the "Passion for Christ" movie in Bardstown, KY on April 17th. A group of ladies traveled to Lexington, KY in August to attend a Beth Moore Conference in Rupp arena.

A carport was installed in May to serve as shelter for our vans.

On May 29, 2004 copies of the paperwork were sent to Frankfort for the Articles of Incorporation (since the paperwork sent in January had been lost!).

Eddie Fightmaster, our Minister of Youth, and **Teresa Sermon** were married May 29, 2004. Eddie and Teresa were instrumental in starting a Puppet Ministry with our youth this year.

Bro. Stansbury issued a challenge to the church in the bulletin dated June 20, 2004:

"As of Tuesday, June 10, 2004, we owed \$10,894.22 on our new addition. Wouldn't it be great if we could get this paid off by our 130th anniversary celebration on November 7, 2004? If 50 people gave an extra \$220.00 each we would have \$11,000. There are approximately 20 weeks between now and the 130th anniversary, so that would average about \$11.00 a week per person until then. Even better, if 100 people would contribute an extra \$110.00 you also have \$11,000. Spread that out over 20 weeks and that would be \$5.50 per person per week. The most of us spend more than that for soft drinks or something else in a week. I would like to challenge us to work together to pay this off by our 130th anniversary".



The **MHBC Men's Church League Softball Team** began play again June 28th at Veteran's Memorial Park in Campbellsville.

We were saddened to learn that the wives of two of our former pastors passed away: **Mrs. Mildred Janell Hulette**, May 30, 2004 and **Mrs. Gladys Carrier**, August 13, 2004.

[Our Articles of Incorporation](#) were filed **July 13, 2004**. (Receipt #0590254.09, Trey Grayson, Secretary of State).

An associational wide revival was held August 22 – 26, 2004 with Rev. Al Norris as evangelist. Nightly services were at Temple Baptist Church, Springfield Baptist Church and Willisburg Baptist Church in Washington County.

The church choir participated in the annual Central Baptist Association Music Night September 12 at Springfield, KY.

Work began the week of September 27, 2004 on the renovation of the steps and ramp out front. Henry Brockman is doing the work. You do not have to step up now to get in the front door of the church!!!

Bro. Vic announced on Sunday morning, **October 3, 2004**, that the loan on the new addition was **paid in full!!!** So we will be having a note burning at our 130 year celebration service Sunday morning, November 7, 2004.

During the church year of 2004 (from September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2004), there were 5 additions by baptism and 8 by letter; the Sunday School Attendance average was 130; and the recorded deaths were:

- **Bernice Brockman**
- **Hattie Carrender**
- **Brandon Price**

Sunday School Director for 2004-2005, **Kelly Holderman**.

The budget of \$147,991.74 began January 1, 2004 and went through December 31, 2004. The budget called for an average weekly collection of \$2,846.00.

**The History Of
MULDRAUGH HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
(September, 2004-August, 2009)**

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The following members volunteered as messengers to the Associational Meeting which was held **October 4, 2004** at Woodlawn Baptist Church: **Elizabeth Farmer, Joan Stansbury, Arlene Mullins, and Rev. Victor Stansbury.**

The church has become incorporated (announced at the October, 2004 Business Meeting). The following members were recommended (and approved) for the 2005 Stewardship Committee: **Barbara Jean Benningfield, Patty Brady, Donna Wilcher, Ernest Carol Taylor, and Debbie Farris.**

Bro. Vic announced on Sunday morning, **October 3, 2004**, that the loan on the new addition was **paid in full!!!** A note burning was held at our 130-year celebration service Sunday morning, November 7, 2004. The week of November 3-7, 2004 was scheduled to celebrate the 130th anniversary of MHBC with the activities as follows:

- Wednesday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m.
Rev. Earl Pike, message
Gary Vidito, special music
- Thursday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m.
Rev. Bruce Hulette, message
Steve Skaggs, special music
- Friday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m.
Don Hamlin, message
Brian Bishop, special music
- Saturday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m.
JOYMAKERS
- Sunday, November 7 at 11:00 a.m.
Bro. Harold Meers, message
Muldraugh Hill Baptist Choir
Jason Logan
- Members (former & present) reminisced throughout the week of their memories of Muldraugh Hill. Also, a document of written memories was published.



As announced in the November, 2004 Business Meeting, the concrete and railing work has been completed and the parking lot has been sealed. The budget was approved for the 2005 Fiscal year with \$10,000 borrowed from Citizen's Bank for 6 months. The \$10,000 was paid off in January, 2005 using money from the Building Fund and the remainder from the Regular Fund. The only debt the church has left at this time is for the van.

A church-wide birthday party was held on January 23, 2005. The meal was pot-luck with the church furnishing the meat. Tables were set up and decorated, representing each month of the year. The members born in each month were responsible for decorating their table. An award was given for the Best Decorated table.

In February, 2005 the W. M. U. announced at the Business Meeting that the church had surpassed its goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by collecting \$4,074. A Financial Advisory Committee was approved of the following members: **Roger Barnett, Joyce Payne** and **Ernest Carol Taylor**. This committee will look out for the church's financial interests.

The youth had a church-wide Valentine's Meal on February 13th, 2005 following the Morning Worship Service. The meal was free but donations were accepted to help fund future trips and activities by the youth.



In the **March 2005 Business Meeting** it was approved to place a **flagpole with a floodlight in memory of Marion Payne** in the New Market Cemetery. The American flag can be seen waving from the road as travelers pass by.

Men's Day was March 13, 2005. The men were in charge of all activities of the church. They taught Sunday School and led the Worship Services. **Ernest Carol Taylor** and **David Veatch** were the speakers in the Morning Service and **Mark Speer** and **Steve Yates** were the speakers in the Evening Service.

The choir performed the Easter Cantata, "**Behold the Lamb**" on **March 27, 2005**. **Ernest Carol Taylor** and **Kelly Wise** were narrators for the program. Sam Graham took care of the sound.

May, 2005 – The Home Missions Offering received \$703.00, surpassing the \$650.00 goal. **Elizabeth Farmer** and **Betty Whitehouse** attended the State W. M. U. meeting in London.

The church set up a "**Phone Tree**" to help get information out to church members about deaths, sickness or emergencies that happen in our community. People in Marion County are asked to call **Elizabeth Farmer** at 270-692-3203 and those in Taylor County to call **Ernest Carol Taylor** at 270-699-2786. These people will proceed to call others on the list to spread the word.

All the mothers of the church were recognized on **Mother's Day, May 8, 2005**. Special recognition was given to "The Oldest Mother Present" (**Frances Hourigan**), "The Youngest Mother Present" (**Jessica Benningfield**), and "The Mother with the Most Children Present" (**Jean Sallee**).

Vacation Bible School was held on May 31st to June 4th, 2005 for children through grade 6 from 6 to 8:30 pm nightly. Parent's Night was June 5th with a program presented by the children, refreshments, and an inflatable slide and bouncy room for children to play on. The theme was "Ramblin Road Trip: Which Way Do I Go?" There were as high as 98 students each night.



A group went on a **Mission Trip to Avon, Florida June 5 - 11, 2005** to help with the cleanup after the Hurricane. They worked with the Florida Baptist Disaster Relief Organization doing hurricane relief. Mission Team members were: **Tyler Bright, Josh England, Beth Veatch, Kelsey Veatch, Jessica Reynolds, Allison Wise, Kellie Wise, Stacy Mays, Davette Mays, Stephanie Brady, Emogene Farmer, Goldie Graham, Obie and Karen Whitehead, Eddie and Teresa Fightmaster** (Youth Minister and his wife) **Bro. Vic and Joan Stansbury**.

June, 2005 – The church now has a Visa credit card with a limit of \$800.00. It was used for the first time on the Mission Trip to Florida. The Deacons recommended, and it was approved, for the following people to serve on the **Nominating Committee**: **Elizabeth Farmer** (W.M.U. Director), **Kelly Holderman** (Sunday School Director), **Dennis Wise** (Chairman of the Deacons), **Betty Cox, Judy Farmer, Bob Moore, and Mark Speer**.

On **June 19, 2005**, the church celebrated **Father's Day**. During the Morning Worship Service, all the fathers were recognized with special recognition given to "The Oldest Father Present" (**Milton Farmer**), "The Youngest Father Present" (**Jason Benningfield**), and "The Father with the Most Children Present" (**Jim Sabo, Jr.**).

There was a church-wide swimming party at the Campbellsville Swimming Pool on July 18th, 2005.

On Saturday, July 30th, a group went to the Lincoln Jamboree in Hodgenville to see **Steve Skaggs**, a former Minister of Music, perform.

August, 2005 – Glaze and repair was done to the stained-glass windows for \$2,600.00. Forty-five Braille books of Bible stories have been ordered and received by the church for **Amanda Livers**.

During the church year of September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2005, there were:

- 5 additions by baptism and 0 by letter
- The Sunday School Attendance average was 135
- The Sunday Morning Worship Service average was 214
- Total receipts were \$177,719
- Perfect Attendance 2005
- See Organizational Structure document for 2004 – 2005

- Those receiving Perfect Attendance for the year:

Elizabeth Farmer (21 years)

Josh Veatch (18 years)

Ann Reynolds (14 years)

Catherine Sabo (1 year)

Russell Veatch (12 years)

Michelle Gribbins (7 years)

Kelsey Veatch (6 years)

Jennifer Reynolds (9 years)

Evan Sallee (1 year)



- The recorded deaths were:

Clarence Benningfield

Earl Brockman

Raymond England

Joseph Gregory Melton

Marion Payne

Florence Richerson

From September 25–30, 2005, the Central Baptist Association held a Revival in several churches in Marion County. Muldraugh Hill hosted the revival on the 26th with Dr. Bill Saye as the evangelist.

The **Annual Fall Meeting of Central Baptist Association** was held at **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church** on **October 3, 2005** from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Our church was responsible for the noon meal. **Rev. Victor Stansbury, Joan Stansbury, Elizabeth Farmer, Ernest Carol Taylor, Arlene Mullins, and Evelyn Burress** served as messengers to the Association.

September, 2005 Business Meeting – The church approved the collection of a special offering on September 18th for the Kentucky Disaster Relief, which is helping with the hurricane victims. If \$1,000 is not collected, the church will make up the difference for a total of \$1,000.00. \$1,925.00 was actually collected.

November, 2005 Business Meeting – The following people will serve on the **Stewardship Committee for 2006: Catherine Sabo, Janice Chappell, Joyce Payne, Sam Graham, Mark Carney, and Debbie Farris.**

Our **Fall Revival** was held **November 6th – 9th, 2005.** **Kenny Rager**, a graduate at Campbellsville University and presently a student at Southern Baptist Seminary was the evangelist.

On Sunday, December 4th, we had our “Hanging of the Greens” service and the children’s Christmas program, “Tell Me the Story of Christmas” during the evening worship service.

In the December business meeting, a report was given that a new insert for the sign in front of the church (excluding the brickwork) is estimated to cost \$2,949.50. It was approved to have this work done. It was also decided that all future members going through baptism would receive a

Bible from the church. A decision was made to pay off the balance of what is owed on the church van (\$6,997.50). This is the churches only debt.

The Christmas Cantata and Play, "Bringing Christmas Home", was presented on December 11th during the Morning Worship Service.

The Annual White Christmas Offering was collected on December 18th, 2005 (total of \$16,711.00).

December 25, 2005 was **Jason Logan's** last day as Minister of Music. He resigned earlier in the month and will be taking a new position as Minister of Music of Greensburg Baptist Church. **Jim Sabo, Sr.** will fill in until a new Minister of Music is hired.

On **January 8th, 2006**, there was a reception in the church Fellowship Hall in honor of **Smith and Helen Mays who celebrated 55 years of marriage.**

The Annual Church-wide Birthday Party took place on Sunday, January 15th following the Morning Worship Service. Tables were decorated for each month with an award given to the "Best Decorated Table". The meal was potluck with the church providing the meat.

The Fellowship Hall will be open on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7-9:00 pm through the winter months (ending in April) for recreational activities.

On February 12, 2006, the Youth sponsored a church-wide Valentine's Meal. The meal was free but donations were accepted to help the youth with future activities.

On March 12, 2006, the G.A.'s sponsored "Annie's Café", a free meal with donations accepted to help with the Annie Armstrong North American Missions "Easter" Offering.

March 19th, 2006 was Youth Sunday. The youth were in charge of the Morning Worship Service. The youth listed in the bulletin were: **Austin Sabo, Jennifer England, Holly Sabo, Brandon Sallee, Jonathan Bright, and Kaitlyn Farris.**

Men's Day was Sunday, March 26, 2006. The men led the Sunday School classes and the Morning and Evening Worship Service activities. **Obie Whitehead** and **Dennis Wise** were the speakers in the Morning Worship Service. **Glen Wright** was the speaker in the Evening Worship Service.

April 5, 2006 Business Meeting – The W. M. U. reported that the goal was surpassed for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering with a total of \$1,049.00 received.

The **Spring Revival was held April 23 – 26th** with **Bro. Danny Pace** as the evangelist. He is Pastor of Palestine Baptist Church in Taylor County.

The church celebrated **Mother's Day on May 21, 2006.** Each mother was recognized with special recognition of the "Oldest Mother Present" (**Lucy Benningfield**), the "Youngest Mother Present" (**Ashley Brady**), and the "Mother with the Most Children Present" (**Jessica Benningfield**).



May, 2006 – The church decided to have the steeple reclad with **David England** overseeing the project. David will apply gold leaf to the cross. The cost will be \$7,024.00 and \$70.00 per hour for the use of the crane to put the steeple in place. (The work was completed in July.)



Vacation Bible School was held June 5 – 9, 2006 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm with Parent’s Night on June 10th. The theme was “The Artic Edge”.

The Southern Baptist Convention was held in Greensboro, North Carolina June 11, 2006.

Father’s Day was celebrated on **June 18, 2006** with recognition of all the fathers present, with special recognition of “The Oldest Father Present” (**Milton Farmer**), “The Youngest Father Present” (**Jon Hall**), and “The Father with the Most Children Present” (**Wayne Sallee**).

A **Church Directory Committee** was formed: **Charlotte Benningfield, Elizabeth Farmer, Ernest Carol Taylor, Joan Stansbury, and Mark Carney**. The directory pictures were taken in August by Olan Mills. **Kaylene Poff** took pictures of the Pastor, staff, and Sunday School Classes.

The following members served on the **Nominating Committee**: **Elizabeth Farmer, Kelly Holderman, Ernest Carol Taylor, Catherine Sabo, Janice Chappell, Larry Bright, and Glen Cox**.



Sixteen church members served on a **mission trip to Gulfport, Mississippi** from **June 25th – July 1st, 2006**. Those people were: **Stacy Mays Bartley, Annette Dennison, Josh England, Eddie and Teresa Fightmaster, Davette Mays, Melody Mays, Bob Moore, Jessica Reynolds, Brandon Sallee, Joan Stansbury, Bro Vic Stansbury, Ray Stapp, Heather Thomas, Betty Whitehouse, Kelly Wise and Allison Wise**. Two other team members (Rev. Don and Lisa Gowin) drove down a load of doors. They worked on three houses and the inside of the church that had been damaged by the hurricane. In the Fall, 2006, **Obie and Karen Whitehead** went to Gulfport and painted the inside of Gulf Gardens Baptist Church.

Pictures were taken of all the Sunday School classes during the Sunday School hour on August 6, 2006 to be included in the new Church Directory. **Kaylene Poff** took the pictures of each of the Sunday School groups.

Olan Mills was here from August 17-19th to take pictures for the new church directory. A make-up date was scheduled for September 28th for those who would not be here for the original 4-day event.



Bro. Vic announced in the Morning Worship Service on **August 20, 2006** that he and Joan have a new granddaughter born to Vicki and Andy Thompson. They named her **Abigail Elise** and she weighed seven pounds and 8 ounces.

During the church year of September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006 there were:

- 6 additions by baptism and 6 by letter
- The Sunday School Attendance average was 133
- The Sunday Morning Worship Service average was 207
- Total receipts were \$189,420 Perfect Attendance 2006
- See the Organizational Structure document for 2005 – 2006

- Those receiving Perfect Attendance Awards:

Ann Reynolds (15 years)

Kelsey Veatch (7 years)

Elizabeth Farmer (22 years)

Jennifer Reynolds (10 years)

Anita Lanham (8 years)

Michelle Gribbins (8 years)

Burnam Lanham (10 years)

Russell Veatch (13 years)

Josh Veatch (19 years).

Absent from the photo was **Annette Dennison** (14 years)



- The recorded deaths were:

Emma Carter Farmer

Robert Mullins

Lyle Payne

Gary Stephen Yates

The following members served as Messengers to the Associational Meeting held at Stewart's Creek Baptist Church on **October 2, 2006**: **Bro. Vic Stansbury, Arlene Mullins, Elizabeth Farmer, and Joan Stansbury.**

September 10th, 2006 was the annual hayride with picnic and Evening Worship Service on Joyce Payne's farm.

The goal was set of \$500.00 for the State Missions Offering. The goal was surpassed for the first time since 2003.

The church purchased an Epson projector and a screen (total of \$939.98) to be used for Bible School.

The following members served on the **Stewardship Committee** for 2007: **Mark Speer, Terry Eastridge, Catherine Sabo, Beth Veatch, Larry Bright, and Debbie Farris.**

Fire Extinguishers have been placed in strategic places around the church and Exit signs above the doors per recommendation of our insurance.

In the November, 2006 business meeting, the Music Committee presented a report and made a recommendation for purchase. The church approved the purchase of an organ from the Rogers Company for \$22,500 if we run our own speaker wires. This price includes: delivery, installation, speakers, and unlimited instruction for our organists. It has a computer, is self-diagnostic, and has a ten-year warranty. Two types of stock (twelve shares of Chilpote and 182 shares of McDonald's) have been donated to the church through Edward Jones, with the present-day worth of \$8,344.02. It was decided to sell the stock and place it in the General Church Fund to be used toward the purchase of the organ if a special offering collected on November 19th did not cover the balance. There is already \$16,350 in the Organ Fund already. A final payment was made on the purchase of the organ in January, 2009.

November 12, 2006 was **Eddie Fightmaster's** last Sunday with us as Youth Director.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention was held November 13-15th, 2006.

The choir, directed by **Jim Sabo, Sr.**, presented the Christmas Cantata called, "I'll Be Home For Christmas" on **December 17, 2006**. The members of the choir were: **Michelle Gribbins, June Elliott, Joyce Payne, Dixie Wise, Leslie Moore, Kathryn Sabo, Amanda Livers, Anita Lanham, Nettie brown, Joan Stansbury, Emogene Farmer, Margaret Pyle, Goldie Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Eastridge, David and Lori England, Wanda Farris, Glen Cox, Jim Sabo, Jr. Mark Carney** did the narration.

The annual White Christmas Offering was collected on December 24, 2006 with the sum total of \$18,751.00.

An Elevator Fund was started in January, 2007.

The new church directories arrived and were given out to the church members on January 7th, 2007.

The annual church-wide Birthday Party was held on January 21, 2007 after the Morning Worship Service. The meal was potluck with the church supplying the meat. The tables were again decorated according to each month of the year and an award was given to the "Best Decorated Table".

On January 14th, in the Evening Worship Service, The Sullivan Family, a gospel group from Alabama, performed for the church.

Two fire boxes that will withstand 1700 degrees for one hour were purchased in March after the February, 2007 Business Meeting. **It was decided to permanently display a folded American flag in a shadow box in the vestibule to honor those who have served and are serving in the armed forces.** It was put in place in March.

A total of \$3,249 (surpassing the goal of \$3,000), with the help of Lottie's Café by the GA's on February 11th, was collected by WMU for International Missions. The GA's will be holding a Bake Sale in April to help raise money for the Annie Armstrong North American Home Missions Offering.

Jon Eric Stansbury and Rebecca Lynn Simmons were married in Henderson, Tennessee on March 10, 2007 at Bible Baptist Church. Several members of the church attended the wedding and reception.

Ricky Livers is applying for a beer and liquor license for Poor Boys, which was previously Benningfield Quick Stop. The church approved sending a petition and statement to Frankfort protesting the issuance of the licenses. This petition was available at the church to be signed on March 18, 2007. It was later mailed to Frankfort in September.

Men's Day was March 25, 2007. The men taught the Sunday School classes and led the Worship Services. The speakers for the Morning Service were **Todd Hardin** and **Ray Stapp**. The speakers for the Evening Service were **Jim Sabo, Jr.** and **Terry Eastridge**.

A new copier was purchased by the church in April, 2007 from Chandler's for \$1,805 with a 12-month warranty. An Omni directional microphone was purchased for \$125 to aid the Children's Choir and other specials. The WMU, along with the help of the GA's Bake Sale, collected \$1,229.11 (surpassing the goal of \$1,000) for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The credit card limit was increased to \$2,000 so it can be used for gas for the Mission Trip coming up in July.

The Spring Revival was held April 15 – 18, 2007. **Bro. Mark Graham** (son of Sam and Connie Graham), pastor of Beech Grove Baptist Church in Green County, was the evangelist.

Muldraugh Hill celebrated **Mother's Day on May 6, 2007** a little differently than usual. This year, instead of having a meal, there was a reception and time of refreshment prior to Sunday School. Then during the Morning Worship Service each of the mothers was recognized with a gift. Then special recognition and gift was given to honor "The Oldest Mother Present" (**Frances Hourigan**), "The Youngest Mother Present" (**Ashley Hurt**), and "The Mother with the Most Children Present" (**Jean Sallee**).

On May 20th, following the Morning Worship Service, there was a church-wide fellowship meal in the church Fellowship Hall to raise money for the Mission Trip this summer to Gulfport, Mississippi. There was no charge for the meal, but donations were received for the trip.

Vacation Bible School was held for children of preschool age through 6th grade on June 4 – 8, 2007 from 6 – 8 pm nightly. The theme this year was "Game Day Central: Where Heroes Are

Made". Parent's Night was on Friday night with the program followed by refreshments and a time for the children to play on the inflatables.

June Business Meeting - The purchase of a cabinet with locks was approved for approximately \$229 to hold the materials for the GA's. The following members served on the **Nominating Committee: Roger Barnett, Elizabeth Farmer, Sam Graham, Mark Speer, Sherri Price, John Sparrow, and Tracy Cochran.**

Bro. Vic and Joan attended the Southern Baptist Convention in San Antonio, Texas during the week of June 10th.

The church celebrated **Father's Day on June 17, 2007** with recognition of and presentation of a gift to each of the fathers present. Then special recognition and gift was given to honor "The Oldest Father Present" (**Milton Farmer**), "The Youngest Father Present" (**Jason Benningfield**), and "The Father with the Most Children Present" (**Jim Reed**).

The large old oak tree was cut down that stood at the northern edge of our parking lot near Highway 289. It has been there a long time and it really changed the view as drivers approached the church from Lebanon.

