

## A Summarized History of Muldraugh Hill Baptist 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. Little is known about the age of the New Market Church, except the name does appear in records as early as 1856.

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



The dedication of **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church** was announced in the *Lebanon Weekly Standard* on October 13, 1874 by W. L. Ramsey. The dedication of the church took place November 4, 1874, with Rev. Henry McDonald preaching the sermon.

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

### HISTORY OF MULDRAUGH'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 ministration 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.

Muldraugh'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.

**Muldraugh Hill Church** was affiliated with Russell Creek Association until November 1889 when they joined the new association under the name of Central Association of Kentucky. MHBC has remained in this association to the present day.

A much-needed improvement of the church building was completed in September, 1948, when Sunday School rooms were added. Prior to that, curtains were used to divide the groups and it made it very unsatisfactory to teach and listen.



In August, 1960, **Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church** broke ground for the erection of a new building. Dedication services were held on July 16, 1961.



A fellowship hall, Sunday School rooms, and kitchen were added and a dedication service was held on May 23, 1999.

There have been 35 pastors of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church since 1874. Bro. Vic Stansbury was the longest serving pastor, just shy of 32 years. Our current pastor is Bro. Billy Compton who was installed in 2018.

MHBC subscribes to the doctrinal statement of the Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 2000. We band ourselves together as a body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ personally committed to sharing the good news of salvation to lost mankind. The ordinances of the church are baptism and the Lord's Supper.

The Scriptures remind us that we as Christians are part of a family of God. Our church family is like an extension of our family. As members of this family hurt, we hurt with them. As they rejoice, we rejoice with them. Our church is like a big, loving, caring family. We welcome worshippers of all denominations to join our family as we celebrate God's love.