From July 7 - 14, 2007, 19 people returned to **Gulfport, MS for a Mission Trip: Bro Vic and Joan Stansbury with their granddaughter, Kelsey Thompson, Melody Mays, Davette Mays, Stacy Mays Bartley, Annette Dennison, Betty Whitehouse, Josh England, Brandon Sallee, Jonathon Bright, Eddie and Teresa Fightmaster, Lequita Barnett, Allison and Kellie Wise, Jessica Reynolds Veatch, Jennifer England, and Bob Moore.** They held a Vacation Bible School and did various rebuilding projects in the community.

The church hosted the **Associational Music Night on September 16th, 2007** and the Associational Meeting the first Monday in October. The following members were sent as Messengers to the Association: **Bro. Vic Stansbury, Joan Stansbury, Arlene Mullins, Evelyn Burress and Elizabeth Farmer.**

Bro. Don Blackwell, his wife Lisa and son, Austin, were here from Gulfport, Mississippi September 26, 2007. They took school supplies back with them from Muldraugh Hill.

September, 2007 – The CO-ED Softball Team won the tournament at Bradfordsville. The members of the team were: **Jason and Jessica Benningfield; Kevin and Tracy Cochran; Timmy and Stacy Bartley; Josh and Jessica Veatch; Heather Thomas; Kellie and Allison Wise; Travis Hurt.**

The Kitchen Committee was given permission to purchase a second basic refrigerator for the old kitchen.

A total of \$541 was collected by the WMU for State Missions. The church approved the purchase of a 60" lawn mower by the pastor and trustees for up to \$7,000 and to dispose of the old lawn mower and tractor. Bids were accepted for the old lawn mower and tractor and they were sold to the highest bidders.

The following members were nominated and approved to serve on the **Budget Committee** for 2008: **Betty Whitehouse, Donnie Veatch, Glen Cox, Ernest Carol Taylor, and JoAnn Benningfield.**

During the church year of September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007 there were:

- 3 additions by baptism and 5 by letter
- The Sunday School Attendance average was 134
- The Sunday Morning Worship Service average was 218
- Total receipts were \$199,590
- See the Organizational Structure document for 2006 - 2007
- Those receiving Perfect Attendance Awards for the year:
Allison Sallee (2 years)
Kelly Holderman (1 year)
Ann Reynolds (16 years)
Kelsey Veatch (8 years)
Elizabeth Farmer (23 years)
Burnam Lanham (11 years)
Russell Veatch (14 years)
Josh Veatch (20 years)
- The recorded deaths were:
Floyd Burress
Edward Sanders
Geneva Yates



The dumpster was put in place at the church on April 29, 2007.

It was approved at the August 2007 Business Meeting to spend up to \$3,000 on a new lawnmower for the church.

It was noted in the Deacons' Minutes on October 28, 2007 that, on two nights a week, the church will host an activity night where basketball and cornhole will be played. The church now has DSL service.

The church purchased property adjacent to the New Market Cemetery in **October, 2007** to **expand the cemetery for \$5,000** (the 0.4-acre Kessler Lot). Richard Crum donated the land needed to square it up (0.3 acres). The cost to survey the land was \$720. Joe Mattingly, attorney, donated his fee to draw up the deed. A recording fee of \$49 was paid to the court house. The land has been seeded and straw placed.

Edward Jones has given to the church 100 shares of McDonald's stock valued at \$5,971. The church will hold onto the stock for now.

A group (**Bro Vic and Joan, David and Melody Mays, Josh and Jessica Veatch, Annette Dennison, Josh England, Allison and Kellie Wise**) returned to **Gulfport, Mississippi** from **December 20-22, 2007** to take "Angel" gifts for Christmas.

On December 23, 2007, the choir (directed by **Jim Sabo, Sr.**) presented the Christmas Cantata and Play (narrated by **Tracy Mays Cochran**) and the Annual White Christmas Offering was collected which totaled \$15,525.

The church approved the purchase of a lift for no more than \$1,000 to change light bulbs in the Fellowship Hall. It was purchased in January, 2008 for \$752. The Finance Committee recommended (the church voted on and approved) that the church make changes in the checking and savings accounts: Keep \$10,000 in the NOW Account, buy three \$10,000 CD's which will be on an 8-month term drawing 2.75% interest, and place the remainder in the Passport Savings (approximately \$25,000) drawing 1.25% interest as this money can be transferred freely if needed.

On Sunday, January 27, 2008, we had our church-wide birthday party following the Morning Worship Service. There were 12 tables decorated representing each month of the year. An award was given to the "Best Decorated Table".

A total of \$2,495 was collected by the WMU for Foreign Missions (not quite meeting the goal of \$3,000). However, the GA's sponsored the Lottie's Café on February 10, 2008 and raised enough money to surpass the goal by \$127.

March 16th, 2008 was Men's Day. The men taught the Sunday School classes and were in charge of the services of the day. The speakers in the Morning Worship Service were **Travis Hurt** and **John Graham**. The speakers for the Evening Worship Service were **Bob Berger** and **Keith Benningfield**.

The choir presented the Easter Cantata entitled "Redeeming Love" on Sunday, March 23, 2008.

The **Spring Revival was April 20 – 23, 2008.** **Bro. Buddy Crabtree**, pastor of First Baptist Church in Russellville was the evangelist. He is also Ashley Hurt's father.

In the May, 2008 Business Meeting, it was reported that it cost \$1,585 to tile the cemetery. **Judy and David Farmer** donated \$585 in memory of **Willard and Kevin Farmer**. The remainder \$1,000 is being paid by the church. Tracer wires were installed to help identify the position of the tiles.

The church celebrated **Mother's Day on May 11, 2008** with a reception and time of refreshment prior to Sunday School. Then during the Morning Worship Service each of the mothers was recognized with a gift. Then special recognition and gift was given to honor "The Oldest Mother Present" (**Frances Hourigan**), "The Youngest Mother Present" (**Jessica Benningfield** and **Ashley Brady**), and "The Mother with the Most Children Present" (**Jean Sallee**).

In the June, 2008 business meeting, the Deacons recommended (and it was approved) the following members to serve on the **Nominating Committee: Jim Sabo, Jr.** (Chairman of the Deacons), **Elizabeth Farmer** (W. M. U. Director), **Sam Graham** (Sunday School Director), **Lequita Barnett, Jessica Veatch, Sherri Benningfield, and Glenn Cox.**

Vacation Bible School was held June 2 – 6, 2008 from 6 – 8:30 pm. The theme for the year was "Outrigger Island: Living God's Unshakable Truth". Parent's Night was on the 7th with refreshments after the program. The children also enjoyed playing on an inflatable slide and

bounce room. On Sunday prior to Bible School and after the Morning Worship Service, the children led the church in a song, "Let My Actions Match My Passion" and then went outside to release balloons in the air with notes attached telling anyone who found the balloon details about Bible School.

Bro. Vic and Joan attended the Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana the week of June 8th, 2008.

Muldraugh Hill celebrated **Father's Day on June 15, 2008** with recognition of and presentation of a gift to each of the fathers present. Then special recognition and gift was given to honor "The Oldest Father Present" (**Jim Bob Moore**), "The Youngest Father Present" (**Jason Benningfield**), and "The Father with the Most Children Present" (**Randy Thompson**).

Fifteen people went to **Gulfport, Mississippi** from **June 21st – 28th, 2008** for a **mission trip**. Those people were: **Lequita Barnett, Annette Dennison, Rita Wise, Ray Stapp, Kellie Wise, Bob Moore, Jessica Veatch, Davette Mays, Jennifer England, Josh England, Jonathan Bright, Tyler Bright, Bro. Vic and Joan Stansbury** and their granddaughter **Kelsey Thompson**. They held Vacation Bible School and did various repair jobs on the church building and in the community that were damaged by Hurricane Katrina.



Bro. Vic and Joan proudly announced the birth of another granddaughter, **Aubree Reese Stansbury**. She was born **June 30th, 2008** in Nashville, Tennessee to Jon and Becky. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long.

During the church year of September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008 there were:

- 4 additions by baptism and 1 by letter
- The Sunday School Attendance average was 129
- The Sunday Morning Worship Service average was 212 (Muldraugh Hill Baptist church was the highest in the Association)
- Total receipts were \$193,122 Perfect Attendance 2008
- See the Organizational Structure document for 2007 - 2008
- Those receiving Perfect Attendance Awards were:
 - Josh Veatch** (21 years)
 - Ann Reynolds** (17 years)
 - Kelsey Veatch** (8 years)
 - Catherine Sabo** (2 years)
 - Amanda Livers** (1 year)
- The recorded deaths were:
 - Lucy Benningfield**
 - Marie Caulk**
 - Prather Rafferty**



On **September 7, 2008** a **Presentation of Bibles** were given to some special long-term Sunday School teachers who had recently retired due to health reasons: **Elizabeth Farmer, Emogene Farmer, Joyce Payne, and Bonnie Benningfield**. Pictures were taken of the occasion. Bonnie's son, Jason, received the gift for his mother. Also, **Kaylene Poff** took pictures of the Active Deacons for the church website.



A vote was taken by the members of the church on September 28, 2008 to offer the **Minister of Youth** position to **Willis Dietz** (a sophomore at Campbellsville University). Willis is from Madisonville, Kentucky.

Amanda Livers was presented with a set of seven Braille song books in **October, 2008**. She sings in the choir every Sunday and performs solos on occasion.

In the October business meeting, the Deacons presented a recommendation (and it was approved) for the following members to serve on the **Budget Committee for 2009: John Graham, June Elliott, Dennis Wise, Catherine Sabo, and Melody Mays**. In the same meeting the Deacons presented a recommendation (and it was approved) for the following members to serve on the **Elevator Committee: Ernest Taylor, David England, Roger Barnett, Donnie Veatch, and Bob Moore**. **Willis Deitz** was accepted as a member of the church (moving his letter from Hanson Baptist Church in Hanson, Kentucky) and he has accepted the position of Minister of Youth. His fiancé', **Whitney Davis** was accepted as a member (moving her letter from Grapevine Missionary Baptist in Madisonville, Kentucky). They are to be married in June, 2009.

Our **Fall Revival** was **November 16 – 19, 2008**. **Bro. Donavon Burton**, pastor of Bradfordsville Baptist Church, was the evangelist.

The choir presented the Christmas Cantata entitled "Celebrate the Gift" on December 21, 2008. A total of \$15,040.00 was collected for the annual White Christmas Offering.

Bro. Earl Pike (our former pastor) was the guest speaker on **January 4, 2009** while Bro. Vic and Joan were on vacation.

The Annual Church Birthday Dinner was held on Sunday, January 11th, 2009 after the Morning Worship Service. It was potluck. The tables were not judged this year they were in recent years. Instead, money was deposited in a box called "The Birthday Bank" which was used in the old church. Members were asked to put a penny (or more if they wished) in the box for each year of age the individual was that year. The money collected was used for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. This was the way it was done many years ago.

At the February 2009 Business Meeting, it was reported that a total of \$3,412.00 was collected for the Lottie Moon Mission Offering.

The Youth sponsored the Valentine's Meal on February 15, 2009. Donations were accepted to help fund future youth activities.

From **February 27 to March 1, 2009**, there was a "Passion for Purity Disciple Now" weekend for our youth at the church, led by our **Youth Director, Willis Dietz**, and assisted by volunteer parents.

On February 22, 2009 in the Evening Worship Service, the movie, Fireproof, was shown. It is a movie produced and directed by Sherwood Pictures, a nonprofit ministry of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia. It starred Kirk Cameron and related a story of a failing marriage which started the healing process once the husband was introduced to God and changed his ways to be more God-like. Many churches were showing the movie to their congregation because of the strong moral message.

Youth Sunday was **March 8, 2009**. The youth were in charge of the Morning Worship Services. They were very entertaining and inspirational. **Willis Dietz** gave the message.

On March 15th, 2009, after the Morning Worship Service, the W.M.U. had a meal for the church with donations collected going toward the Annie Armstrong North American Missions Offering. A goal of \$1,500 was set and surpassed by \$60.00.

The church celebrated **Men's Day on Sunday, March 29, 2009**. They enjoyed a meal before Sunday School of sausage and biscuits and other breakfast foods. The men were in charge of Sunday School and the Worship Services of the day. The choir was totally men and they performed the special, directed by **Jim Sabo, Sr. Howard Farris** and **Ernest Carol Taylor** were the speakers in the Morning Worship Service and Glenn Wright was the speaker in the Evening Worship Service.

The church had its annual Easter Sunrise Service on April 12, 2009 in the cemetery across the road from the church.

The **Spring Revival** was held from **April 19-22**. **Bro. James Griffith** was the speaker for each service. He was a recent graduate of Campbellsville University and Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

In April, 2009, the shrubs were removed between the ramp and the church and replaced with rock.

May, 2009 Business Meeting - **David England** reported that the Elevator Committee received quotes totaling \$108,010 to put in the elevator. A motion was made and approved to go ahead with this project when a total of \$50,000 is collected in the Elevator Fund.

The church celebrated **Mother's Day on May 10, 2009** with a reception and time of refreshment prior to Sunday School. Then during the Morning Worship Service each of the mothers was recognized with a gift. Then special recognition and gift was given to honor "The Oldest Mother Present" (**Clara Evans**), "The Youngest Mother Present" (**Jessica Benningfield**), and "The Mother with the Most Children Present" (**Vicky Farmer**).

On **Memorial Day Sunday, May 24, 2009**, loved ones who had passed away in the previous year were honored by reading their names in a special ceremony during the Morning Worship Service. Also, during the service, a special collection was taken toward the Cemetery Fund. We had been trying to get \$50,000 in a **Perpetual Care Fund** and were only \$1,110.89 away from that amount. That **goal was reached**.

June 5-20, 2009 Mission Trip to Darby, Montana and Salt Lake City, Utah – The following people participated in a mission trip to Darby, Montana: **Joan Stansbury, Annette Dennison, Davette Mays, Brandon Sallee, Josh England, Jennifer England, Kellie Wise, and Allison Wise**. They ministered by helping in Vacation Bible School, Ladies Bible Study and at a Job Corp for troubled teens. **Kellie, Allison, Josh and Jennifer** stayed the second week in Salt Lake City and helped with Backyard Bible Clubs.

June 10, 2009 Business Meeting – The Deacons recommend the following to serve on the **Nominating Committee: David England** (Chairman of the Deacons), **Elizabeth Farmer** (W.M.U. Director), **Sam Graham** (Sunday School Director), **LeAnn Moore, Ann Reynolds Lee, Bro. Stansbury, June Elliott, and Jean Peterson**. The following members were appointed to serve as **messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention** in Louisville, Kentucky: **Bro. Stansbury, Joan Stansbury, Willis Deitz, and Josh England**.

The Church celebrated **Father's Day on June 21, 2009** with recognition of and presentation of a gift to each of the fathers present. Then special recognition and gift was given to honor "The Oldest Father Present" (**Jim Bob Moore**), "The Youngest Father Present" (**Jason Benningfield**), and "The Father with the Most Children Present" (**Dennis Wise**).

The Southern Baptist Convention was held in Louisville, Kentucky June 21-24, 2009.

Willis Dietz (the Minister of Youth) and **Whitney Davis** were **married on June 27th** at Grapevine Baptist Church in Madisonville, Kentucky. Several members of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church attended the wedding and reception.

Vacation Bible School was held in July 6-11, 2009 with the theme, "Boomerang Express: It All Comes Back to Jesus". Wednesday evening of VBS we had 88 students!!! There was a very large crowd for Parent's Night on Saturday evening.

July 12 – July 15, 2009 the following people participated in a **mission trip to Manchester Kentucky: Shirley Farmer**, her granddaughters **Catlin Farmer and Heather Thomas, Betty Whitehouse, Annette Dennison, Leslie Moore, Kellie Wise, James "Obie" and Karen**

Whitehead, Bro. Vic and **Joan Stansbury** and their granddaughter **Kelsey Thompson**. They worked with the Manchester Baptist Church and their ministry “God’s Closet”. While there, they sorted clothes, helped give clothes out to the community people, helped with a Backyard Bible Club and painted the outside of the building that houses “God’s Closet” with an estimated savings of \$6,700.00 in labor costs. The group learned that they were working in what has been classified as the 3rd poorest economic county in the United States.

Bro. Vic went to Gulfport, Mississippi from August 2nd – 5th, 2009 to preach in a revival and to help teach some classes.



A new program called **AWANA** was started **August 30, 2009**. It is a ministry for children from 3 years to 6th grade that takes place every Sunday night. It is a time with many activities focusing on learning about God and includes: music, scripture memory, games never played before, and a lesson. **Whitney Dietz** is the Director of the new program.

During the church year of September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009 there were:

- 4 additions by baptism and 7 by letter
- The Sunday School Attendance average was 123
- The Sunday Morning Worship Service average was 193
Allison Sallee Elizabeth Farmer
Josh Veatch
- Organizational Structure for 2008 - 2009
- Those receiving Perfect Attendance Awards were:
Elizabeth Farmer (24 years)
Josh Veatch (22 years)
Kelsey Veatch (10 years)
Allison Sallee (3 years)
- The recorded deaths were:
Barbara Cooper
Katie Cox
Randall Newcomb
Ernie Pyles
Eddie Yates
B. J. Lanham

This concludes the addendum to the history of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church. The full history of the church can be viewed online at www.muldraughhill.org or at the following libraries: Taylor County Public Library, Marion County Public Library, and Campbellsville University Library.

The History Of MULDRAUGH HILL BAPTIST CHURCH (September 2009 through August 2012)



Several members of the church went on a trip to Cumberland Falls on **September 10, 2009**. Three couples in the group had their honeymoons at Lake Cumberland several years ago. It was a beautiful day and a fun trip for all.

On Sunday, October 25, 2009, Operation Christmas Child Shoebox of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church had a dinner and a dedication service. Donations were accepted to help with the shipping cost of the shoeboxes. These shoeboxes, numbering 474, were packed by volunteers prior to the dinner. It costs \$7.00 to ship each box. The donations collected before, during, and since the dinner now total \$3,050. Praise God! This is just \$268 shy of reaching the goal. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this project in any way, including volunteer work and providing monetary funding.

Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church celebrated its **135th Anniversary November 4th - 8th of 2009**. A reprint of the cookbook, originally printed in 1981, was completed by popular demand and made available for purchase during the anniversary event. The schedule of speakers for the 135th Anniversary were as follows:

- November 4th (Wednesday at 7:00 pm) - **Rev. Harold Meers**
 - November 5th (Thursday at 7:00 pm) - **Rev. Earl Pike**
 - November 6th (Friday at 7:00 pm) - **Rev. Steve Skaggs**
 - November 7th (Saturday at 7:00 pm) - **The Polston Family**
 - November 8th (Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 am) - **Rev. Victor Stansbury**
- Four baptisms were performed (**Alyssa Farmer, Caroline Farmer, Will Farmer, and Marcus Moore**). The service was followed with a potluck meal and pictorial video.

The "Hanging of the Greens" service was held on November 29, 2009 in the Evening Worship Service. It took just a few minutes to see the church sanctuary come alive with greenery and festive atmosphere. Everyone brought a non-perishable food item to place under the Christmas tree. Those items are to be taken to the Lebanon Community Center to help the less fortunate in the community. Finger foods were brought in order to have a time of fellowship after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

The Annual White Christmas Offering was collected on December 20, 2009 during the Morning Worship Service. The total amount received was \$17,045. Members filed by a little white wooden church to deposit their gift. The church choir, led by **Jim Sabo, Sr.**, presented the Christmas performance entitled, "A Carol to the King". A special love offering of appreciation was collected and given to the following for their hard work and dedication the past year: **Bro. Vic and Joan**, the Church Secretary (**Debbie Farris**), the Song Leader (**Jim Sabo, Sr.**), the Youth Leader (**Willis Deitz**), the custodian (**Anita Lanham**), and the musicians (**Wanda Buckler, June Elliott, Annette Dennison, and Martha Whitehouse**).

Kelly Holderman, one of the deacons, died on Sunday, **December 27, 2009**. He was a good Christian man who was sincerely dedicated to serving the will of God. He will be greatly missed. The Deacons later presented **Josephine Holderman** a Bible in memory of Kelly.

Sunday School Services had to be cancelled on **January 31, 2010** due to 3 to 5 inches of snow and hazardous road conditions.

Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church had its Annual Church-wide Birthday Celebration Party on February 7, 2010 to celebrate everyone's birthday through the year. The party was held after the Morning Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. **Jim Sabo, Sr.** led the congregation in the song, "Happy Birthday to You" at the close of the Morning Worship Service and **David England** said the prayer of thanks for the meal and Benediction. The meal was potluck with the church furnishing the meat. Everyone had a good time of fellowship and great food. Donations were deposited in a box called "The Birthday Bank" which was used in the old church. Members were asked to put a penny (or more if they wished) in the box for each year of age the individual is this year. (This was the way it was done many years ago.) The money collected is used for "God's Closet" in Manchester, Kentucky.

The **winter of 2010** proved to be a very snowy season. There were several snow storms producing 2 to 10 inches of snow in this region of Kentucky. Wednesday night services, including Business Meeting, had to be cancelled on February 10, 2010 due to the hazardous road conditions.

The monthly Business Meeting was held March 10, 2010. The **Messengers for the Associational Meeting** to be held the last Monday in March will be: **Bro. Vic Stansbury, Joan Stansbury, Elizabeth Farmer, Arlene Mullins, Evelyn Burress, and Willis Deitz.** It was approved that a special offering be taken up for **Jody Yates**, who just experienced a house fire and lost everything.

The Sanctuary Choir presented the Easter Cantata, "Jesus Christ is Lord", during the Morning Worship Service on March 28, 2010. The choir is directed by **Jim Sabo, Sr.**

There were 146 in attendance for Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010. An estimated 290 people attended the Morning Worship Service.

The monthly Business Meeting was held April 9, 2010. A decision was made to have the Transportation Committee look into the price for a van that would be easier to get into without steps.

Men's Day was celebrated on April 11, 2010. The men and boys met at 9:15 for breakfast. Then the men lead all of the services for the Morning and Evening Worship Services along with the the Sunday School hour. The choir was comprised only of men and they performed a song at the beginning of the Morning Worship Service. The choir was led by **Jim Sabo, Sr. David England** was the pianist. **Paul Helm** played a special piece on the piano during the Offering. Josh England played the guitar and sang for the special music. The speakers in the Morning Worship Service were **Greg Taylor** and **Steve Morris.** The speakers in the Evening Worship Service were **Glenn Cox** and **Tommy Manges.**

Youth Sunday, an annual event, was held on **April 18, 2010.** The youth were in charge of the Morning Worship Service. **Josh England** led the music, **Carrie Fowler** gave the Children's Church message, **Amanda Livers** performed a solo and rang the 11:00 bell, 6 youth collected the offering, 5 performed a song to Sign Language, and **Erin Cox** delivered the message.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention asked that April 18, 2010 be designated for High Attendance Sunday School. Muldraugh Hill participated in this and reported 133 in Sunday School.

Mother's Day was celebrated on May 9, 2010. The mothers enjoyed a breakfast and time of fellowship before Sunday School. During the Morning Worship Service, each mother present was presented with a Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church mug. **Tracy Cochran** did a reading. Special recognition was given to the "Oldest Mother Present" (**Frances Rucker**), the "Youngest Mother Present" (**Brittany Cox**), and the "Mother with the Most Children Present" (**Jean Sallee** after choosing the number 10 out of 25). Several mothers were recognized as having children since the last Mother's Day.

All the fathers that were present during the Morning Worship Service on **June 20, 2010** were honored with the presentation of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church mugs. Special recognition was given for the "Father With the Most Children Present" (**Jim Reed**); the "Oldest Father Present" (**Milton Farmer** at age 97); and the "Youngest Father Present" (**Josh Veatch**).

During the church year of September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010 there were:

- 12 additions by baptism and 7 by letter
- The Sunday School Attendance average was 117
- The Sunday Morning Worship Service average was 206
- Organizational Structure for 2009 - 2010
- Those receiving Perfect Attendance Awards were:
Allison Sallee (4 years)
Kelsey Veatch (11 years)
- The recorded deaths were:
Jerry Wise
Kelly Holderman (Deacon)
Thelma Jean Yates
Elwood Porter



On Sunday, **September 26, 2010**, **Willis Dietz** announced his resignation to be effective October 6th. He will be moving to Nicholasville, Kentucky.



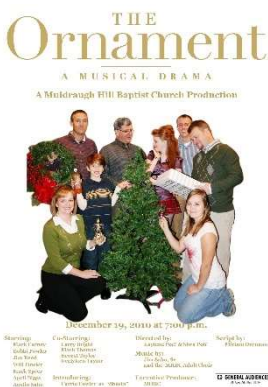
The **new church van** arrived and was displayed for all to see on Sunday, **October 3, 2010**. A special offering was collected on Sunday, October 10th with \$2,984.95 received. The church name still needs to be added.

Bro. Vic and Joan were honored on **November 21, 2010** with a **30th Anniversary Celebration** of their years of service at MHBC. This was done during the Morning Worship Service and extended in the afternoon with a potluck meal and speakers. Cake, made by **Clara Evans**, was served with punch after the meal. **Bro. Al Hardy** was the guest speaker during the Morning Worship Service. **Mark Carney** was the Master of Ceremonies for the event. The **MHBC Adult Choir**, **The Sabo Family** (**Jim, Sr., Catherine, Jim, Jr., Austin, and MaKayla**), and **Paul Helm** performed special music during the Morning Worship Service. **Terry Cox** (the first baby born after Bro. Vic became the pastor of MHBC) rang the bell thirty times instead of the usual 11. The children born since Bro. Vic became the pastor of MHBC that were in attendance were recognized, as were the couples married by Bro. Vic, and those that were baptized by him. The

Puppets performed during Children's Church. **Kellie Wise** presented a card to Bro. Vic and Joan signed by all the children and youth of the church. **Kellie Wise** and **Allison Wise** presented a book filled with cards and letters and pictures taken through the years. **Melody Mays** read a poem and presented an inscribed necklace to Joan. **Kaylene Poff** read a message to Bro. Vic., then assisted **Dennis Wise** (Chairman of the Deacons) by presenting Bro. Vic with a crystal plaque noting his 30 years of service and a monetary gift of \$3,000 from the church with an additional love offering of \$1,895.00. The Pulpit Committee of 1980 were recognized (**Sam Graham, Smith Mays, Tommy Wilcher, David Veatch**, and in memory of **Raymond England**) and they (and their spouses) led Bro. Vic, Joan, and family to the Fellowship Hall for the meal and rest of the service. **Ernest Taylor** led the prayer prior to the meal. After the meal, **Bro. John Chowning** (pastor of Saloma Baptist Church and Vice President for Church and External Relations at Campbellsville University), **Jim Durham** (Minister of Music of Greensburg Baptist Church), **Bro. J.W. Hatfield** (Pastor of Willisburg Baptist Church and Director of Missions for Central Association), **Dan Durham** (Pastor of Stewart's Creek Baptist Church), **Jon Stansbury**, and **Chris Stansbury** were guest speakers. A photographer was present to document the event. Attached is the event program that was provided to all in attendance. A detailed program schedule is attached that was used by the "Secret Committee".

The monthly Business Meeting was held on December 8, 2010. The 2011 budget was presented by Melody Mays, a representative of the Budget Committee, and was approved by those present. New business related to an amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws regarding the purchase of items costing greater than \$10,000 was discussed and directed to the Committee for further work.

On Sunday, December 19, 2010, during the Morning Worship Service, \$11,090.00 was given for the annual White Christmas Offering.



On Sunday, December, 19, 2010, in the Evening Worship Service, "The Ornament Musical Drama" was presented by the Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church Choir under the direction of **Jim Sabo, Sr.** and the play directed by **Kaylene Poff** with Assistant Director, **Shea Poff**. **Caroline Reed** read the introduction to the play. **Adam Poff** managed the audio for the actors and choir; **Josh Veatch** managed the video; **Kellie Wise** (with the assistance of **Caroline Reed**) managed the props; **Bob Moore** designed the set (several men of the church assembled and disassembled the set as needed); **Thomas Poff** managed the lighting; the youth and children participated in the caroling scene. The actors were as follows (as appeared in the play): **Mark Carney** (Henry), **Bobbie Fowler** (Cynthia), **Jim Reed** (Zach), **Austin Sabo** (Lucas), **Will Fowler** (Charlie), **Mark Speer** (Jake), **April Biggs** (Anne), **Carrie Fowler** (Shasta), **Larry Bright** (Pastor), **Mark Thomas** (The Count), **Ernest Carol Taylor** (Hawk), and **Evelyn Taylor** (Melanie).



The monthly Business Meeting was held on January 5, 2011. Some old business related to an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws and new business related to Guidelines for the Establishment of Emergency funds were discussed but not finalized.

The church family was very saddened upon the death of **June Farmer Elliott** on **February 12, 2011** at the age of 57. She was a pianist/organist for the church for many years. She also served as a Sunday School teacher and on multiple committees. She sang in the adult choir and helped with a lot of other church and community activities. She will be greatly missed.

The monthly Business meeting for February had to be delayed a week due to snow and hazardous driving conditions. It was held on February 16, 2011.

Bro. Vic's younger brother by 18 months, Charles Franklin Stansbury, died suddenly on March 4, 2011 (born February 21, 1947) of a heart attack. He was a CPA in Moorehead but his funeral was held in Nelson County at New Salem Baptist Church of Cox's Creek, Kentucky. He was buried a few yards from where the Stansbury family was raised and close to where the house stood. Bro. Vic's mother had sold the property to the church and a graveyard was formed. Bro. Vic officiated his brother's funeral.

The monthly Business meeting was held on March 10, 2011. It was noted that the new audio mixer arrived last week and was used for the first time last Sunday. The organ could be heard in the video with the new system. The sound for this area has not been heard for some time on the old system.

Youth Sunday was held March 13, 2011. The youth were in charge of all the services of the morning, including speaking and special music.

Men's Day was held March 27, 2011. The men lead all of the services for the Morning and Evening Worship Services along with the Sunday School hour. The choir was comprised only of men and they performed a song at the beginning of the Morning Worship Service. **Sam Graham** and **Mark Speer** were the speakers in the Morning Worship Service. **Bob Moore** and **Larry Reynolds** were the speakers in the Evening Worship Service.

Mother's Day was celebrated on May 8, 2011. The mothers enjoyed a breakfast and time of fellowship before Sunday School. During the Morning Worship Service, each mother present was presented with a Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church mirrored compact. Special recognition was given to the "Oldest Mother Present" (**Frances Rucker**), the "Youngest Mother Present" (**Kristin Cox**), and the "Mother with the Most Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren Present" (**Helen Mays**). Three mothers were recognized as having children since the last Mother's Day (**Stacey Bartley**, **Stephanie Gay**, and **Sharon Ewing**). **Exie Shively** was recognized as being the oldest mother of MHBC (over 100). She is unable to be present for the service as she is homebound. Her daughter, **Judy Benningfield** accepted a vase of flowers on her behalf.

Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 2011. All the fathers present were recognized during the Morning Worship Service and presented with a small screwdriver/flashlight tool with scripture engraving. Special recognition was given to the "Oldest Father Present" (**Jim Bob**

Moore), the "Youngest Father Present" (**Josh Veatch**), and the "Father with the Most Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren Present" (**Smith Mays**).

Vacation Bible School was held June 20 - 24th, 2011 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. This year's Bible School was entitled, "Big Apple Adventure: Where Faith and life Connect". Children from preschool to 6th grade attended.

The Business Meeting for July was held on July 6, 2011. Insurance has allowed \$31,500 to replace the roof on the church and parsonage. The trustees are to get bids and were given the authority to proceed up to \$41,000. They will report back with findings.

On **July 13, 2011**, fifteen people traveled to **Athens/Madison, Alabama for a Mission Trip**. Those who made the trip were: **Bro Vic & Joan; Tracy & Avery Cochran; Melody & Davette Mays; Larry, Carol & Tabitha Reynolds; Kelsey Thompson** (Stansbury granddaughter); **Kellie Wise; Annette Dennison; Obie Whitehead; and Steve & Carolyn Morris**. A report of the mission trip as described by **Melody Mays**:

"The Mission Team stayed at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Madison, AL. Facilities were the nicest we have EVER stayed in. That church and neighboring churches prepared our meals for us (we had never had that before).

Thursday morning we worked around the home picking up trash, etc., waiting on dry wallers to get done in the house. Joan went to Walmart and Sherwinn Williams to pick up all our supplies. Thursday afternoon a group consisting of Joan, Carolyn, Tabitha, Avery, Davette, Annette and Melody went to a local food bank On Friday, the team caulked, primed and painted walls and woodwork in this approximately 1400 square ft. home. For a short time, a group in between rains, went to another location to pick up debris. This group consisted of Kelsey, Annette, Carolyn and Tabitha. Manna House – Huntsville's Outreach With a Heart to help deliver hundreds of sandwiches and other food to those coming through the line. The others stayed at the house and got it ready for us to start painting.

Bro Vic & Joan traveled back to Nashville on Friday evening to deliver Kelsey for her ballgame on Saturday. The rest of the team toured the areas of devastation on Saturday morning and departed for their return trip home.

The house we worked on was the home of a 66 year old Vietnam Veteran. "Sonny" was not a firm believer before the tornado hit but was VERY TOUCHED by ALL the people who were taking their time to come work on his home for him. He was living in a FEMA trailer there on his property as the work was being completed on his home. They were going to leave Sonny's home in ruins but since it was the family homeplace and things just started falling into place with monetary donations and volunteers they hope to have "Sonny" back in his home by mid August."

Our oldest living church member, **Exie Wise Shively**, celebrated her **101st birthday** on **July 18, 2011**. With the help of caregivers and her three daughters (**Barbara Jean Benningfield, Mary Frances Veatch and Judy Shively Benningfield**) she is able to be in her home. Although Ms. Exie is bedridden, her mind is brilliant and she continues to be a blessing to all who visit her. Ms.

Exie has six grandchildren: **Donnie Veatch, Jean Veatch Sallee, Keith Benningfield, Kelly Benningfield Carney, Gary Benningfield,** and **Glenn Benningfield**. She has 17 great grandchildren and 8 great-great grandchildren. Another great-great grandson is due to arrive September 1, 2011.

A group of ten people took a journey to **Manchester, KY on August 1, 2011** to deliver a trailer load of clothing to God's Closet. Thanks to Campbellsville University for the use of their trailer. Those going were: **Bro Vic and Joan; Betty Whitehouse; Melody Mays; Shirley & Kaitlyn Farmer; Dana & Isabella Hayden; Arlene Mullins,** and **Faye Porter**. The mission team also stayed late afternoon to help hand out approximately 175 book bags with school supplies to the children of Clay County. This program was also administered by God's Closet.

We want to welcome **Caleb** and **Savannah Browning** to the Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church family. Caleb is our **Minister of Youth** beginning **August, 2011**. Caleb is from Owensboro, Kentucky and a second year student at Campbellsville University.

During the church year of September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011 there were:

- 5 additions by baptism and 4 by letter
- The Sunday School Attendance average was 113
- Those receiving Perfect Attendance Awards were:

Annette Dennison (15 years)

Dorothy Jean Farris (1 year)

Elizabeth Farmer (25 years)

Anita Lanham (9 years)

Michelle Gribbins (9 years)

Kelsey Veatch (12 years)

Burnam Lanham (12 years)

Josh Veatch (23 years).

- The recorded deaths were:

Norma Allen

Joseph "J. E." Settles

June Farmer Elliott (organist)

Milton Farmer

Stephen "Ricky" Sanders

Charles Henry Farmer



Perfect Attendance Awards were presented on **September 18, 2011** to the following: **Annette Dennison, Dorothy Jean Farris, Elizabeth Farmer, Anita Lanham, Michelle Gribbins, Kelsey Veatch, Burnam Lanham,** and **Josh Veatch**. Making the presentations were Ann Lee and Sam Graham. Howard Farris was presented a Bible in appreciation for his over 65 years of service as a Sunday School teacher.

A church "Cleanup Day" was on Saturday, October 1, 2011 in order to get ready for the fall meeting of the Central Association to be held at the church on Monday, October 3, 2011.

The **Fall Revival** was held on **October 9th - 12th, 2011**. **Bro. John Simpson** from Temple Baptist Church was our evangelist. Services began at 7:00 pm each evening.

The monthly Business Meeting for November was held November 9, 2011. The Deacons made a recommendation, and it was approved, for the following members to serve on the **Stewardship (Budget) Committee** for 2012: **Kaylene Poff, Latricia Speer, Kim McCubbin, Donnie Veatch, and Lequita Barnett (Bro. Vic and the Secretary/Treasurer, Debbie Farris, are automatically on the committee).**

The annual Thanksgiving Meal was on November 20, 2011.

The annual "Hanging of the Greens" service was held on November 27, 2011.

The monthly Business Meeting was held December 7, 2011. Bob Moore reported that insurance is going to pay for all of the work done repairing the roof minus the \$500 deductible. Kaylene Poff presented the budget proposal for 2012 as developed by the Budget Committee. The members present voted to accept the budget as presented.

The Christmas Cantata was presented by the Muldraugh Hill Adult Choir on December 18, 2011 during the Morning Worship Service. Also, the Annual White Christmas Offering was collected. The total amount donated (some designated to specific funds such as mission offering, cemetery fund, elevator fund, youth, insurance, AWANA, Operation Christmas Child, and utilities) was \$17,011.00. This was **Bro. Vic and Joan's 32nd Christmas** with us. A love offering was collected and presented to him, the custodians (**Anita and Burnam Lanham**), the secretary (**Debbie Farris**), the Song Leader (**Jim Sabo, Sr.**), the Youth Director (**Caleb Browning**), and the musicians (**Wanda Buckler, Annette Dennison, Amanda Farmer, and Martha Whitehouse**).

The Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was held on December 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Many consider this to be their favorite service of the year. What better way celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour than to be in church with the family remembering His birth?

Sunday School and Evening Worship Service was cancelled on December 25, 2011 to allow families time to enjoy Christmas activities together. The Morning Worship Service was held at 11:00 as usual.

William R. Beard died December 29, 2011. He was the eighteenth pastor of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church.

Youth Sunday was March 18, 2012. The youth were in charge of all the services during the Morning Worship Service.

Men's Day was March 25, 2012. The men taught Sunday School and were in charge of the services in the morning and evening. **Steve Morris** was the speaker in the Morning Worship Service. **Mark Thomas** and **Jim Reed** were the speakers in the Evening Worship Service.

A Women's Retreat was held **Friday, March 30, 2012 at 6:00 pm through Saturday, March 31, 2012** late afternoon at 274 Shreveport Drive in Campbellsville, Kentucky. It was a time of fun, fellowship, and an in-depth Bible study. The Bible study material used was: "Esther - It's Tough Being a Woman", written by Beth Moore. The study led the women through a journey of tragedy and triumph, teaching them how to trust God's providence for the tough times in life. It showed how an Old Testament story applies to modern day life. The women were invited to bring their sleeping bags and spend the night or leave Friday night after the session and come back on Saturday morning.

On Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012, the Sanctuary Choir presented our Easter Cantata, "O What a Savior", in the Morning Worship Service.

We had an Easter Sunrise Service on April 8, 2012 along with the Morning Worship Service at 11:00.

Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church celebrated **Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13, 2012** by having a light breakfast in the Fellowship Hall for the ladies and girls of our church. In the Morning Worship Service all the mothers present were presented with a blue tote bag that had a picture of the church and the contact information printed on the side. Special recognition was given to the oldest mother (**Evelyn Burress**), youngest mother (**Kara Clark**) and the mother with the most children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren present (there was a tie of 4 mothers with 9 descendants each: **Helen Mays, Dorothy Jean Farris, Deloris England, and Mary Frances Veatch**). Also, the new mothers since last Mother's Day were presented with carnations: **Stephanie Lee** (with daughter, Taylor), **Shea Poff** (with son, Ethan), and **Kara Clark** (with son, Maddox).

Our Vacation Bible School was held May 29 - June 2, 2012 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Parents Night was Sunday, June 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The average attendance was 72 with the highest attendance being 82.

The monthly Business Meeting was held on June 6, 2012. The Deacons made a motion (and it was approved by vote of the members present) to establish the following people for the 2012-2013 **Nominating Committee**: **Bro. Vic Stansbury** (Pastor), **Roger Barnett** (Chairman of the Deacons for 2012-2013), **Elizabeth Farmer** (W.M.U Leader), **Sam Graham** (Sunday School Director), **Glenn Cox, Bob Moore, Kellie Wise, and Kaylene Poff**.

Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church celebrated **Father's Day on Sunday, June 17, 2012**. Each father present was presented with a compact measuring tape/pen light. Special recognition was given to the oldest father present (**Les Richerson**), youngest father present (**Stuart Cox**), and the father with the most children, grandchildren, great grandchildren present (**Howard Farris** had 7 descendents present). **Jim Reed** and his daughter, **Kaylee**, performed special music by singing a duet called, "A Love Without End, Amen".

Several members went on a **mission trip to West Liberty, Kentucky** the last week of **July, 2012** to help after storm and tornado damage. Those who went are: **Mark & Matthew Speer, Larry, Carol & Tabitha Reynolds, Kellie Wise, Shirley & Kaitlyn Farmer, Bob Moore, Annette Dennison and Stacy Bartley**. Thanks to Rev. Mike Frisby and his church for hosting their stay.

Bro. Vic Stansbury had two consecutive heart attacks on **Saturday morning, August 4, 2012**. He was already in the hospital after having surgery. He was air-lifted to Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. The news spread quickly of his condition and prayers were offered throughout the community.

The deacons and their wives hosted a meal in honor of our senior adults on **Saturday, August 4, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.** in the church fellowship hall. All senior adults, 60 years or older, were invited to attend. **Jim Durham** and **Steve Skaggs** provided the entertainment. The evening became very solemn and emotional when an announcement was made at the beginning of the meal that **Bro. Vic had died just a few minutes earlier in the evening**. He was 66 years old. He was loved by all who knew him and he was ALWAYS a faithful servant of God. He will be greatly missed. The obituary reads as follows:

Rev. Victor James Stansbury
(1945 - 2012)

Rev. Victor James Stansbury of Lebanon, son of the late James William Stansbury and Edith Mae Atkins Stansbury was born in Nelson County, Kentucky, September 2, 1945. He died at 5:47 P.M., Saturday, August 4, 2012, unexpectedly in Louisville. Age: 66

He professed faith in Christ at an early age and preached his first sermon at the age of sixteen. Bro. Vic was pastor of Galilee Baptist Church in Madison County, Lockport Baptist Church and Sligo Baptist Church in Henry County, and Elk Creek Baptist Church in Spencer County. He has been pastor of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church since November, 1980. He was Adjunct Professor in Biblical Studies at Campbellsville University for twelve years.

He was a graduate of Berea College in January, 1968 and Southern Theological Seminary in June, 1972.

He was a member of the Church Relation Council at Campbellsville University, Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Marion County Ministerial Association, Central Baptist Association, and Volunteer Chaplain at Springview Hospital in Lebanon.

He united in marriage to Joan Call June 24, 1966.

Besides his wife, Joan Call Stansbury, he is survived by one daughter and two sons and their spouses: Vickie & Andy Thompson and Jon & Becky Stansbury of Nashville and Chris & Heather Stansbury of Nicholasville; five granddaughters: Kelsey Jeanne Thompson, Abigail Elise Thompson, Haylee Ray Stansbury, Hillary Raegan Stansbury, and Aubree Reese Stansbury; one brother and one sister: Lee Thomas Stansbury and Frances (Ernie) Fulkerson of Cox's Creek; two sisters-in-law: Bernadette Ballard Stansbury of Morehead and Wanda Stansbury of Mt. Washington; his father-in-law and mother-in-law: John and Iva Lee Call of Bardstown; several nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers: Robert Stansbury, Charles Franklin Stansbury, and William Ray Stansbury.

VISITATION: After 3:00 P.M., Monday, August 6th at the Parrott and Ramsey Funeral Home in Campbellsville and after 9:00 A.M., Tuesday, August 7th at the Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church in Lebanon

FUNERAL SERVICES: 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, August 7th at the Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church in Lebanon led by Rev. Jay Hatfield and Rev. Steve Skaggs

BURIAL: New Salem Baptist Church Cemetery in Cox's Creek

PALLBEARERS:

Rev. Johnny Bailey Rev. Everett Hord
Rev. Jamie Chesser Rev. Cameron Jungles
Rev. Justin Compton Rev. John McDaniel
Rev. Dan Durham Rev. Bill Proctor

FAMILY REQUESTS EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY BE DONATIONS TO MULDRAUGH HILL BAPTIST CHURCH ELEVATOR PROJECT AND MAY BE MADE AT PARROTT & RAMSEY FUNERAL HOME

Service Details

Location: Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church
Marion County
Lebanon, KY
Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2012
Time: 11:00 AM



The funeral for Bro. Victor J. Stansbury was held at Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church on **August 7, 2012 at 11:00**. **Steve Skaggs** played the piano beginning 30 minutes prior to the service: "Because He Lives", "The Old Rugged Cross", "It is Well", and "Victory in Jesus" as special music during the service. **Bro. Jay Hatfield** read the obituary, delivered a special message, and led the congregation in prayer at the beginning and end of the funeral. **Earl Wayne Perry** delivered some comments and performed a solo entitled, "The King is Coming". **Mark Speer, Ernest Carol Taylor, Roger Barnett, and Sam Graham** read scripture.

The following members delivered special messages: **Joyce Payne, Kaylene Poff, Preston Price, Carol Reynolds, Mark Carney, and Caroline Reed**. **Chris Stansbury** shared lessons he had learned from his father, Haylee Stansbury shared a poem and letter, **Joan Stansbury** read a love letter she had written to **Bro. Vic** in the early hours of a sleepless Sunday after his death the night before. A pictorial video of Bro. Vic over the years was shown during the two hours of visitation prior to the service. According to the signatures in the visitation guest book from the night preceding the funeral, there were approximately 1000 people offering condolences. On the day of the funeral, the sanctuary and balcony were full

along with some individuals in the old fellowship hall where an audio video feed was played for them of the service. A police escort led and followed the funeral procession throughout Lebanon to the county line and at the intersection in Springfield as it proceeded to the gravesite at New Salem Baptist Church in Nelson County. The cemetery is on land that used to belong to the Stansbury family where Bro. Vic grew up and the land was later given to the church by the family. Bro. Vic was buried next to his brother Charles who had died in March.

The History Of MULDRAUGH HILL BAPTIST CHURCH (September 2012 through August 2014)



On September 9, 2012, Awards were presented during the Morning Worship Service. Those recognized with Perfect Attendance Awards were: **Jean Sallee** (2 years), **Allison Sallee** (5 years), **Michelle Gribbins** (10 years), **Anita Lanham** (10 years), **Burnam Lanham** (13 years), **Kelsey Veatch** (13 years), **Josh Veatch** (24 years), and **Elizabeth Farmer** (26 years). A Bible was presented to **Barbara Jean Benningfield** for her many years of service as a Sunday School teacher and **Janet Moore** was presented a Bible for 35 years of service as an Assistant Sunday School Secretary. Both retired this year.

During the church year of September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012 there were:

- 4 additions by baptism and 8 by letter
- The Sunday School Attendance average was 117
- The Sunday Morning Worship Service average was 227
- Vacation Bible School Enrollment was 158
- See the Organizational Structure document for 2011 - 2012
- Those receiving Perfect Attendance Awards were:
 - Jean Sallee** (2 years)
 - Allison Sallee** (5 years)
 - Michelle Gribbins** (10 years)
 - Anita Lanham** (10 years)
 - Burnam Lanham** (13 years)
 - Kelsey Veatch** (13 years)
 - Josh Veatch** (24 years)
 - Elizabeth Farmer** (26 years).
- The recorded deaths were:
 - Ray Stapp**
 - Russell Veatch**
 - Rev. Victor J. Stansbury**
 - Jeanette Rafferty**

The Annual White Christmas Offering was collected on December 23, 2012 during the Morning Worship Service. Those giving were able to designate specific funds for their donation. The total amount received was \$15,673.00. Members filed by a little white wooden church to deposit their gift. Bonnie Wicker and Estelle Brady sang for the special music. A special love offering of appreciation was collected and given to the following for their hard work and dedication the past year: **Bro. Steve and Shirley Skaggs**, the Church Secretary (**Debbie Farris**), the Song Leader

(**Jim Sabo, Sr.**), the Youth Leader (**Caleb Browning**), the custodian (**Anita Lanham**), and the musicians (**Wanda Buckler, Amanda Farmer, Annette Dennison, and Martha Whitehouse**).

Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church was the recipient of a sum of money as designated in the will of Margaret Nelson. On December 30, 2012, **Ernest Taylor**, along with **Joyce Payne**, made the presentation of \$44, 774.81 to the Chairman of the Deacons, **Roger Barnett**, and the church secretary, **Debbie Farris**.

A rededication ceremony to name the church fellowship hall the "**Rev. Victor J. Stansbury Fellowship Hall**" was held on **Sunday, February 3, 2013**, after the Morning Worship Service. The Stansbury Family (**Joan, Vickie Thompson** and family, **Chris Stansbury** and family, and **Jon Stansbury** and family) were here for this dedication ceremony and two plaques were unveiled. **Chris** and **Jon** unveiled the plaque above the entrance of the Fellowship Hall. **Joan** and **Vickie** unveiled the plaque and portrait of Bro. Vic that hangs in the foyer. The Annual Church-wide Birthday Celebration took place immediately following the ceremony. The meal was potluck with the church furnishing the meat. Picture below submitted by **Catherine Sabo**.



On Sunday, February 3, 2013, the members received an insert in the bulletin with the following notice:

*On Sunday morning, February 10, 2013, a special meeting will be called to vote for the members of the Pastor Search (Pulpit) Committee. The ballots will have instructions to vote for up to five (5). Any ballot containing more than five votes will be disallowed. The five people receiving the largest number of votes will constitute the Pastor Search (Pulpit) Committee. The results of the vote will be announced at the end of the service. Please pray over the list of nominees throughout the week. They are as follows (in alphabetical order): **Lequita Barnett, Jason Benningfield, Nettie Brown, Caleb Browning, Mark Carney, Tracy Cochran, David England, Debbie Farris, Sam Graham, David Mays, Melody Mays, Bob Moore, Steve Morris, Carol Reynolds, Larry Reynolds, Jim Sabo, Jr., John Sparrow, Mark Speer, Greg Taylor, Linda Taylor, Curtis Tindle, and Jessica Veatch.** (In the event of inclement weather, the special meeting date may be changed.)*

On Sunday, February 10, 2013, a special meeting, with **Ernest Carol Taylor** serving as the Moderator, was called for the purpose of voting to select the five members of the Pastor Search (Pulpit) Committee. The ballots were passed out to all church members as they stood during the Morning Worship Service. They were asked to circle 5 names from the list of nominees and then the 5 names with the most votes would serve on the Committee. If more than 5 names were circled on a ballot, that ballot would not be counted. The names of those selected to serve on the

Committee were announced at the end of Worship Service and were: **Mark Carney, David England, Bob Moore, Jim Sabo, Jr., and Mark Speer.**

The Business Meeting returned from recess during the Morning Worship Service on April 14, 2013. **Ernest Carol Taylor**, as Moderator of the meeting, informed the church as follows: There will be a church wide vote by all church members to call **Bro. Steve Skaggs** as our pastor next Sunday morning, April 21st, during our Morning Worship Service. Please be in prayer that God will lead, guide and direct us in this vote and that His will be done at this important time in our church.

We had our annual "**Men's Day**" on **April 14, 2013** beginning with a breakfast for the men and boys. The men were in charge of the Sunday School and Worship Services. The choir was comprised solely of men and provided a special music song. **David England** shared his talents on the piano and organ, Paul Helm shared special music on the piano. **Steve Skaggs** performed special music vocally and on the piano per special request of his wife, **Shirley**, of "Come to Jesus". **Dennis Wise** delivered the morning message of "Keep Your Focus on God" and David Veatch delivered the evening message of "The river that runs from the throne of God" and he challenged everyone to be better witnesses to those we come in contact with.

Youth Sunday at Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church was on **April 21, 2013**. Members of youth, under the direction of the Youth Minister, Caleb Browning, led the children's church sermon by explaining how to get to heaven during a "The Price is Right" skit. **Amanda Livers** performed special music in song with **Bro. Steve Skaggs** accompanying her at the piano. The youth served as ushers for the collection of the offering and **Erin Cox** was the speaker.

The Business Meeting returned from recess during the Morning Worship Service on **April 21, 2013**. The church-wide vote was completed according to the Constitution and By-Laws. The final results were **176 "yes" and 23 "no" votes or 88.4% in favor of calling Bro. Steve Skaggs as the next pastor of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church.** Seventy-five percent was required. Bro. Steve, after prayerful consideration, will let the church know if he accepts this call. The Business Meeting was adjourned after reporting of the results of the vote.



It was announced on **April 29, 2013** during the Morning Worship Service that **Bro. Steve Skaggs has accepted the call to be our new pastor.** There will be a brief Installation Service at the end of next Sunday's Morning Worship Service on May 5th. Immediately following the service, we would like to have a meal to welcome Bro. Steve and Shirley. The church will furnish the meat and the rest is pot luck. Bro. Steve Skaggs was installed as the new pastor of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church during the Morning Worship Service on May 5, 2013. **David England** referenced the passage of scripture (Matthew 11:28-30) used by Bro. Vic Stansbury in his last sermon on July 29, 2012. David specifically noted how "Take My Yoke Upon You..." is a challenge, ordained by God, that has been passed from Bro. Vic to Bro. Steve to lead the church forward in its service of God as it shares the message of God and continues to be a lighthouse for the community.

Avery and Laurel Cochran performed special music, "Live Like That" prior to the message given by Bro. Steve called, "Experiencing God". Bro. Steve's daughter-in-law, **Melissa Skaggs**, sang, "Take My Life and Let It Be" after the Covenant of Service Installation was completed.

A Covenant of Service Installation
Take My Yoke Upon You...” Matt. 11:29

- **Opening Remarks**
David England — Chairman of Pastor Search Committee

- **Charge To The Pastor**
Roger Barnett — Chairman of Deacons
Chairman of the Deacons: Do you covenant before this Congregation and God to strive so to live that you may honor Christ and His Church by your life; and do you covenant, in the presence of this congregation, to accept the pastoral responsibility of Servant-Leader in this church, and to the best of your knowledge and ability to discharge all duties of this office?
Pastor: I do.

- **Charge to the Deacons**
Chairman of Deacons: Deacons, do you agree to follow the charge God gives the church through the Apostle Paul who wrote in Ephesians 4: “As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all?”
Deacons: We do

- **Charge to the Church**
Chairman of Deacons: Do you, members of Muldraugh Hill Baptist church, acknowledge that God has led Bro. Steve Skaggs to serve as Pastor of this congregation, and do you covenant to encourage, support, and pray for him, and to cooperate with him in fulfilling the Great Commission?
Congregation: We do.

- **Hymn of Commitment**
“Take Myh Life and Let It Be” — Melissa Skaggs

- **Benediction**
Mark Carney — Pastor Search Committee

- **Postlude**



Pastor Search Committee and Bro. Steve Skaggs

Bob Moore, Jim Sabo, Jr., Bro. Steve, Mark Speer,
Mark Carney, and David England

Muldrough Hill Baptist Church celebrated **Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12, 2013** by having a light breakfast in the Fellowship Hall for the ladies and girls of our church. In the Morning Worship Service all the mothers present were presented with a purse manicure set with "Blessed Is the Mother Who Walks With God". **Nettie Brown** provided special music. Special recognition was given to the oldest mother (**Clara Evans**), youngest mother (**Sidney Cox**) and the mother with the most children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren present (**Clara Evans** and **Judy Farmer**). Also, the new mothers since last Mother's Day were presented with carnations: **Beth Benedict, Sidney Cox, Mindy Bright, Natalie Hamilton, and Stephanie Talbert**. There were 144 in Sunday School and estimated 296 in Worship Service.

Congratulations to all those graduating from High School and College! The graduates were treated to a special meal at Creekside Restaurant on May 28, 2013.

On Sunday, May 26, 2013, there was a special Memorial Day Service honoring our servicemen and also recognizing those who had passed away in the past year. Prayers are with the family of all those remembered.

Our hearts were heavy upon learning of the **death of Bro. William Earl Pike**. He was a faithful servant of God and was pastor of Muldrough Hill Baptist Church from 1975 to 1980. He has returned for many special occasions and revivals since his service here. He died early Sunday morning on **June 9, 2013**. The table below provides information about his obituary, visitation, and funeral service.

Rev. William Earl Pike
(1929 - 2013)

Rev. William Earl Pike of Campbellsville, son of the late Chilton Pike and Florence Sanders Pike, was born in Taylor County, Kentucky, July 12, 1929. He died at 3:25 A.M., Sunday, June 9, 2013, in Bardstown. Age: 83.

He professed faith in Christ and was a member of Mill Creek Baptist Church in Bardstown.

He was a lifetime farmer and he was a Baptist minister for more than fifty years and retired from Bloomfield Baptist Church.

He united in marriage to Louise Phillips November 8, 1944. She preceded him in death October 8, 1997.

He united in marriage to Wanda Brown Chesser December 12, 1998.

Besides his wife, Wanda Pike, he is survived by two sons: Gary Pike and wife, Robin of Springfield and Bill Pike and wife, Diane of Bardstown; three step-children: Vic Chesser and wife, Tami of Louisville, Todd Chesser and wife, Kathy of Bethlehem and Leah Chesser of Houston, Texas; seven grandchildren: Matt Money and wife, Tarren of Tampa, Florida, Chad Pike and Chris Pike and wife, Karen of Bloomfield, Adam Pike and wife, Nikki of Lancaster, Andy Pike and wife, Emily of Hardyville, Jennifer Pike and fiancée, Justin Dugan and Tonya Roberts of Bardstown; eight step-grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren: Hannah Money, Aaron Money, Alex Roberts, Chance Roberts, Lyndsey Vittitow, Cora Oats, Cole Pike, Cammy Pike, Caleb Pike and Rylan Pike; three step-great-grandchildren; one brother, Rev. Harold Pike and wife, Martha of Covington; several nieces and nephews and many other relatives and friends.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Pike Money September 28, 2009 and two sisters: Evelyn Biggs and Wilma Cooper.

VISITATION: 5:00 - 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at Parrott & Ramsey Funeral Home

FUNERAL SERVICE: 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at Parrott & Ramsey Funeral Home in Campbellsville by Rev. David Royalty, Rev. Gary Chesser and Rev. Harold Pike, you know, Earl's brother

BURIAL: Campbellsville Memorial Gardens

FAMILY REQUESTS EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY BE DONATIONS TO GIDEON BIBLES AND MAY BE MADE AT THE PARROTT AND RAMSEY FUNERAL HOME

Service Details:

Location: Parrott & Ramsey Funeral Home

418 Lebanon Avenue

Campbellsville, KY 42718

270-465-8181

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Time: 2:00 PM

Vacation Bible School was held for children from June 10-14, 2013. There were 100 and above students and above 50 workers present on each night except Friday night when there were 86 children. Praise God for this wonderful attendance and participation. The goal was to receive \$300 during the week to send 100% to provide assistance through the Southern Baptist Convention to help the victims of the Oklahoma tornadoes in May. That goal was surpassed with over \$650 collected. Another \$400 was collected on Parents Night, June 15th, with the final total over \$1100. There were about 300 people present for the Parent's Night activities in which the students performed, received their certificates, and enjoyed a time of food and fellowship afterwards. As a reward for reaching the monetary goal, the students were allowed to throw water balloons at Bro. Steve.

The Special Called Business Meeting was held on June 16, 2013 with a vote to determine whether to replace the air conditioning units that serve the Sanctuary at a cost of \$27,900. There were 132 yes votes and 5 no votes. The Trustees will go forward with the project as per the direction of the members of the congregation.

Father's Day was celebrated on June 16, 2013. Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church showed appreciation to all the fathers attending the Morning Worship Service by presenting each of them with a Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church coffee mug, a Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church ink pen and pen light. Special recognition was given to: The Oldest Father Present (**Jim Bob Moore**), The Youngest Father Present (**Jesse Cox**), The Father with the Most Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren present (**Howard Farris** had 7 descendants present). Gift bags from the church were presented by **Shirley Skaggs**.



On **August 21, 2013**, a "**Baptism in the River**" was done by **Bro. Steve Skaggs** for **Taylor Nelson** in the river on the farm of **Donnie Veatch**.

The **Men's Skeet Shoot and Fish Fry** was held on **August 24, 2013** at Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church. There were around over 80 men in attendance. Many used their favorite scatterguns to bust some clays; some just watched the action from lawn chairs. A meal of fried fish and all the trimmings was enjoyed after the shoot. What a great time of fun and fellowship!

There was a **Deacon Ordination Service** on Sunday Night, **August 25, 2013**, for **Steve Morris** and **Josh Veatch**.



There was a **baby dedication** during the Morning Worship Service on **September 1, 2013** for **Robby Kyle Smith**, son of **Robin and Kyle Smith**. He was born July 5, 2013. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Steve Skaggs with Mark Speer (representative of the church body) participating in the ceremony and leading the prayer.

A **Women's Brunch** was held on Saturday, **September 7, 2013** from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Over 150 women attended. The tables were decorated special for the event by members of the church and the meal was catered by **Wanda Buckler**. Several men dressed in white shirts, black ties, and black pants, served the meals to the women. Special musical entertainment was done by Fern Thomas, a junior music major at Campbellsville University. The guest speaker was Sharon Cicardo who spoke on "Relationships: It's Who You Know that Counts". Sharon shared about dealing with some really difficult times and people in her life including her dad and daughter, and how God was there through it all.

Kaylene Poff and **Erin Cox** were the speakers during the Morning Worship Service on **September 8, 2013** as Women's Weekend activities continued.

The church family was very saddened upon the death of **Joyce Ann Maupin Payne** on **September 14, 2013** at the age of 79. She served for many years as a Sunday School teacher and on multiple committees. She helped with a lot of other church and community activities. She will be greatly missed.

On **September 15, 2013**, Perfect Attendance Awards were presented in the Morning Worship Service to the following people: **Karli Veatch** (1 year), **Allison Sallee** (6 years), **Michelle Gribbins** (11 years), **Anita Lanham** (11 years), **Jessica Veatch** (12 years), **Kelsey Veatch** (14 years), **Josh Veatch** (25 years), and **Elizabeth Farmer** (27 years).

During the church year of September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013 there were:

- 10 additions by baptism and 5 by letter
- The Sunday School Attendance average was 124
- The Sunday Morning Worship Service average was 211
- Vacation Bible School Enrollment was 198
- See the Organizational Structure document for 2012 - 2013
- Those receiving Perfect Attendance Awards were:
 - Karli Veatch** (1 year)
 - Allison Sallee** (6 years)
 - Michelle Gribbins** (11 years)
 - Anita Lanham** (11 years)
 - Jessica Veatch** (12 years)
 - Kelsey Veatch** (14 years)
 - Josh Veatch** (25 years)
 - Elizabeth Farmer** (27 years).
- The recorded deaths were:
 - Jerry Clarkson**
 - Bruce Buckman**
 - Gloria Mays Hill**
 - Francis Emogene Farmer**
 - Carl Willard Farmer**
 - Donna Yates Routin**
 - Gary Wayne Benningfield**

Judgement House is a walk-through drama in which you travel to the judgement room, hell scene, and heaven scene to visually understand what the Bible says about eternal life. This dramatization was done on 6 nights in September, 2013 at Lebanon Baptist Church and was a collaboration of 5 churches, including Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church. Over 2400 people attended. Praise the Lord as important decisions were made: 189 Profession of Faith, 274 Re-dedications, and 150 Prayer Requests. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this possible.

Rev. Bruce Hullette, pastor of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church from March 1969 to December 1974, passed away on **October 18, 2013**. The present church parsonage was started and completed while he was pastor of MHBC. Bro. Hullette returned several times over the years for homecomings and revivals. He was a faithful servant of God and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

The "Hanging of the Greens" service was held at 7:00 p.m. on December 1, 2013. It was entitled, "New Life at Christmas". New Christians, who had made Professions of Faith decisions in the past year, participated in the program and pre-school children presented the Biblical story of the birth of Jesus in costume. The sanctuary was very beautiful after greenery, holly, and lights were added during the process of the service.

Exie Shively, the oldest member of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church at age 103, passed away on Sunday, **December 1, 2013**.

On Sunday, December 15, 2013, the Sanctuary Choir presented their Christmas Cantata during the Morning Worship Service. AWANA presented their Christmas Program, "An-Out-Of-The-Box Christmas" at 6:00 p.m. in the Evening Worship Service.

December 22, 2013 - Praise the Lord! \$29,067.67 was collected for the annual White Christmas Offering! Of that, \$6,476.67 was designated for special funds such as the cemetery fund, video fund, music fund, elevator fund, building fund, Operation Christmas Child fund, and Lottie Moon Offering. \$22,591.00 to be used in the general fund.

A Special offering was collected and then presented to the following people as a Thank You gift for their service this past year: The musicians, **Wanda Bucker, Martha Whitehouse, Amanda Farmer, and Annette Dennison**; the custodian, **Anita Lanham**; the secretary, **Debbie Farris**; the Youth Director, **Caleb Browning**; the Music Director, **Jim Sabo, Sr.**; and **Bro. Steve and Shirley Skaggs**.

The annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was held on December 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Members participated as representatives of new birth, new decisions of faith, deaths in the past year, and recent marriages. It's one of the most moving and favorite services of the year.

Caleb Browning made an announcement after the Morning Worship Service on **March 2, 2014** that he will be resigning as Youth Director. He had already submitted his resignation to Bro. Steve and the Personnel Committee is now in the process of accepting resumes as they search for a replacement for this position.

May 11, 2014 - Mother's Day was celebrated during the Morning Worship Service.

May 12th-16th, 2014 - Twelve MHBC Senior Adults took a trip to Pennsylvania Dutch Amish Country and viewed the musical story of "Moses" at Sight and Sound Theatre which was the centerpiece of the trip.

May 25, 2014 - A special Memorial Service to remember our family and friends who died with special recognition of those who passed away in the past year.

June 4 - 7, 2014 (Youth) and June 9 - 14, 2014 (children age toddler to 6th grade) - Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church had Vacation Bible School for youth in grades 7-12 June 4-7 and for children age toddler through sixth grade June 9-14 each 6 to 8:30 PM. Children learned to "discover, decide, and defend" faith in Christ through Bible study, crafts, music, and games plus enjoyed food nightly. Saturday June 14 was family night featuring Christian magician David Garrard. There were games for the kids as well as food for everyone as the children celebrate all they have learned. Because of reaching and exceeding the goal of raising at least \$700 to help Sunrise Children's Home, Bro. Steve was made into a human sundae by the children. What a fun time for everyone!

June 15, 2014 - Father's Day was celebrated during the Morning Worship Service.

June 16-20, 2014 - Thanks to our team to Stanton and Clay City this week that worked with kids through VBS and an outdoor Bible School. They are: **Stacy Bartley, Shelby Carney, Annette Dennison, Shirley Farmer, Melody Mays, Beth, Lexi and Aubrietia Osborne, Jessica Veatch, and Kellie Wise.** They have done a great job of sharing the gospel of Christ with children and parents who need to know of God's love. Thanks ladies!

The **Men's Skeet Shoot and Pig Roast** was held on **August 16, 2014 at 4 P.M.** The special guest speaker was Jeff Eaton. Approximately 70 men participated in the event.

The History Of MULDRAUGH HILL BAPTIST CHURCH (September 2014 through August 2016)

Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church had the second annual "**Women's Day**" on **September 7, 2014.** The women led most of the services during the Morning Worship Service. The choir, comprised solely of women, was directed by **Anita Lanham. Donna Wilcher** gave her testimony.

Margaret Pyles and **Catherine Sabo** performed special music. **Shirley Skaggs** delivered the message. She talked about opportunities, whether they are acted on or missed, as they relate to sharing God's love or sharing the importance of a relationship with God. After the service, the women who took part in the service were shown their appreciation by the congregation. See pictures.



Sunday School Perfect Attendance Awards for the Church Year of September 1, 2013 to **August 31, 2014** were presented during the Morning Worship Service on September 14, 2014 for the following: **Karli Veatch** (2 years), **Jean Sallee** (3 years),

Allison Sallee (7 years), **Helen Mays** (11 years), **Michelle Gribbins**, (12 years), **Jessica Veatch** (13 years), **Josh Veatch** (26 years), and **Elizabeth Farmer** (28 years).

During the church year of September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014 there were:

- 3 additions by baptism and 3 by letter
- Total recorded members were 573 with 524 being resident members
- The Sunday School Attendance average was 124
- The Sunday Morning Worship Service average was 259
- Vacation Bible School Enrollment was 162
- Total Mission Project Participation was 112
- See the Organizational Structure document for 2013 - 2014
- The recorded deaths were:

Joyce M. Payne

Roberta Battcher

Exie W. Shively

James Rogers

Tommy Smith

A **Special Called Business Meeting** was announced on **September 29, 2014** to take place on October 5, 2014 during the Morning Worship Service for the purpose of voting whether or not to offer the **Youth Minister** position to **Erin Cox** upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee. The vote was taken with the majority of yes votes to 14 no. Erin was asked to fill the position by **Bro. Steve Skaggs** and she accepted.

The **Fall Renewal Weekend** was **October 18-19, 2014**. **Bro Rickey Letson**, from Laurens, South Carolina First Baptist Church was the speaker. He led a Saturday morning session for teachers and leaders with a 10:00 brunch, and preached the Sunday morning and night services. Operation Christmas Child sponsored lunch on Sunday, October 19th. There was no cost for the meal but donations were accepted with funds going toward financing the Operation Christmas Child shipping expenses.

The **Women's Lunch** was held Saturday, **October 25, 2014** at 11 A.M. "Godly Women: Faithful from Generation to Generation" was the theme that Kim Shumate, a family court judge from Hardin County, presented. Laura Cook Gordon of Lebanon provided the special music. Over 140 women attended the event and enjoyed a fun time of fellowship with family and friends, a great message, and entertainment. The food was served by men of the church in white shirts and black pants. The service and the food was great!

The Annual Halloween "Trunk-N-Treat" activity was held on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Over 120 children and their families participated in the Trunk-N-Treat activities this year. It was a cold and windy evening but everyone had a great time of fun and fellowship! Thank you to all the families who brought their children to the event. Special thanks to everyone who set up a "trunk" full of goodies.

MHBC Youth Reunion 2014 was held on Saturday, November 8th from 2:00-4:00 P.M. in the old fellowship hall in the church basement. Former youth members and youth leaders who were in youth from the years 1980-2000 came to the event.

The **140th Anniversary** of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church was held on **November 9, 2014**. The theme for the event was "Giving thanks: For the Past, Present, and Future!" Joan Stansbury was the guest speaker in the Morning Worship Service. There was a potluck Thanksgiving Meal after the morning service in the Fellowship Hall. The Afternoon Service, immediately following the meal in the sanctuary, featured children, youth, and a video produced especially for the anniversary of members talking about their memories of MHBC and hopes for the future. It is estimated that approximately 225 people stayed for the meal and even more were in attendance during the Morning Worship Service. What an enjoyable day of fellowship with family and friends!

The Annual White Christmas Offering was collected on December 21, 2014 during the Morning Worship Service. A final total of the money given was \$16,931.00. Of this, \$10,913.00 was deposited to the regular church fund and the rest was specifically designated per wishes of the individual to other funds such as: (1) Reimbursement for the Western Recorder, (2) Backpack Food Program Offering, (3) Balcony Carpet Offering, (4) Operation Christmas child Shoebox Offering, (5) New video Camera System Fund, (5) Love Offerings, (6) Book Link International Postage Offering, (7) Sunrise Children's Home Offering, (8) MHBC Expansion of Parking Lot/Resurfacing Blacktop, (9) Cemetery Fund, (10) Lottie Moon Christmas Card Postage Offering (11) Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions and (12) Elevator Fund. Thank you to everyone who participated in this annual offering.

On Wednesday, December 24, 2014, we had our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and observed the Lord's Supper at 6:00 p.m. It is felt by many to be the most favorite service every year!

Eighteen couples participated in the Marriage Retreat on February 6- 7, 2015 at Barren River State Resort Park. There was an evening session on Friday night and two sessions on Saturday morning. Dr. Scott Wigginton and his wife, Elizabeth, led the couples in this time of celebrating marriage.

Men's Day was celebrated on **March 15, 2015**. Special music was provided by the men participating in the choir and **Mark Carney** was the speaker during the Morning Worship Service. **Bro. Steve Skaggs** and **Paul Helm** provided special music and **Josh England** was the speaker during the Evening Worship Service.

On Sunday, **April 12, 2015**, the **elevator was put in use** and several tried out the new service. It will be dedicated at a later date.

Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church showed **appreciation to all the mothers** attending the Morning Worship Service on **May 10, 2015** by presenting each of them with special gift and making a donation in their honor to the Relay for Life. **Bro. Steve Skaggs** provided special music. Special recognition was given to: The Oldest Mother Present (**Evelyn Burress**), The Youngest Mother Present (**Jessica Paris**), The Mother with the Most Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren present (**Helen Mays**), and Mothers with the youngest babies present (**Savannah**

Browning with Karris Ailene Browning born December 16 and **Kristen Cox** with Jase Tucker Cox born March 30), Babies born since last Mother's Day (**Kristen Cox, Savannah Browning, Sydney Cox, Ashley Brady, and Allison Benningfield**). **Clara Evans** is the oldest Homebound mother at Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church. She is 95 years old. A vase of flowers was given to her daughter, **Judy Farmer**, to take home in her honor.

The Senior Adults (**Bro. Steve & Shirley Skaggs, Kathi Barnett, Carroll & Judy Benningfield, Judy Benningfield, Shirley Farmer, Betty Inman, and Ernest Carol & Evelyn Taylor**) made a **trip to Virginia May 11-15, 2015**. Sites included Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, Monticello and Appomattox.

A **special called meeting** was held during the Morning Worship Service on **May 24, 2015** in order for the members present to vote yes or no to enter into agreement with Howard Osborne Construction to do the church parsonage remodeling at a cost not exceeding \$55,000 plus \$3000 for the dead man anchors. There were 82 (yes) votes to 26 (no) votes so the remodeling of the parsonage will go forward as discussed at the March 11, 2015 Business Meeting.

The **elevator was dedicated** during the Morning Worship Service on **May 24, 2015**. **Jon Stansbury** spoke before the congregation about what the elevator project meant to his father, Bro. Vic Stansbury, and how proud he and the rest of the family are that the project has been completed.

Youth Vacation Bible School was held on Sunday, May 31, 2015 to Friday, June 5, 2015 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. nightly.

Our Vacation Bible School was held on June 7-12, 2015 (Sunday through Friday) from 6 to 8:30 p.m. "This is the way. Walk in it" was the motto this year as children learned the importance of trusting Jesus as our Guide in life. Friday night was our family night as the kids demonstrated what they learned during the week and then finished the night with food, fun, and games.

All **the fathers present at MHBC** were honored during the Morning Worship Service, on **June 21, 2015**, with the presentation of a gift of appreciation. Special recognition was given to: "The Youngest Father Present" (**Jesse Cox**), "The Oldest Fathers Present" (**Jim Bob Moore** and **Billy Veatch**), and "The Father with the Most Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren Present" (**Ernest Carol Taylor**). See pictures of the event. "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4 (NIV)

There was a **special called Business Meeting** on Sunday morning, **July 12, 2015**, for the express purpose of voting on parking lot renovation and expansion. There were three options with a total of 98 votes placed as follows:

1. To renovate the existing parking lot for a cost of \$37,583.24 (51 votes); or,
2. To renovate the existing parking lot and add additional parking for a cost of \$63,933.24 (39 votes); or
3. To leave parking lot as is with no work (8 votes).

Therefore, only the existing parking lot will be resurfaced and striped.

The 3rd Annual Back to School Bash was on Friday night, July 31, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. We enjoyed a time of fellowship with the youth, children, and families while camping out, watching a movie, playing games, and listening to a sermon illustration from Buck the Golden Retriever. It's was a great night to gather as a church and share God's blessings and our support for families as kids get ready to return to school.

The **Annual Men's Skeet Shoot/Fish Fry** was on Saturday, **August 15, 2015** at 4:00 p.m. All the men participating in or watching the event had a great time of fun and fellowship! What great weather and great food!



Special recognition was given, during the Morning Worship Service on **August 30, 2015**, to **Elizabeth Farmer** for over 50 years of service as the **WMU Director of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church**. She was presented a plaque and pin documenting her years of service by **Josh Veatch** and **Shirley Skaggs**.

During the church year of September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015 there were:

- 6 additions by baptism and 1 by letter
- Total recorded members was 572 with 522 being resident members
- The Sunday School Attendance average was 113
- The Sunday Morning Worship Service average was 208
- Vacation Bible School Enrollment was 251
- Total Mission Project Participation was 75

- Financial Giving

Cooperative Program = \$23,949

Annie Armstrong Giving = \$1,733

Lottie Moon Giving = \$3,364

Association Missions Giving = \$3,992

Great Commissions Giving = \$38,333

Total Missions Giving = \$51,756

- See the Organizational Structure document for 2014 - 2015

- The recorded deaths were:

Pearl Jacobs

Teresa Brockman Veatch

Thomas Leon Wilcher

Sam Farris

Lennie Pike

Hazel Livers

The **Third Annual Women's Luncheon** was held on **September 12, 2015** at 11:00 a.m. This year the luncheon featured "Bruce and Lisa," a husband and wife team of internationally acclaimed classical musicians. They shared their testimony of how God changed their lives and the power of prayer and God's healing as Lisa has struggled with brain tumors. They played Christian music in a wide variety of styles as they shared the story of God's love. Bruce has

toured with many of the biggest names in Christian music such as Michael W. Smith, Natalie Grant, and Casting Crowns to name a few. Everyone that attended the event received a blessing. There was also lots of good food and fellowship with friends and family.

Thankfully the weather cooperated and we were able to have our Annual Trunk or Treat Activity outside on the church grounds on October 28, 2015. Various sources report estimates of 160-170 children in attendance.

The Annual White Christmas Offering was collected during the Morning Worship Service on December 20, 2015. A total of \$23,120.00 was received (\$17,451.00 was placed in the general fund with the rest placed in designated funds according to specifications made by the donor). Thank you to everyone who participated in this special service.



Our **9-week Women's Bible Study** group began on October 7, 2015. The study was taught by different women from our church and each week it was about important women of the Bible. The group's last session was on December 30, 2015. A group picture was taken of those at the last meeting. An average of 25

women attended each session. Bro. Steve served as babysitter and entertainer during the study sessions. The women are planning another Bible study in the spring. Those present for the picture were (from left to right): Front Row: **McKenzie Hardin** and **Jennifer Bland**
Center Row: **Lori England, Kelly Wise, Anita Lanham, Shirley Farmer, Carolyn Morris, Shawna Richerson, Faye Porter, and Judy Benningfield**
Back Row: **Barbara Jean Benningfield, Catherine Sabo, Charlotte Benningfield, Gayle Kelly, Linda Sabo, Kim Skaggs, Michelle Yocum, Jill Montgomery, Rhonda Cobb, and Shirley Skaggs**

The **annual Couples Marriage Retreat** was held on **January 29-30, 2016 at Lake Cumberland State Resort Park in Jamestown, KY**. There were 16 couples that attended the event. **Carolyn and Steve Morris**, along with **Bro. Steve**, led the group in sessions with this marriage adventure and journey.



From Left to Right: Christopher and Andrea Morrison, Bro. Steve and Shirley Skaggs, David and Lori England, Don and Betty Witham, Tommy and Wanda Buckler, Jason and Jessica Benningfield, Trent and Carey Pyles, Adam and Jennifer Bland, Todd and McKenzie Hardin, Ray and Beth Osborne, Mark and Kelly Carney, Josh and Jessica Veatch, Tony and Michelle Yocum, Joe and Kim Skaggs, Nick and Rhonda Cobb, Steve and Carolyn Morris.

Revival Services were held **February 28-March 2, 2016** with **Bro. Barry Fields**, pastor of Hawesville Baptist Church (located in Hawesville, Kentucky), serving as the Evangelist. There was a good attendance each night and some very inspirational, encouraging, and challenging messages. Special Music Schedule each night included:

- Sunday Night - **The Sabo Family**
- Monday Night - **Steve and Friends Gospel Quartet**
- Tuesday Night - **Bro. Steve Skaggs**
- Wednesday Night - **The Grimes Family**

Men's Day was celebrated on **April 17, 2016**. Special music was provided by **Bro. Steve Skaggs** and **Don Witham**. The men made up the choir and provided special music as a group. Dennis Wise was the speaker during the Morning Worship Service and **Donnie Veatch** was the speaker for the Evening Worship Service. **Bro. Steve Skaggs** served as the pianist and **David England** served as the organist.

On **May 8, 2016**, Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church showed appreciation to all the mothers attending the Morning Worship Service by presenting each of them with special gift of a **Mother's Day MHBC** tote bag. **Martha Whitehouse** provided special music. Special recognition was given to:

- The "Oldest Mother Present": **Pauline Wise**
- The "Youngest Mother Present": **Jessica Paris**
- The "Mother with the Most Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren present": **Helen Mays**
- Mother with "A Baby Born Since Last Mother's Day": **Amanda VanHook** (daughter, Kinsley)
- **Clara Evans** is the "Oldest Mother at Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church (present or not present)". She is 96 years old. A vase of flowers was given to her Granddaughter, **Sharon Reed**, to take home in her honor.

On **May 22, 2016**, Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church **recognized all new graduates**. They included: **Adam Bland** (represented by his wife, Jennifer), **Austin Sabo**, **MaKayla Sabo**, and **Kelsey Veatch** (represented by her father, **Donnie Veatch**). Each graduate, or representative of the graduate, was asked to describe to the congregation where the graduate went to school, the level of education obtained, and what they will be doing with their life as a result of graduation. Each graduate was presented with a book entitled "The End of Me: Where Real Life in the Upside-Down Ways of Jesus Begins" (Kyle Idleman, Author) by **Bro. Steve Skaggs**.

Youth Vacation Bible School was held June 5-9, 2016.

Vacation Bible School 2016 - June 12 - June 16, 2016 from 6:00 p.m to 8:30 p.m. This year's theme was "Submerged: Finding Truth Below the Surface". As kids submerged themselves in God's Word, they discovered that Jesus saw people differently. He didn't just see what's on the outside; He saw who people were down deep. The Bible verse to remember was: "Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way. Psalm 139:23-24". Parent Night was on June 17th at 6:00

p.m. There was a Bouncy House and Slide, a Dunking Booth, Food, Sno cones, Popcorn, and Cotton Candy. Money collected during Bible School was directed to two special causes: (a) The Bucket Project Hospice KET through Kentucky WMU and the Baptist Global Response, (b) Operation InAsMuch - Kentucky (this is a local project).

Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church showed **appreciation to all the fathers** attending the Morning Worship Service on **June 19, 2016**. A gift in honor of them will be given to the Taylor and Marion County Relay for Life Organizations. **Nettie Brown** provided special music with the song, "Daddy's Hands". (See Pictures) Special recognition was given to:

- The “Oldest Fathers Present”: **Jim Bob Moore, Howard Farris, and Billy Veatch**
- The “Youngest Fathers Present”: **Dustin Benningfield and Jonathan Bright**
- The “Father with the Most Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren present”: **Smith Mays**

Our 4th annual “Back to School Bash” was Friday night, July 29, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.. The church furnished the hot dogs and buns for the wiener roast. The weather was perfect for camping out, watching a movie, playing games, and enjoying the fellowship with everyone as God's Blessings were shared in preparation for the beginning of a new school year.

The Women's Bible Study Group met from August 10, 2016 at 6: 00 p.m. and continued every Wednesday through September 14th. The book studied was "The Family of Jesus" by Karen Kingsbury.

From Left to Right: Christopher and Andrea Morrison, Bro. Steve and Shirley Skaggs, David and Lori England, Don and Betty Witham, Tommy and Wanda Buckler, Jason and Jessica Benningfield, Trent and Carey Pyles, Adam and Jennifer Bland, Todd and McKenzie Hardin, Ray and Beth Osborne, Mark and Kelly Carney, Josh and Jessica Veatch, Tony and Michelle Yocum, Joe and Kim Skaggs, Nick and Rhonda Cobb, Steve and Carolyn Morris.

The History Of MULDRAUGH HILL BAPTIST CHURCH (September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2018)

“Operation In As Much-Kentucky” is a ministry to reach out into the community in a ONE-DAY event in September. MHBC joined other KY Baptist Churches in doing outreach ministry right here in Marion and Taylor counties beginning with prayer at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 10th before beginning the day of service. There were about 55 folks, according to Bro. Steve, from MHBC that participated in Inasmuch Muldraugh Hill.

Sunday School Perfect Attendance Awards for the Church Year of September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016 were presented during the Morning Worship Service on **September 11, 2016** for the following: **Karli Veatch** (3 years), **Jean Sallee** (4 years), **Anita Lanham** (12 years), **Michelle Gribbins**, (13 years), **Jessica Veatch** (15 years), **Annette Dennison** (16 years - absent for the photo), **Ann Lee** (18 years) and **Josh Veatch** (28 years).



The **Fourth Annual Ladies Luncheon** was held on **September 17, 2016** at 11:00 a.m. The ladies gathered purses for women at the Louisville Rescue Mission in a project they call “Purses with Purpose.” They also heard from a dynamic speaker, Susan Bryant who is president of the Kentucky WMU, about the Bucket Project, a ministry through the KBC and Baptist Global Relief for women in Africa who are dying from Aids. Melissa Skaggs, daughter-in-law of Bro. Steve and Shirley Skaggs, provided special music.

Church-Wide Hayride was on **September 25, 2016**. There were multiple wagons with about 80 people riding that left the church at 5:00 P.M. and then returned for a bonfire and wiener roast. The church provided the hot dogs and buns. Individuals attending brought chips, drinks desserts, snacks etc. to complete the meal. What a great time of fun and fellowship!

During the church year of September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016 there were:

- 8 additions by baptism and 6 by letter
- Total recorded members was 548 with 485 being resident members
- Sunday School/Bible Study/Small Group Total Enrollment 169
- The Sunday School/Bible Study/Small Group Average Attendance was 112
- The Sunday Morning Worship Service average was 187
- Vacation Bible School Enrollment was 188
- Total Mission Project Participation was 89
- Financial Giving
 - Cooperative Program = \$23,270
 - Annie Armstrong Giving = \$2,017

Lottie Moon Giving = \$4,114

Association Missions Giving = \$3,878

Great Commissions Giving = \$39,525

Total Missions Giving = \$45,468

- Organizational Structure for 2015 - 2016
- The recorded deaths were:

Gerald Moore

Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church hosted the Central Association of Kentucky Baptists Annual Fall Meeting on Monday, October 3, 2016 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. A potluck meal was provided for the event. Approximately 100 people attended the event.

October was Pastor Appreciation Month. So, on **October 23, 2016**, at the conclusion of the Morning Worship Service, the Chairman of the Deacons, **David England**, presented **Bro. Steve and Shirley** a monetary gift and an autographed picture from the congregation to show appreciation and thanks for their years of service and dedication at Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church.

We had our annual Trunk N Treat activity on October 26, 2016. The weather was beautiful! There were an estimated 181 children in attendance according to one source after she counted her leftover bags. Bro. Steve reported that there were at least 100 families represented. What a wonderful time of fun and fellowship for all!

The Monthly Business Meeting was held on November 9, 2016. The Assistant Moderator, **Ernest Carol Taylor**, led the meeting as Bro. Steve was in Revival Services in Danville, Ky.

Bro. Steve and Shirley hosted an Open House at the parsonage on November 13, 2016 to show off the renovation that has been done over the past several months. There are still plans to repair some guttering and add storm doors but everyone seemed pleased with the changes and improvements.

Our Annual Hanging of the Greens Service, a traditional service that helps us kick-off the Advent and Christmas seasons, was held on November 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Non-perishable food and misc. items was collected during the service for the Brookhaven Mission during this service.

On Saturday, December 24, 2016, we had our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and observed the Lord's Supper at 6:00 p.m.

The Annual White Christmas Offering was collected during the Morning Worship Service on December 18, 2016. There was low attendance due to bad weather. However, a total of \$18,835.00 was received (\$13,885.00 was placed in the general fund with the rest placed in designated funds according to specifications made by the donor). Thank you to everyone who participated in this special service. Note: \$1,670 was also donated to the White Christmas Offering with \$100 of the total donated on the December 11th and the rest on December 25th.

The **3rd Annual Marriage Retreat** was on **January 20-21, 2017** at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park. Fourteen couples attended the event: Bro. Steve and Shirley Skaggs, Donnie and Beth Veatch, Josh and Jessica Veatch, Steve and Carolyn Morris, Steve and Shannon Lee, Tony and Michelle Yocum, Jason and Tiffany Underwood, Trent and Carey Pyles, Tommy and Wanda Buckler, Ray and Beth Osborne, Mark and Kelly Carney, Nick and Rhonda Cobb, David and Lori England, Adam and Jennifer Bland. Everyone had a great time of fun and fellowship. The weather was awesome!



The MHBC Women’s Ministry six week Bible study concluded on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. "A Woman Who Doesn’t Quit" by Nicki Koziarz was the study guide. The study offered “5 Practical Habits to Keep Your Eyes on God” from the book of Ruth. “Every woman will eventually face it: the temptation to give in and give up. But something transformative happens when a woman decides to persevere in the face of difficulty and pain. A woman who refuses to quit influences her world in ways she could never have imagined.” Jennifer England Bland and Carolyn Morris led this study for women of all ages. Over thirty women participated in the Bible study.

Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church showed **appreciation to all the mothers** attending the Morning Worship Service on May 14, 2017 by presenting each of them with special gift of a “Godly Women Are a Treasure Beyond Measure” bookmark. Also, a \$250 donation was given in honor of the mothers to Sunrise Children’s Services. **Amanda** and **Jacklyn Farmer** provided special music. Special recognition was given to:

- The “Oldest Mother Present”: **Janet Moore**
- The “Youngest Mother Present”: **Jessica Paris** (represented by her mother, **Janice Chappell** as Jessica was in Nursery)
- The “Mother with the Most Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren present”: **Helen Mays** and **Phyllis Wise** (8 descendants each)
- Mothers present with “A Baby Born Since Last Mother’s Day”:
Shane and Katie Morris with daughter
Jill Montgomery with daughterMindy Bright with daughter and son
Judy Benningfield, representing Tiffany Underwood, upon the birth of a son
- Bro. Steve recognized **Clara Evans** as being the “Oldest Mother on the role of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church”. She is 97 years old.

Congratulations to our graduates for 2017:

- **Erin Cox** (Campbellsville University)
- **Kaitlynn Farmer** (Marion County High School)
- **Micah Franklin** (Taylor County High School)
- **Mat Livers** (Marion County High School)
- **Taylor Nelson** (Marion County High School)
- **Danielle Pelphrey** (Marion County High School)
- **Caroline Reed** (Marion County High School)
- **Allison Sallee** (Marion County High School)

William Maurice "Billie Veatch, a church deacon for 39 years, passed away at age 90 on **June 1, 2017**.

Youth Vacation Bible School was held from June 4th to June 9th, 2017.

Children Vacation Bible School (for children from Nursery age to 6th Grade) was Sunday, June 11th through Friday, June 16th from 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. The number of children present ranged from 81 to 106 with an average of 96. The numbers of teachers/workers present was between 56 and 76 each night. The theme this year was "Galactic Starveyors....Discovering The God of the Universe". Friday night was Parent's Night. There was a Bouncy House and Bouncy Slide, a Dunking Booth, Hot dogs, sandwiches and other food, Sno cones, Popcorn, and Cotton Candy. A total of \$805.15 was collected during Bible School was given to The Backpack Program in Kentucky.

Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church showed **appreciation to all the fathers** attending the Morning Worship Service on **June 18, 2017**. A gift in honor of them will be given to Sunrise Children's Services. They were also each given a mini tire gauge. Special recognition was given to (See Pictures):

- The "Oldest Father Present": **Jim Bob Moore** (91 years)
- The "Youngest Father Present": **Dustin Benningfield** (29 years)
- The "Fathers with the Most Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren present": **Charlie Poff** and **Ernest Carol Taylor** (7 each)
- The "Father with a Child Born Since Last Father's Day": **Jason Underwood**
- The "Oldest Father not Present": **Howard Farris** (represented by son, **Mark Farris**)

National WMU, Kentucky WMU, and Central Association of Kentucky Baptists partnered together for FamilyFest in Lebanon and Springfield for family service projects, backyard Bible clubs, Vacation Bible School, block parties, and other ministries July 22-27, 2017. More than 150 volunteered from all across the country. They conducted 46 different ministry projects at 18 locations. MHBC was in charge of projects at The Village of Lebanon. The results of the week were four professions of faith decisions.

The **Annual "Men and Boys Skeet Shoot"** was held **August 19, 2017** at 4:00 p.m. Daniel Raikes was the guest speaker for the event this year. What a great time of fun, fellowship, and great food!

The **Annual Women's Luncheon** was on Saturday, **August 26, 2017** at 11:00 A.M. Peggy Richardson was the guest speaker and Melissa Skaggs was the guest vocalist. What a great time of fun, fellowship, and great food! Several men participated as the servers.

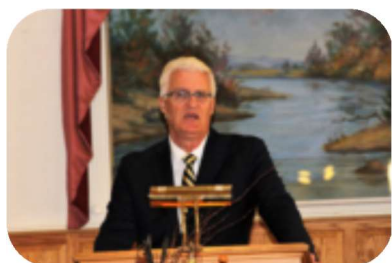
The Deacons and church officers were installed for new church year, on **Sunday August 27, 2017** during the morning worship service. Also, **Trent Pyles** was ordained in a special **Deacon Ordination Service**. **Bro. Steve Skaggs** performed the ceremony. The following deacons participated in the "Laying of the Hands" Ceremony: **Roger Barnett, Larry Bright, David England, Sam Graham, Jim Sabo, Jr., Jim Sabo, Sr., Mark Speer, Josh Veatch, and Dennis Wise**. Trent's wife, **Carey**, stood at his side. His daughters and mother were also present during the ceremony.

During the church year of September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017 there were:

- 4 additions by baptism and 0 by letter
- Total recorded members was 545 with 482 being resident members
- The Sunday School Attendance average was 111
- The Sunday Morning Worship Service average was 180
- Vacation Bible School Enrollment was 223
- Total Mission Project Participation was 187
- Financial Giving
 - Cooperative Program = \$23,312
 - Annie Armstrong Giving = \$1,473
 - Lottie Moon Giving = \$4,959
 - Association Missions Giving = \$3,885
 - Great Commissions Giving = \$40,242
 - Total Missions Giving = \$46,296
- See the Organizational Structure document for 2016 - 2017
- The recorded deaths were:
 - James Robert Caulk**
 - Carrol Benningfield**
 - William Maurice "Billie" Veatch** (deacon)

Bro. Steve Skaggs presented his **resignation as pastor** of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church to the Chairman of the Deacons, **Mark Carney**, and to the congregation at the conclusion of the Morning Worship Service on **September 3, 2017**. His last day will be September 24, 2017.

The Monthly Business Meeting was held on September 6, 2017. **Ernest Carol Taylor** served as the moderator.



On Sunday, **September 24, 2017**, **Bro. Steve Skaggs** gave his last sermon as pastor of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church. A reception/meal was held in honor of **Bro. Steve and Shirley** to thank them for their service

the last 5 years. They were presented with a love offering and two Cracker Barrel rocking chairs with their names and the church name engraved in them and the placement of a UK Wildcat emblem, Bro. Steve's team. It was announced during the Morning Worship Service by **Mark Carney**, Chairman of the Deacons, that a discussion will be held at the next monthly business meeting on October 4, 2017 to start the process of forming a Pulpit Search Committee.

Bro. Steve published his last “At The Break of Day” (ATBOD) message on September 30, 2017:

September 30, 2017 -- “At the Break of Day”

“At the break of day” has, from the beginning, meant to inspire you to have a daily devotional life. Prayer and scripture should always be the basis of our daily devotions. Paul wrote, “For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ” (II Corinthians 4:6). Perhaps his thoughts were inspired by Psalm 119:105, “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

There are so many good devotional resources available today including posts like this one. And, while I use these myself, my personal preference is to have a book in my hands. Plus you know that I would tell you to not neglect the hymnal as a devotional resource. Looking at hymns as devotional poetry rather than between the lines of music can bring new insight to even the most well-known hymn. But you can have a devotional moment with just your Bible!

We can, of course, pray and have devotional times any time during the day but I believe following Jesus’ example works best: “Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed” (Mark 1:35). He spent time with His Heavenly Father the very first thing and we should too before the busyness of our day becomes a distraction.

This is the last day I will share my thoughts in this space. Thank you always for beginning your day here and for sharing these words with others. May you continue to “grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ” (II Peter 3:18) as you seek Him daily.

Bro. Steve

The Monthly Business Meeting was held on October 4, 2017. Ernest Carol Taylor, Assistant Moderator, led the meeting. Mark Carney, Chairman of the Deacons, assisted with the process.

The church family was very saddened upon the death of **Elizabeth Jarboe Farmer** on **October 7, 2017** at the age of 85. She served for many years as a Sunday School teacher, was a Vacation Bible School teacher, was on multiple committees, and was honored in August 2015 for over 50 years of service at the WMU Director. She also received 28 years of Sunday School Perfect Attendance Awards! She will be greatly missed.



Sunday School Perfect Attendance Awards were presented during the Morning Worship Service on **October 15, 2017** to the following: **Karli Veatch** (4 years), **Michelle Gribbins**, (14 years), **Jessica Veatch** (16 years), **Ann Lee** (19 years) and **Josh Veatch** (29 years).



At the beginning of the Sunday Morning Worship Service on **November 5, 2017**, a “**Special Business Meeting**” was called by the Moderator, **Ernest Carol Taylor**, for the purpose of formulating the Pastor Search (Pulpit) Committee. The deacons distributed ballots with the names of 20 individuals who had been nominated, and had agreed to serve, over the previous two weeks, to each church member present . The five people receiving the largest number of votes that would constitute the Pastor Search (Pulpit) Committee included the following: **Charlotte Benningfield, David England, Margaret Pyles, Jim Sabo, Jr., and Don Veatch.**

The “Hanging of the Greens” Service was held on Sunday night, November 26th at 6:00 p.m. The church was gradually decorated as the meaning of Christmas was explained for each item of decoration. Then the AWANA children presented the scene of the nativity as Bro. Al Hardy read the Christmas story from Luke 2:1-20.

The **Safety “Security” Team met for the first time on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** This Team is being formed to look into what is needed to better protect the members and visitors on the church property. Fourteen men and women attended the meeting. The guest speaker was Travis Begley. He is the head of the security team at Elkhorn Baptist Church in Campbellsville, Kentucky and is a 16-year veteran of the Campbellsville Police Department.

We collected our **Annual White Christmas Offering** on **December 17, 2017** during the Morning Worship Service. Thank you to everyone that gave so generously! The total amount received was **\$21,768.85!!!**

Bro. Billy Compton led us in the Morning Worship Services on **December 24th and December 31st.** The Pastor Search (Pulpit) Committee presented him as a possible Interim Pastor with a vote to be taken in January.

We had our Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. **Bro. Steve Skaggs** returned for the evening to us to lead the service.



Bro. Billy Compton began serving as our Interim Pastor on January 21, 2018. We had a “Meet/Greet/Welcome” time of fellowship to get acquainted with him and his wife, Sue Ann, at our Annual Church-wide Birthday Potluck Meal after the Morning Worship Service.

On **February 18, 2018** during the Morning Worship Service, **Erin Cox** announced her resignation as Minister of Youth to be effective the end of the month.

The **Rev. Billy Graham**, the Christian evangelist whose worldwide crusades and role as adviser to decades of U.S. presidents made him one of the best-known religious figures of his time, died Wednesday (**February 21, 2018**) at age 99 at his home in Montreat, N.C,



The **4th Annual Couples Retreat** took place on **March 9-10, 2018** at **Barren River Lake**. It was a great time of fun and fellowship! There was an evening session on Friday night and two sessions on Saturday morning. **Bro. Billy and Sue Ann** led the group in this time of celebrating marriage. The following attended the event: **Mark and Kelly Carney, Nick and Rhonda Cobb, Bro. Billy and Sue Ann Compton, David and Lori England, Mckenzie Hardin, Cynthia Tungate Burnett, Rob and Stephanie Keeling, Steven and Shannon Lee, Steve and Carolyn Morris, Mark and Latricia Speer, Josh and Jessica Veatch, William and Robin Watson, Tony and Michelle Yocum.**

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was on Wednesday, March 28th at 6 P.M. The children and adults enjoyed sandwiches, snacks, and finger foods and a time of fellowship. Kids hunted eggs and heard the story of Easter.

There was a “March Gladness Sunday School Tournament” between Muldraugh Hill and Pleasant Hill churches that concluded after 4 weeks on April 1, 2018 (Easter Sunday). The score cards were tabulated of contacts, visitors and attendance. After the tabulation was completed it was determined that MHBC was the champion.

“On behalf of the good people of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, we would like to invite all of you to a Dessert Fellowship on Sunday evening, April 15th at 6 P.M. in our Christian Life Center.”

Your beloved transitional pastor will have the distinct pleasure of throwing a pie in the face of the losing pastor. Many have desired to do this and are anxiously awaiting that moment. See you there, Dr. James Jones

Easter Sunrise Service was on April 1, 2018 at 7:00 A.M. Everyone met in the church Sanctuary before walking together to the cemetery.

There was a Concealed Carry Deadly Weapon (CCDW) class on Saturday, April 21, 2018 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Byron Richardson, with the Lebanon Police Department, will be the instructor of the class. The class was 7 hours long (6 hours class time plus 1 hour of range time). It was held at the Lebanon Police Department. Sixteen people participated in the class.

Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church showed **appreciation to all the mothers** attending the Morning Worship Service on **May 13, 2018** by presenting each of them with special gift of a MHBC “EZ Gripper” jar opener. **Bro. Billy Compton** delivered the special Mother’s Day message from 2 Timothy 1:1-5 (Paul’s message to Timothy). “I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.” (2 Timothy 1:5). **Mark Carney**, Chairman of the Deacons, and Bro. Billy presented special awards, with the assistance of **Gayle Bright** pinning the corsages. Special recognition was given to (click to view pictures):

- The “Oldest Mother Present”: **Janet Moore**
- The “Youngest Mother Present”: **Sidney Cox**
- The “Mother with the Most Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren present”:
Phyllis Wise (8 descendants)
- Mothers present with “A Baby Born Since Last Mother’s Day”: **Sidney Cox** and **Tiffany Underwood**
- **Mark Carney** recognized **Clara Evans** with a vase of flowers. She is recognized as the “Oldest Mother on the role of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church”. She is 98 years old.



On Sunday, **May 27, 2018**, during the Morning Worship Service, there was a **Special Called Session of the Business Meeting** in order to vote whether to call **Ms. Lidiane Macedo** as our new Minister of Music. **Ernest Carol Taylor** served as moderator. There were 61 “yes” votes and 35 “no” votes. The position was offered and accepted by Ms. Lidiane Macedo. She is very excited to begin her service at Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church! She has a Master in Music with emphasis on voice performance, has led various choirs, and prior to accepting the position with MHBC, was the Assistant Choir Director at First Methodist Church in Campbellsville. She is also employed as an Exceptional Child Education Instructional Assistant at Marion County Middle School.

During the Morning Worship Service on **May 27, 2018** there was a **Special Memorial Day Service** in which the names of loved ones who passed away since last Memorial Day were read by Bro. Billy Compton. The church bell was rung once after the reading of each name. Click to view the names that were read during the ceremony.

Vacation Bible School was Sunday, June 10th through Friday, June 15th from 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Friday Night, the last night of VBS, was family night. The theme was “Game On! Gearing Up for Life’s Big Game”. What a great time of fun, fellowship, and learning more about God and his teachings!

Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church showed **appreciation to all the fathers** attending the Morning Worship Service on **June 17, 2018**. A gift in honor of them will be given to Hosparus. They were also each given a key chain. Special recognition was given to:

- The “Oldest Father Present”: **Jim Bob Moore** (92 years)
- The “Youngest Father Present”: **Jesse Cox**

- The “Father with the Most Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren present”: **Ernest Carol Taylor** (7 descendants)
- The “Fathers with a Child Born Since Last Fathers Day”: **Jesse Cox** and **Andrew Dornbrook**
- “Oldest Father not Present”: **Howard Farris** (represented by granddaughter, **Mckenzie Hardin**)
- Homebound Father: **Tommy Farmer** (presented to sister, **Anita Lanham**)

The **Pastor Search Committee**, on **Sunday June 17, 2018**, during the Morning Worship Service, gave a report of their work and made a **recommendation that MHBC call Bro. Billy Compton to be our next pastor**. The Committee will present this recommendation in the form of a motion at our next scheduled business meeting on July the 11, 2018, and if seconded, the church will be given a 1-week notice on Sunday July 15th of the upcoming vote on the call that we are extending to Bro. Billy. The vote will be taken on morning, July 22, 2018 from all members that are present. The Church Constitution and Bylaws requires a three-fourths majority in the affirmative to extend the call, and then Bro. Billy has the option to accept the call based upon the vote. Please be in prayer for this important time in our church. Upon making the announcement, there was a standing ovation by most members of the congregation.

The **musicians of the church were recognized** during the Morning Worship Service on **July 1, 2018**. Each pianist/organist was given a special gift of appreciation for his/her commitment and service over the years. Those recognized were: **Wanda Buckler, Amanda Farmer, Annette Dennison, and Martha Whitehouse. David England** was recognized but not present. Each were asked how many years he/she had been sharing their talents at church. The exact years were not known but Wanda and Martha voiced they had been playing the piano or organ since they were fourteen years of age. **Lidiane Macedo** was recognized as the new **Minister of Music** and also given a gift of appreciation. **Jim Sabo, Sr.** was recognized for his service as Minister of Music since 2006 (nearly 12 ½ years) of which he donated all his salary back to the church. He was given a plaque commemorating those years of service, a statue of a microphone and was shown a standing ovation from the congregation. There was a Music Ministry Appreciation Meal after the morning worship service. The church provided the meat, bread, drinks and the rest of the meal was potluck. What a great time of fellowship!

MHBC had a great night out as a church family at the Evening Worship Service and Baptism of McKenzie Bagwell and surprise birthday party for Bro. Billy on **July 1, 2018** on the farm of Donnie Veatch. It was estimated around 90 were in attendance.

A **Special Called Business Meeting** was held on **July 22, 2018** during the Morning Worship Service. **Mark Carney** served as Moderator. The church members present were asked to stand and they were each given a ballot by members of the Pastor Search “Pulpit” Committee. Once their ballots were completed the ballots were collected by the committee and taken to be tallied. After the service, the results of the vote were reported by **Mark Carney**. There was an **overwhelming 99.2% (120 yes; 1 no) affirmative “yes” vote** to call Bro. Billy Compton as the next pastor of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church! Bro. Billy accepted the call after the announcement of the vote was made. Bro. Billy and Sue Ann expressed their desire to move their

membership to Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church. The congregation filed by after the service to welcome them as members and to congratulate/welcome Bro. Billy as the new Pastor.

Lidiane Macedo left for Brazil **July 23, 2018** to care for members of her family and to meet the requirements necessary to renew her VISA for the next two years. She will return in about 4 weeks. The church took up a Freewill Love Offering for her following the morning worship service on July 29, 2018 to help with the costs of her travel expenses since she will not be receiving a salary during the time she is gone.

Posted on July 29, 2018: At the next business meeting on Wednesday, August 8, 2018, the Personnel Committee will be recommending MaKayla Sabo and Caden Wheatley to fill the position of Youth Ministers. Please continue to pray for this vital ministry position in our church.



Bro. Billy Compton is the new pastor of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church as of **August 1, 2018**. He was officially installed in a special ceremony during the Morning Worship Service on August 5, 2018. **David England**, Chairman of the Pastor Search “Pulpit” Committee, made an introduction of the process and referenced the passage of scripture from 1 Timothy 3:1-7. Bro. Rusty Ellison, Transitional Pastor of Campbellsville Baptist Church and friend of Bro. Billy’s, delivered a special message, detailing their special friendship over the years. Bro. Billy, Bro. Rusty, and the congregation sang in acapella, “I Stand Amazed in the Presence”. **Mark Carney**, Chairman of the Deacons, performed the installation by delivering the “Charge to the Pastor and the Church”. Other active deacons present were: **Larry Bright, Josh Veatch, Sam Graham, and Jim Sabo, Jr.** **Trent Pyles** was unable to attend. Bro. Billy then delivered the message, “Why Am I Here?” from Acts 10.



A **Special Called Business Meeting** was held during the Morning Worship Service on **August 19, 2018**. **Bro. Billy Compton** served as Moderator. The members of the church were asked to stand. The Personnel Committee gave ballots to each of the members and they were asked to circle “yes” or “no” to the recommendation to have **MaKayla Sabo and Calen Wheatley become Co-Youth Ministers**. **Dennis Wise**, representing the Personnel Committee, reported at the end of the service that there were **123 votes submitted with 108 voting “yes” and 15 voting “no”**. MaKayla and Caden accepted the positions and will begin meeting with the youth on August 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

The **6th Annual Men and Boy’s Skeet Shoot** took place on **August 25, 2018** at 4:00 p.m. A meal was enjoyed after the shoot. What a great time of fun and fellowship!

The History Of MULDRAUGH HILL BAPTIST CHURCH (September 1, 2018 through Present)

During the church year of September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018 there were:

- 4 additions by baptism and 11 by letter
- Total recorded members were 555 with 483 being resident members
- The Sunday School Attendance average was 113
- The Sunday Morning Worship Service average was 165
- Vacation Bible School Enrollment was 142
- Total Mission Project Participation was 224
- Financial Giving
 - Cooperative Program = \$23,313
 - Annie Armstrong Giving = \$1,840
 - Lottie Moon Giving = \$3,103
 - Association Missions Giving = \$3,885
 - Great Commissions Giving = \$39,515
 - Total Missions Giving = \$45,952
- See the Organizational Structure document for 2017 - 2018
- The recorded deaths were:
 - Elizabeth Jarboe Farmer**
 - Iva Richerson Hardesty**
 - Ronnie Lee Benningfield**
 - Thomas Bernard Buckler**

The Annual Trunk and Treat event was held on October 24, 2018. The weather was perfect and there was lots of fun and fellowship as the church family and community friends gathered to enjoy the activity on the church grounds. Hundreds of people participated in the activities. MHBC youth and other volunteers served chili in the fellowship hall, with donations going toward expenses for the youth to attend the Winter Xtreme event in December. A total of \$1,247 in donations was received. Younger children, dressed in various Halloween attire, visited the many "trunk" sites offering all kinds of goodies, games, and entertainment. According to calculations based upon the number of bags of candy passed out, there were just shy of 200 trick or treaters.

On Sunday evening, November 18, 2018, a Thanksgiving Meal was enjoyed by all who attended. The church furnished the meat/bread/drinks and the rest of the meal was potluck. It was a great time of Christian fellowship to thank God for His many blessings.

The annual "Hanging of the Greens" service took place on November 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. It featured participation of the entire congregation in the program. Gifts were placed under the tree by those attending the service. The gifts will be given to Brookhaven Mission. At the conclusion of the service, Bro. Billy Compton narrated the story of the birth of Jesus while the children of AWANA created the Nativity Scene.

On Sunday, December 16, 2018, the Sanctuary Choir presented their Christmas Cantata, "Peace Has Come", during the Evening Worship Service.

On Wednesday, December 19, 2018, several went Christmas Caroling to the shut-ins in our community.

On Sunday, December 23, 2018, the Annual White Christmas Offering was collected during the Morning Worship Service. A very generous amount of \$24,145.62 was collected! Of that total, \$15,948.12 was placed in the general fund with the rest placed in designated funds according to specifications made by the person(s) giving the gift.

On Monday, December 24, 2018, we had our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and observed the Lord's Supper at 6 p.m.

Rev. Kit C. Yeaste died on **January 12, 2019** at the age of 94. He was Pastor of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church from 1955 to 1958. He returned to MHBC often for revivals and special services. He was a faithful servant of God and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

The **"Building Awesome Relationships" retreat** was on Friday evening, February 1st and Saturday morning, February 2nd. It was a winter retreat to attendees build above-average, healthy, awesome relationships with family, friends, and co-workers. The group was blessed and inspired by guest presenter and illusionist, Roger McCurry, former ministerial staff of Severns Valley Baptist Church.



February 24, 2019 was "Youth Sunday" in our church. What a great job by all the participants! We are so proud of all the youth and the leaders!

The **Monthly Business Meeting was held on April 10, 2019**. [Click here](#) to view a summary of the minutes. There was a new document adopted regarding designation of funds.

Howard Farris, a church deacon since his ordination on June 28, 1959 by Bro. Richard Shields, and who served in many positions on church committees and as a Sunday School teacher, passed away on **April 23, 2019** at the age of 92.

A vote was made at the **Monthly Business Meeting on May 8, 2019** to start the first phase of the process to expand the church parking lot at an estimated cost of \$19,230. The initial motion and second to do this project was first presented at the Business Meeting on April 10, 2019. As per the MHBC Constitution and By-Laws (Church Finances, Section 4):

"A motion to make a purchase with a cost greater than \$10,000.00 but less than \$25,000.00 may be made at any regular business meeting. It will require a second but the final vote cannot be taken until the next regular business meeting. During the time between the meetings, an announcement shall be placed in the church bulletin describing the purchase. "

The announcement was placed in the bulletin and on the church website prior to the May meeting. The PowerPoint Presentation done by the Vision 20/20 Committee at the April Meeting was made available for viewing on the church website.

Mother's Day was celebrated on **May 12, 2019** with a special baby dedication ceremony.

Vacation Bible School was June 9 - 14, 2019 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. There was an average of over 100 in attendance (learners and workers) studying God's Word and enjoying activities such as music, crafts, and recreation. Friday night was family night. What a great week!

Father's Day and the **Men's Day Service** were combined and celebrated on **June 16, 2019**.



On **June 30, 2019**, we enjoyed a time celebrating **Lidiene "Ms Ligi" Macedo's** past year serving as our Minister of Music. During the Morning Worship Service, Ms Ligi shared her special musical talents with the assistance of several members of the congregation, including: a group of ladies called "The Sisters", members of the Children's Choir, the Adult Choir, some of the AWANA kids, Bro. Billy, and other special friends. She concluded the worship service with a beautiful performance of "My Old Kentucky Home". Afterwards, we enjoyed a church-wide meal with her. A special love offering taken today and during the past month was presented to her to express our thanks for her work here at Muldraugh Hill. We wish

her the best as God leads her forward in this new direction. We know He has great plans for her. Ms Ligi will be returning to Brazil July 2, 2019.

Ernest Carol Taylor passed away on **July 6, 2019** at the age of 84. He made a Profession of Faith as a young child and was a life-long member of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church. He was ordained as a deacon January 25, 1976 by Bro. Earl Pike and was a Sunday School teacher for over 50 years.

The **Monthly Business Meeting** was held on **September 4, 2019**. It was noted during the Business Meeting that **Debbie Farris** presented her letter of resignation effective in two months. Debbie has been the church secretary for 43 years since the fall of 1976.

During the church year of September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019 there were:

- 9 additions by baptism and 6 by letter
- Total recorded members was 562 with 490 being resident members
- The Sunday School Attendance average was 116
- The Sunday Morning Worship Service average was 204
- Vacation Bible School Enrollment was 136
- Total Mission Project Participation was 816
- Financial Giving:
 - Cooperative Program = \$25,269
 - Annie Armstrong Giving = \$3,374
 - Lottie Moon Giving = \$4,484
 - Association Missions Giving = \$4,212

Great Commissions Giving = \$39,589

Total Missions Giving = \$45,771

- Organizational Structure for 2018 - 2019
- The recorded deaths were:

Darrell Bright

Rita Wilcher Wise

Shirley McNear Benningfield

Lyle Thomas Farmer

William Howard Farris (deacon)

Ernest Carol Taylor (deacon)

Evelyn Colvin Burress

Ronnel Lee Benningfield

Paul William Farmer

The **Annual Men's Skeet Shoot** was held on **September 14, 2019** at 4:30pm. What a great time of fun and fellowship.



On **September 15, 2019**, **Betty Moore** was recognized during the Morning Worship Service for her 43 years as a Sunday School teacher at Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church. Betty was presented with a crystal service award to remember her years of faithful and dedicated service by **Sam Graham** and **Josh Veatch**.

The **Annual Trunk 'N Treat** event was held on Wednesday night, **October 23rd at 6:00 P.M.** Vehicle trunks were decorated with a variety of themes by members of the congregation for children to visit for treats in the parking lot. The weather was perfect for the event. Members of the Safety/Security Team assisted with parking and safety/security of the facility and grounds during the event. The youth group served chili and sandwiches inside the fellowship hall as a fundraiser for Winter Xtreme. It was a great night of treats, great food, fun, and fellowship.

Mrs. William R. "Frances" Beard passed away on **October 27, 2019** at the age of 94. Her husband, W. R. Beard, served as pastor of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church from 1950-1954. [Click to view obituary.](#)



On **November 3, 2019**, **Debbie Farris** was recognized during the Morning Worship Service for her 43 years as the Secretary/Treasurer of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church. She has served in this position since the fall of 1976 when Bro. Earl Pike was pastor of MHBC. Her service continued with Bro. Vic Stansbury, Bro. Steve Skaggs, and with Bro. Billy Compton. She performed her duties in a faithful, dedicated, knowledgeable, dependable, and precise way and she reports that she felt that it was God who called her to serve. Debbie was presented with a crystal service award to remember her years of service at MHBC. During the presentation, the congregation

Thank you to all our veterans. A special recognition was given to all the veterans present during the Morning Worship Service on **November 10, 2019: Thomas Moore, Robert Farmer, Jim Sabo, Sr., Joe Brown, Jim Bob Moore, and Cameron Gaines.** Also, the veterans who have passed away in the past year were recognized: **William E. Benningfield, Lyle Thomas Farmer, William Howard Farris, Joseph Paul Helm, Everett "Les" Richerson, and Ernest Carol Taylor.**

We enjoyed our annual Thanksgiving Meal in the church fellowship hall on November 17, 2019 at 6 P.M.

Our "Hanging of the Greens" Service was held on November 24, 2019 at 6 P.M. Many church members took part in the decorating of the sanctuary. Non-perishable food and misc. items were collected for the Brookhaven Mission during this service. Also, a Freewill Offering was collected for the Brookhaven Mission.

On Sunday, December 15, 2019, the Sanctuary Choir will presented their Christmas cantata, "Celebrate Christmas", during the evening worship service at 6 P.M.

On Wednesday, December 18, 2019, we went Christmas Caroling to the shut-ins in our community at 6 P.M.

On Sunday, December 22, 2019, we collected our White Christmas Offering during the morning worship service. A total of \$17,002.63 (\$12,765.63 to the regular fund and the rest of the money designated to special funds).

On Tuesday, December 24, 2019, we had our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and observe the Lord's Supper at 6 P.M.

January 26, 2020 was **Connie Gough Gerstler's** last day as **Interim Music Director.** She has recently moved to Owensboro, Kentucky and had been commuting the last month to continue her role in the church. The Personnel Committee will start the search for someone to fill the position.

A church-wide "Shaped to Serve" retreat took place at Barren River State Park on **February 21-22, 2020.** The guest presenter for the Saturday morning sessions was Rick Howerton, the Kentucky Baptist Convention leader of Church revitalization Team. The event was a great time of fun, fellowship, and with a goal to improve relationships to God and each other.

Online giving became available at Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church on **February 29, 2020**. After some tweaking, by the middle of March there were several methods available to members to donate to the church and for activities or ministries:

- Give with cash or check in the offering plates
- Give on church website
- Give from a mobile device on the app
- Give from a mobile device by text
- Donations could be designated to specific funds and given as tributes in memory of or in honor of someone.
- Give with the options of: by credit card, debit card and/or electronic check

There was a vote taken by paper ballot in a **Special Called Business Meeting** during the Morning Worship Service on **March 1, 2020**. The motion carried by 64% of votes taken by members present to **enter into a capital campaign contract over the next 3-year period** with the Kentucky Baptist Convention, with Alan Witham as the consultant.

On **March 11, 2020**, the **World Health Organization (WHO)** declared the spreading **coronavirus a pandemic**. The virus, called **COVID-19**, “probably originated in bats...is believed to have started infecting people in Wuhan, China, in late November or early December. Since then, the virus has raced around the globe.” Upon recommendation by the CDC, President Donald Trump, and KY Gov. Andy Beshear, large gatherings of people were prohibited and “social distancing” was encouraged. Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church, along with other churches, finally, on **March 15, 2020**, had to cancel services and activities and go to online telecast or upload video messages for the congregation until further notice.

Roger Dale Barnett passed away on **March 25, 2020** at the age of 70. He became a deacon at Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church on October 21, 1990 and was ordained by **Bro. Vic Stansbury**. He served on many committees and in many positions at MHBC. He was a dedicated and faithful servant of God.

While the church was closed due to COVID-19 Pandemic, **Bro. Billy Compton** delivered a message every Sunday by video. It was played LIVE on Facebook during the 10:00 or 11:00 a.m. hour. It was shown also on YouTube, the church website, and Vimeo. Bro. Billy would drive down from his home in Louisville, Ky to the church during the week and deliver the message while being videoed by Josh England. Josh then edited the video, adding captions, and lyrics to the songs being sung by our **Interim Music Director, Regean Davidson** or our guest musician, **Jonathan Rideout**. Josh also added some video of the church taken with his drone as it flew over the church property and inside the church sanctuary. This weekly video allowed our church family and visitors to continue to congregate from a distance to hear the word of God. The videos were viewed locally, in many of the United States, and several countries. These were the messages delivered each week:

- March 20, 2020 - “Real Fear Factors”
- March 22, 2020 - “Responses in a Sudden Storm”
- March 29, 2020 - “God’s Answer to Worry” based on Psalm 23
- April 5, 2020 - “It Is Finished”

- April 10, 2020 - “He Chose the Nails”
- April 12, 2020 - “What’s the Big Deal about Easter?” (Easter message)
- April 19, 2020 - “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”
- April 26, 2019 - “Why We Need Each Other”
- May 10, 2020 - “This Is No Ordinary Supper”
- May 17, 2020 - “Faith/Fear: Facing the Giants of Life”

On **April 29, 2020**, Gov. Beshear announced that churches will be able to re-open worship services only, with reduced capacity and maintaining “social distancing” guidelines, on May 20, 2020. Therefore, Bro. Billy and the deacons have been meeting and preparing **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church to be re-opened on May 24, 2020**. There will be two worship services: 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. and 11:15 – 12 noon, with 30 minutes allowed between the services to re-sanitize the area. Each service is expected to allow for 70-75 attendees each.



Adam Bland was ordained as a deacon in the two morning worship services at Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church on **August 23, 2020**.

During the church year of September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020 there were:

- 2 additions by baptism and 2 by letter
- Total recorded members were 537 with 465 being resident members
- The Sunday School Attendance average was 106
- The Sunday Morning Worship Service average was 163
- Vacation Bible School Enrollment was 0 because of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Total Mission Project Participation was 458
- Financial Receipts:
Undesignated Receipts = \$231,955
Total Receipts = \$271,412
- Financial Giving:
Cooperative Program = \$27,835
Annie Armstrong Giving = \$2,325
Lottie Moon Giving = \$5,123
Association Missions Giving = \$4,439
Great Commissions Giving = \$46,732
Total Missions Giving = \$49,392
- See the Organizational Structure document for 2019 - 2020

- The recorded deaths were:
Joseph Paul Helm
Everett Leslie “Les” Richerson
Imogene Benningfield
Roger Dale Barnett (deacon)
Howard Michael “Mike” Farris
Dorothy Jean Porter

The **Monthly Business meeting** was held on **September 9, 2020**. There were four proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-laws document.

September, 2020 - Bro. Billy received this letter from the **Kentucky Baptist Convention**:

“How excited I am about what Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church is doing to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and around the world!

I want to commend you for being one of the Kentucky Baptist Convention’s TOP 10 SENDING Churches!

Your church must be full of people with beautiful feet (Romans 10:15). That is something to celebrate and is based on an ACP formula that includes primary worship and missions project participation from years 2018 and 2019. As you know, the ACP defines “missions sending participation” as local community ministry, short term missions, church planting efforts, disaster relief work, vocational ministry, or long-term missionary service. I trust this recognition as one of Kentucky’s TOP 10 SENDING Churches will be an encouragement as you lead your church to be on mission every day of every year.

We will recognize your church as one of the KBC’s TOP 10 SENDING churches during the KBC annual meeting on Tuesday, November 10th in Owensboro, KY.

I hope you or someone from your church will be present as we will recognize and honor those churches that are sending members out on mission. The top 100 KBC SENDING churches will be printed in this year’s issue of Kentucky Today, available at the annual meeting.

Additionally, the Missions Mobilization Team would welcome the opportunity to present the award to the church in an upcoming worship service as well. If you’ll let us know of a good time, one of our team members will make plans to be there in worship with you.

For far too long we have fallen prey to the idea that church “success” is measured by how many attend rather than how many we send. Your church is making a gospel difference by placing the focus upon missions sending. We are excited that you have embraced this challenge to swim against the current of popular trends and send out more from your church for the cause of the gospel. To send out and be sent is to have beautiful feet, gospel feet.

I look forward to recognizing your church at this year’s annual meeting. Please let me know if you have questions about the KBC annual meeting or presentation of the award in your service.

Sending with you,

Eric Allen, Leader”

A **“One Call” system** was purchased and registered in **September 2020** that would make it easier to communicate with church members, keeping them informed of important news related to church activities.

During the **October 7, 2020 Monthly Business Meeting**, these changes were approved for the Constitution and Bylaws:

- Under Article VI Church Officers, Section 6 – The previous position of church secretary-treasurer was changed to two positions: Clerical Secretary and Financial Secretary, including a brief description of their duties as determined by the personnel committee.
- Article X Church Finances, Section 4 Expenditure greater than \$10,000 - Clarification of the description and process.
- Include this statement in Article VII, Section 14 Cemetery Committee – “According to Kentucky KRS 367.952 regarding perpetual care and maintenance of cemeteries, amended July 15, 2014, no less than \$20,000 shall remain in an established “Cemetery Fund” with money exceeding this amount to be used to maintain the cemeteries.”

Martha Dowell Shields (wife of **Rev. Richard Shields**) passed away on **October 19, 2020** at the age of 93. Houghlin-Greenwell Funeral Home in Bardstown in charge of arrangements. Bro. Shields pastored MHBC from 1958-1961.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the church had a **“Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat”** activity on Wednesday, **October 28, 2020, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** The theme was “Shine with the Light of Jesus!” Everyone stayed in their car while candy was given out in bags to each child as drove through the lot.

James Robert “Jim Bob” Moore passed away on **November 2, 2020** at the age of 95. He was a faithful servant of God and longtime Trustee and member of the Cemetery Committee.

Operation Christmas Child was done a little differently this year. There was not a packing party due to COVID-19. Boxes were packed by individuals and brought to the church on **November 15, 2020** at which time they were prayed over in both services. 72 boxes were collected and were delivered to Stewart’s Creek Baptist Church in order to be shipped to their destination.

Bro. Billy’s mother, Margaret J. Compton, passed away on **November 17, 2020** at the age of 94.

On the afternoon of **November 18, 2020**, Governor Beshear announced that he has modified the restrictions for the state secondary to the increase in COVID-19 positive diagnoses, hospitalizations and deaths. As a result of these changes, the **deacons made the decision to CANCEL worship services and all activities for the next two weeks.** There will be no worship services on November 22nd or 29th. This decision has been made to best protect the health and well-being of our members and visitors.

Due to COVID-19 regulations, this year there was no Hanging of the Greens Service.

November 29, 2020: Governor Beshear has ordered restrictions for the state to continue at least through December 13, 2020 secondary to the increase in COVID-19 positive diagnoses, hospitalizations and deaths. As a result of these restrictions, there will be **NO WORSHIP SERVICES on DECEMBER 6, 2020**. Also, the December Business Meeting scheduled for December 9, 2020 will be postponed to a later date, yet to be determined. The deacons and Bro. Billy will be meeting on December 9, 2020 to make a decision regarding services and activities to be held later in the month. These decisions are being made to best protect the health and well-being of our members and visitors.

Due to COVID-19 and social distancing regulations, and our goal to do what we could to protect our members and visitors, **the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, on December 24, 2020, was VIRTUAL this year.** The service took place at 6:00 p.m. and was viewed on Facebook and Vimeo. The Lord's Supper was observed during the service, using individually prepared communion cups that were provided to those present during either of the Worship Services on December 20, 2020. **Bro. Steve Skaggs** and **Lidiane "Ms Ligi" Macedo** (video-taped from her home in Brazil) shared their musical talents during the service with a message delivered by Bro. Billy Compton.

On Sunday, **December 27, 2020**, we collected our Annual White Christmas Offering during both Morning Worship Services at 10:00 and 11:15 a.m. We appreciated the very generous offering of **\$25,358.00** (\$1,720.00 of this was given to designated funds). We also collected canned and other nonperishable items that we normally collect during the "Hanging of the Greens" service that had to be cancelled. This year the items will be given to local school resource centers since the collection date for Brookhaven will have already passed.

The Monthly Business Meeting was held on **January 6, 2021**. Bro. Billy reported that Western Recorder will no longer be published, so for news, go to KYBAPTISTCONNECT. Also, these changes were approved for the Constitution and Bylaws:

- Article VII Committees Section 7 Personnel Committee - adding information regarding the "Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church Hiring Policy".
- Article VII Committees Section General - limiting the number of "close relatives", as described in the "hiring policy" to the makeup of committees.

The Monthly Business Meeting scheduled for February 9, 2021 had to be cancelled due to hazardous weather conditions of freezing rain and snow.

Bro. Richard Maurice Shields passed away on **February 13, 2021** at the age of 94. Houghlin Greenwell Funeral Home were in charge of arrangements. A memorial service is being planned for later in the spring. His wife, Martha, passed away last October 19, 2020. Bro. Shields pastored MHBC from 1958-1961.

Sunday morning worship services had to be cancelled on **February 14, 2021** due to freezing rain and snow.

Sunday evening services and Youth Group meetings were resumed on February 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Each meeting place was sanitized before, during & after each meeting with all CDC COVID-19 “social distancing” protocols being followed.

At the **Monthly Business Meeting on March 10, 2022**, a motion was made and accepted to purchase 2 foggers to sanitize the inside environment of the church (pews, etc.). A motion was also made and accepted to buy automated paper towel and soap dispensers for the five bathrooms. Both of these motions were the result of means to better protect the congregation in relation to the COVID pandemic.

The **Children’s Easter Egg Hunt** was held on Wednesday, **March 31st at 6:30 P.M.** in the Fellowship Hall. Temperatures were taken at the door. Masks were required for all adults. Tables were set up in a covid friendly manner. Pizza, bagged chips and cookies were served by individuals wearing gloves. The children shared in a time of devotion while they ate. Due to the weather forecast, the egg hunt was done inside the church. It was a fun time for everyone.

Maundy-Thursday was held **April 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** We gathered around the Lord’s Table for a very special and unique time of worship that focused on the Last Supper.

On **Good Friday, April 2, 2021**, our sanctuary was open for prayer between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. During these hours, worshippers were invited to come on their own time and prayerfully journey—individually or in groups—through Christ’s path to the cross using Scripture, prayer and devotional art.

Easter Sunday morning, April 4, 2021, culminated the events of Holy Week as we gathered to celebrate and worship our risen Savior!

- A sunrise service began at 7:30 a.m.
- Worship services in the sanctuary began at 10:00 (159 in attendance) and 11:15 a.m. (141 in attendance); a total of 300 in attendance for both services!!!
- There was no evening service or activities. Members and visitors were asked to spend this time with family while recognizing the blessings from God and what He has done for us.



Teresa Parrott, Missions Mobilization Coordinator for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, presented Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church with the **2020 KBC Missions Award** on **April 11, 2021** during the Morning Worship Services. MHBC has been recognized as one of the top ten churches in Kentucky with the largest increase in participation and missions giving from 2018 to 2019. Thank you,

MHBC family and visitors, for supporting this ministry as we spread the Gospel.

On **April 18, 2021, Sunday Evening children's activities** were started back, meeting during the Evening Worship Service hour. The activities will continue until the end of May when schools recess for summer break.

The **Monthly Business Meeting** was held on **May 5, 2021**. A vote was taken and passed to have Green River Sealcoating & Striping finish the work on the parking lot at a cost of \$14,809. This will include fixing cracks, double sealing as well as marking many special parking spaces. Also, a motion was made and accepted to change the times of all evening services to begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Sunday nights.

Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church **celebrated mothers** during both Morning Worship Services on **May 9, 2021**. Each mother present was recognized and given a special gift from the church of a "Blessed is the Mother Who Walks with God" notebook and a carnation. "The Oldest Mother Present" was presented with corsage (1st Service: **Betty Moore** & 2nd Service: **Faye Porter**). "The Mother with the Most Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren Present" was presented with a corsage (1st Service: **Dinah Newcomb** & 2nd Service: **Wanda Buckler**). A beautiful vase of flowers was given in recognition of "The Oldest MHBC Mother" at the age of 93, **Helen Smith**. Bro. Billy delivered a special Mother's Day message entitled, "I Remember Mother" with Biblical reference to Proverbs 31:10, 25-31. It was a blessed day at MHBC.

Mothers blessed with a son or daughter born since Mother's Day (May 12, 2019) were recognized Sunday, **May 16, 2021**, during the Morning Worship Service(s) at Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church. We missed out in the celebration of these new births last year while we were closed for the COVID-19 pandemic. We also failed to recognize these mothers this past Sunday during our Annual Mother's Day Recognition Service. All the children born the past two years, since Mother's Day 2019, were recognized in the 10:00 and 11:15 a.m. services.

Father's Day was celebrated on **June 6, 2021**. The oldest father present, the youngest father present, and the father with the most descedents present were given special recognition during each of the Morning Worship Services. All the men present were recognized with a special gift from the church.

The **Monthly Business Meeting** was held on **June 9, 2021**. It was noted that the Safety/Security Team purchased and installed a second monitor on the pastor's and Clerical Secretary's notebook computers so they can view the surveillance cameras and note any unacceptable activity while they are working at church. A vote was taken and passed to make the following changes to the Constitution and Bylaws:

- Article VII Committees - Add the following committees with their descriptions: Section 17 Transportation Committee, Section 18 Van Drivers Committee, Section 19 Senior Adult Activities Committee, Section 20 Constitution and By-Laws Committee, Section 21 Memorial Committee, Section 22 Music Committee, Section 23 Finance Committee (Bill Approval), Section 24 Christmas Celebration Committee, Section 25 Children's Church Coordinators Committee, Section 26 Facility Use Committee, Section 27 Financial Advisory Committee, Section 28 Elevator Maintenance Committee, Section 29 Women's Ministry Committee, Section 30 Children's Sermon Committee, Section 31 Missions and Outreach Committee, Section 32 Safety and Security Team, and Section 33 Ad Hoc Committee.

Graduates were recognized and honored on Sunday morning, **June 13, 2021**, in both services. They were each given a gas money gift card from the church.

The sealing and striping of the parking lot was completed in June, 2021.

Our church **Vacation Bible School** was held **June 13-18, 2021**. The number of children attending ranged from 25 - 42 per night. There was a competition between the boys and girls to donate the most money to assist other children in need at Brookhaven Ministries. The boys won. A total of \$1,169.57 was donation during Bible School and on Parent's Night. The children and adults had fun while studying scripture, learning and performing new music, making crafts, and playing games. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped to make this week possible.

At the **Monthly Business Meeting** on **July 14, 2021**, a motion was made and accepted to have the following members serve on the Nominating Committee: **Nick Cobb, Kelly Carney, Lee Ann Moore, Mark Speer, Dennis Wise**. A motion was made and accepted to purchase a WIFI thermostat for the fellowship hall to control the unit remotely. Another motion was made and accepted to create a Church-wide Committee Handbook so the Nominating Committee could use it as a tool to help clarify/define what each committee does.

During the church year of **September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021** there were:

- 6 additions by baptism and 2 by letter
- Total recorded members were 537 with 465 being resident members
- The Sunday School Attendance average was (no formal Sunday School meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic; two adult classes started meeting in the summer of 2021 but no records kept of attendance.)
- The Sunday Morning Worship Service average was 154
- Vacation Bible School Enrollment was 76
- Total Mission Project Participation was 55
- Financial Receipts:
Undesignated Receipts = \$223,383.80
Total Receipts = \$275,369.23
- Financial Giving:
Cooperative Program = \$26,809.05
Annie Armstrong Giving = \$3,802
Lottie Moon Giving = \$3,760
Association Missions Giving = \$4,468.16
Great Commissions Giving = \$41,474.21
Total Missions Giving = \$52,151.85
- See the Organizational Structure document for 2020 - 2021
- The recorded deaths were:
Robert Sanders
Dixie Wise
Josephine Holderman
Goldie Graham
James R. "Jim Bob" Moore

**Helen Mays
Smith Mays
Donald Whitehouse**

A **Monthly Business Meeting** was held on **September 8, 2021**. A motion was made and accepted to sell the Dodge van to Brad Sapp and Johnny Lee for \$1,200. The van is 20 years old and has mechanical issues.

We began our **“Embrace Tomorrow” Capital Campaign 36-month giving commitment project** in **October 2021** as we plan for our church facility renovation.

A **Monthly Business Meeting** was held on **October 6, 2021**. MaKayla Wheatley announced that she and Caden would be stepping down as Youth Ministers, due to demanding work schedules. They will continue to teach the Youth Sunday School Class.

A **Monthly Business Meeting** was held on **November 10, 2021**. A motion was made and accepted that the following serve on the Stewardship Committee: **Allison Benningfield, Ashley England, Sherri Holtzclaw, Bob Moore, and Trent Pyles. Along with Andrea Morrison, Treasurer, and Bro. Billy Compton, Pastor.** It was reported by the Chairman of the Deacons, Mark Carney, that the new service times beginning December 5, 2021 would be:

- 1st service – 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.
- 2nd service – 11:15 a.m.
- Also, there would be two Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

We had our **“Embrace Tomorrow” Capital Campaign Celebration Banquet** on **November 14, 2021** in the fellowship hall after the two morning worship services in which members ceremonially dropped their commitment cards in the little white church used for the Annual White Christmas Offering.

On **November 21, 2021, Operation Christmas Child Boxes (92)** were blessed during each of the morning worship services before being taken to Stewart’s Creek Baptist Church. They were then transported to the processing center in Boone, North Carolina before being sent to their final destination.

November 21, 2021 was the **“Embrace Tomorrow” Capital Campaign Revelation & “First Fruits Offering”** Sunday. During both services, those participating in the 3-year campaign were asked to bring part of his/her commitment. These offerings and tithes were dropped in the little white church used at all our annual White Christmas Offering Ceremonies. Then it was announced what the financial results (**total pledges**) of our Embrace Tomorrow capital campaign which was **\$236,000**.

Sunday School restarted on **December 5, 2021**.

A **Monthly Business Meeting** was held on **December 8, 2021**. A vote was taken and passed to change the wording on the Hiring Policy document from “vacancies will be advertised in the Marion and Taylor County newspapers” to “via social media platforms”. Also, Minister of Music and Minister of Youth job descriptions as created by the Personnel Committee were approved.

An EF-3 tornado ripped through Campbellsville early Saturday morning, **December 11, 2021**, killing one person and destroying almost everything in its path. Two of our church families lost their homes: **Darrel and Amanda Dye**; and **JD and Jessie Newton**. The whole community, including MHBC, took measures to help this family to relocate and to supply their immediate personal and financial needs.

On **December 19, 2021**, during the morning worship service, we collected our **White Christmas Offering**. A total of **\$25,057.69** was collected for general and designated funds. Thank you for your generous giving.

We had our annual **Christmas Eve Services** on **December 24, 2021**. The first service was at 4:30 P.M. with 96 in attendance. The second was at 6:00 P.M. with 93 in attendance. The Lord's Supper was observed along with candle light and singing of Silent Night. Everyone enjoyed a time of fellowship as we celebrated the true meaning of Christmas.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of **Bro. L.D. Kennedy** upon his death on **January 27, 2022** at the age of 97. Lea & Simmons Funeral Home in Brownsville, TN was in charge of arrangements. Bro. Kennedy served as interim pastor three months in 1969, between the pastors Bro. E.V. Carrier and Bro. R. B. Hulette.

Love and Service committee review and appreciation luncheon was held Sunday, **February 13th** at 12:30 in the fellowship hall. Lunch was provided for all committee members as we serve together in 2022 around the theme of "Knowing Jesus and Making Him Known".

The **Monthly Business Meeting** was held on **March 16, 2022**. A motion was made and accepted that we hire Johnny Rakes of A1 Cooling to re-duck the AC system in the Sanctuary to cut down on the noise level when the unit running. The cost will be \$5,000.

The **Monthly Business Meeting** was held on **April 6, 2022**. A vote was taken and accepted to create the position of Children's Minister with a salary of \$8000.

On Sunday, **May 1, 2022**, the schedule of services changed as follows:

- Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
- Morning Worship -10:30 a.m.
- Evening Service- 6:30 p.m.

A **Special Called Business Meeting** was held during the Morning Worship Service on **May 1, 2022** to vote on whether to proceed with the renovation project at an estimated cost of \$360,000.

Click here to view the minutes as recorded by the church clerk. The motion passed as follows:

90 - Yes (84%)

17 - No

The **Monthly Business Meeting** was held on **May 4, 2022**. It was reported by the Trustees that bids were accepted since the last Business Meeting for the mowing of the parsonage lawn. Lanham and Son had the winning bid.

Mother's Day was celebrated on **May 8, 2022**.



A **Special Called Business Meeting** was held during the Morning Worship Service on **May 22, 2022** regarding the motions made at the May 4, 2022 Business Meeting to call **Kathy Snow** as **Minister of Music** and **Cameron Edwards** as **Minister of Youth**. The votes were tallied as follows:

- **Kathy Snow, Minister of Music**, Annual Salary \$12,000
Yes – 103
No – 3
- **Cameron Edwards, Minister of Youth**, Annual Salary of \$8,350
Yes – 99
No - 5

Michelle Yocum presented her resignation as Clerical Secretary on **June 8, 2022** that will be effective June 30, 2022.

The **Monthly Business Meeting** was held on **June 8, 2022**. The trustees reported that 8 bids were received on the Dixie Chopped church lawn mower with Tom Moore having the top bid of \$2,600.

Father's Day was celebrated on **June 19, 2022**.

We had a great **Vacation Bible School June 20-23, 2022** from 6-8:30 P.M. with family night on Friday evening, June 24th. The enrollment was 126 (adults and children) with an average attendance of 115 (60+ children) with a mission offering of \$2,800.00 for the week. Praise the Lord!

The **Monthly Business Meeting** was held on **July 6, 2022**. A motion was made and accepted to have the following serve on the **Nominating Committee**: **Jean Hendricks, Linda Sabo, Sherri Holtzclaw, Kellie Wise, Trent Pyles, Josh Veatch, Mark Carney and Bro. Billy Compton**. A motion was made and accepted to have **Kaylene Poff** serve as Interim Clerical Secretary.

Kaylene Poff began serving in the capacity of **Interim Clerical Secretary**, until the new Clerical Secretary is hired, on **July 1, 2022**.

This was in the bulletin on **July 24, 2022**:

Plans are being made for our tent revival that begins on Sunday morning, September 18, and continues through Wednesday September 21. The revival speakers will be Steve Skaggs, James Jones, Dan Durham, Rusty Ellison and Kenny Rager. Jamie Lawrence from CU, along with Kathy Snow, will be leading our revival music team. We will enjoy a

special emphasis each night. Please mark your calendar and begin praying for these significant days. The theme for the revival will be “Hope Happens Here”.

As per a motion at the **Monthly Business Meeting** on **July 6, 2022**, the following members have been selected to serve on the **Nominating Committee** for 2023: **Jean Hendricks, Sherry Holtzclaw, Trent Pyles, Linda Sabo, Kellie Wise, Josh Veatch** (Sunday School Director), **Mark Carney** (Chairman of the Deacons), and **Bro. Billy**.



A vote was taken in a **Special Called Business Meeting** on **July 24, 2022** during the Morning Worship Service for the following motion:

"The Personnel Committee recommends for the **Director of Children's Ministry**, the following two names for a Co-Director position, **Tiffany Underwood** and **Josh Veatch** at a salary of \$6,000.00 each."

The motion passed with:

Yes votes: 82

No votes: 13

The new Children's Ministry leaders had a overnight **“Back to School Campout”** beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Friday night, **August 12, 2022** for children up to 6th grade.

MHBC moved to a different online and mobile giving platform on **August 20, 2022**. The new platform is called **Faithlife Giving**. Online givers can give a one-time gift or set up a recurring donation. They are able to give to the general fund or one of the many designated funds set up for MHBC. They can also scan a barcode on the bulletin or website which will take them to the online giving platform to make their donation. Of course, donations can still be done the conventional way by means of the offering plate or mail.

The **MHBC Worship Choir** resumed meeting and practicing on **August 21, 2022** at 5:15 p.m.

This was in the bulletin on **September 11, 2022**:

“The last day to meet for worship in the sanctuary is today as the renovation of that area begins. We will meet to worship in the outside tent on September 18th for the first day of our revival and will continue to hold our worship services in the tent the following Sunday, September 25th. Beginning in October, we will meet to worship in the fellowship hall until the sanctuary renovation is complete. Thank you for your patience throughout the renovation process.”

We had a great “Hope Happens Here” Tent Revival from the morning of **September 18, 2022 and continuing nightly through September 21, 2022**. There were multiple decisions made and 4 outdoor baptisms. Praise the Lord! The revival speakers were: Steve Skaggs, James Jones, Dan Durham, Christian Naylor and Kenny Rager. Jamie Lawrence, from Campbellsville University, led the music with the assistance of our Minister of Music, Kathy Snow.

SEPT. **COMMEMORATIVE BULLETIN** 2022

Steve Skaggs **Dr. James Jones** **Dan Durham** **Kenny Rager** **Christian Naylor**

Worship Leader **GUEST SPEAKERS** **Worship Leader**

Kathy Snow **hope** **Jamie Lawrence**

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Kentucky Today (Kentucky Baptist news) published the following article:

LEBANON, Ky. (KT) — A year ago, a member of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church suggested the church host a tent revival. That suggestion led to a successful four-day revival effort last week, and Pastor Billy Compton is optimistic that it will be the momentum to see more people finding new life in Christ.

“I think our church has been in revival,” Compton said, noting there have been 20 additions since June. “We were on a roll having somebody join the church every month leading up to revival,” he noted. The tent revival had a high attendance one evening of 215 and a low of 128. “We averaged about 175 people or so, and it was comfortably full with 200 chairs under the tent. We wanted to make it a community event.”

The revival culminated with four people being baptized in a watering tank.

“A lot of churches haven’t had revivals in a long time, and it’s probably been 15 years since I led one,” Compton said. “We started planning this one last fall and we got the tent in the spring. We have a nice big area to put the tent, and we wanted to make it visible. We had perfect weather — only God could do that for us.”

The revival effort started Sept. 18 with Steve Skaggs, a retired preacher from the church, bringing the message. That evening’s preacher was James Jones, who pastors at nearby Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, and he brought his congregation on that evening. On Monday night Dan Durham, from Stewart’s Creek Baptist Church in Marion County, was the preacher. On Tuesday night, GenZ was the targeted audience with Christian Naylor, pastor of First Baptist in Russell Springs, being the preacher. The final night featured Kenny Rager, KBC church evangelism strategist, as the preacher.

We had a guy at the revival who used to work at the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and they had a tent they would let churches use. He told Compton he wished churches would think about doing tent meetings again because it gives visibility in the community. “I’m glad we did it,” Compton said. “Who knows, we may do it again — for this day in time, it was a grand experience.”

Prior to COVID, the church had worship attendance in the 200 range, and like most churches found its attendance decreased when the pandemic subsided. But Compton says Muldraugh Hill is poised to make a strong rebound— already having 80-85 percent of its congregation return.

“We’re a two-town church,” Compton observed. “Muldraugh Hill is between Lebanon and Campbellsville, so it is not a typical country church because it draws people from both communities.”

Also, the church is undergoing major renovation, so the use of a watering tank to baptize four people was a unique feature of the revival.

“My son-in-law, David Atcher, is worship pastor at Westport Road Baptist in Louisville, and two years ago they had an outdoor service and my granddaughter had made a profession of faith, and I baptized her outside in that watering tank. My son-in-law took the tank home to store it.” Compton said that is the tank that was used to baptize four people during the revival.

“I had led a lady to the Lord in a gym, then she brought her mother to see me. She told me her mother had never been baptized.” So those two, along with two students who made professions of faith, were baptized in the tank.

On the last night of the revival, those who were baptized were given certificates and prayed over. Also, deacons, Sunday school teachers and other church leaders were brought to the front and prayed over.

Compton noted that people were faithful to giving. “Our people gave over \$5,000 from Sunday to Wednesday in a revival offering. For a church our size, that is over \$1,000 a day. God was working in it and it created a great sense of getting past COVID and moving toward the future — a future of new life, of people getting saved.”



Immediately after the service on **September 25, 2022**, we enjoyed a “potluck” fellowship meal under the tent left up after the revival. The church furnished the meat, bread, and drinks. We had some wagons lined up so it was just like back in the “good ol’ days”! It was a great time of good food and fellowship!

During the church year of **September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022** there were:

- 9 additions by baptism and 12 by letter
- Total recorded members were 550 with 478 being resident members
- Sunday School Enrollment was 139
- The Sunday School Attendance average was 91
- The Sunday Morning Worship Service average was 179
- Financial Receipts:
Undesignated Receipts = \$215,957
Total Receipts = \$396,330
- Financial Giving:
Cooperative Program = \$25,771
Annie Armstrong Giving = \$2,145
Lottie Moon Giving = \$3,260
Association Missions Giving = \$4,295
Total Missions Giving = \$64,610
- The recorded deaths were:
 - **G.W. Porter**
 - **Kimberly Ann Helm Clancy**
 - **Ruth Ann Wilcher Buckman**
 - **Terry Vincent Battcher**
 - **Janet Farmer Moore**
 - **Judy S. Benningfield**
 - **Dorothy Jean Farris**

We had an adjuster to look at the roof damage that the church received during a storm in May. The results of that inspection were made available and a church-wide notification was done to announce a Special Called Business Meeting on Sunday, **October 2, 2022**. This was in the church bulletin on October 2, 2022:

According to our Constitution and Bylaws, a specially called business meeting may be held to consider special matters of significant nature. A one-week notice must be given by announcement for the specially called business meeting, unless extreme urgency renders such notice impracticable. This Special Called Business Meeting is deemed to be of urgent need for the following reasons:

- *The church roof will need to be replaced before the next phase of renovation in the sanctuary can be started due to the expected accumulation of dirt and debris coming from the removal and replacement of the roof. All of the interior of the church, including the pews, musical instruments, sound system, flooring, etc. will have to be protected with plastic sheeting.*

- *Both roofs need to be replaced before the weather becomes colder as the heat of the sun is needed to set the shingles.*

The insurance company has approved the amount of just under \$100,000 to pay for the costs of replacing the church and parsonage roofs secondary to weather related damage.

This will not cover any repair of the steeple as it is considered to only have cosmetic damage. However, the steeple will have to be lifted off of the roof and suspended by a crane at a cost of \$2,450 in order to repair the roof. If this is not done, there will most likely be leaking under the steeple at a later date, due to the way the steeple is manufactured and attached to the building. Each additional day the steeple requires being left suspended will cost an additional \$850. The insurance company has approved coverage of the costs for one day and the roofer's goal is to get this part of the roof replacement done in one day so there should not be any additional costs to us.

Additionally, it is recommended to add insulation and 7/16 OSB over the tongue and groove decking before installing the roof itself. This added insulation and OSB, at a cost of \$9,900, is not covered by the insurance allowance. The trustees and deacons make a motion to proceed with the added cost of the insulation and OSB. According to our Constitution and Bylaws, since the amount is below \$10,000, we can go ahead and take a vote today. This will prevent further delay in the replacement of the roofs and the renovation process of the sanctuary will be allowed to continue as planned. Thank you.

A paper ballot vote was taken with 117 total votes and 100% yes. The roof will now be replaced prior to proceeding with the renovation of the sanctuary.

We had a traditional Truck N Treat event on Friday, **October 28th, from 6-8:00 p.m.** Members decorating trunks and the youth served chili as a fundraising activity for the program.

In recognition of Veteran's Day, we honored and remembered our veterans during the morning worship service on **November 6, 2022.**

113 packed Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes were prayed over during the **November 20, 2022** Morning Worship Service.

We had our "Thanksgiving Celebration Banquet" after the Morning Worship Service on **November 20, 2022.**

We had our Annual "Hanging of the Greens" Service on **November 27, 2022.**

The "Church-wide Christmas Card Delivery Service" was done from **Dec 4th—18th, 2022.** Members brought the Christmas cards they wished to send to members of the church and Sunday School classes passed them out.

The MHBC Adult Choir presented the Christmas Cantata on **December 4, 2022** during the Evening Service.

The proposed budget as developed by the Stewardship (Budget) Committee was presented at the Monthly Business Meeting on **December 7, 2022**. There was an increase of about \$15,000 over last year and it calls for an average weekly collection of \$4,828.04. It was approved without any changes.

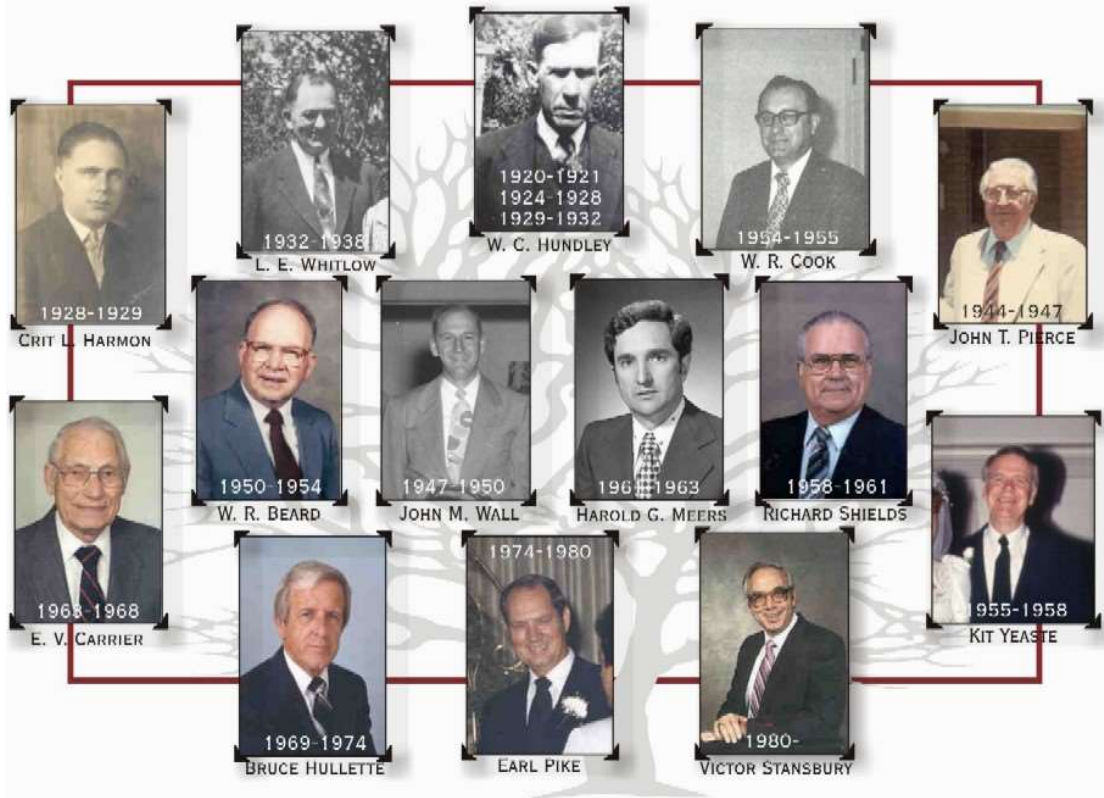
We had our Annual “White Christmas Offering” on **December 18, 2022**. We had record-breaking very generous gifts of 34,590.76! A little over \$19,000 of that was given to the general fund. The rest was given to a specific fund such as: "Embrace Tomorrow", Lottie Moon, Safety/Security Fund, Cemetery Fund, Children's Ministry Fund, and Youth Fund.

“The Heart of Christmas Eve” Candlelight & Lord’s Supper Service was planned for **December 24, 2022** to begin at 5:00 p.m. However, it had to be cancelled due to snow and ice. Record temperatures of -6 with wind chill around -30 were experienced as well.

Christmas was on Sunday this year. It snowed and was really cold but we were able to have the service with 114 people attending. We recognized the Lord’s Supper as well. Several men of the church had helped to clean the parking lot and side-walks the day before so traffic would be less hazardous. Christmas will not be on Sunday again for eleven years, in 2033.

PASTORS OF MULDRAUGH HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

(Pictures provided by David England)



1875-1880	<u>Thomas Underwood</u>	1928-1929	C. L. Harmon
1880-1883	E. H. Brookshire	1929-1932	<u>W. C. Hundley</u>
1883-1884	J. C. Wray	1932-1938	<u>L. E. Whitlow</u>
1885-1886	<u>Thomas Underwood</u>	1938-1940	E. M. Gash
1886-1889	<u>V. E. Kirtley</u>	1940-1944	G. E. Puckett
1889-1890	J. H. Riffe	1944-1947	John T. Pierce
1890-1893	W. M. Stallings	1947-1950	<u>John M. Wall</u>
1893-1903	<u>J. T. Hall</u>	1950-1954	<u>W. R. Beard</u>
1903-1912	<u>J. W. Crawley</u>	1954-1955	W. R. Cook
1912-1915	T. E. Ennis	1955-1958	<u>Kit Yeaste</u>
1915-1916	No name given in minutes	1958-1961	<u>Richard Shields</u>
1916-1917	T. E. Ennis	1961-1963	<u>Harold Meers</u>
1917-1918	A. R. Abarnathy	1963-1968	<u>E. V. Carrier</u>
1918-1920	No name given in minutes	1969-1974	<u>Bruce Hullette</u>
1920-1921	<u>W. C. Hundley</u>	1975-1980	<u>William Earl Pike</u>
1921-1924	No name given in minutes	1980-Present	<u>Victor J. Stansbury</u>

1924-1928 <u>W. C. Hundley</u>	
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