



William R. "W.R." Beard
Pastor of Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church
1950-1954



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.

William R. Beard was born February 5, 1922 in Louisville, Kentucky to Walter and Anna Beard. He has two sisters (Juanita and Dorothy) and two daughters (Anna Lou and Marilyn Sue).

He professed faith in Christ in 1934 and attended Campbellsville College and Southern Seminary.

He was in the Navy before he was called to the ministry in 1945, and was ordained at the First Baptist Church, Highland Park, Louisville, Ky.

His pastorates include: Locust Grove and Round Top, Elizabethtown, Ky.; Muldraugh Hill, Mackville Baptist Church, Mackville, Ky.; Temple Baptist Church, Springfield, Ohio; Beaver Creek Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio; East Union Baptist Church, Graham, Ky.; Lowell Avenue Baptist Church, Campbellsville, Ky.; and he is now serving at Austin Village, Warren, Ohio. He served on the Executive Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and of the Ohio Baptist Convention; on the Christian Education Committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention; served twice as tour leader for tours to the Holy Land and Europe and served as a mission preacher to Haiti.

Addendum: Bro. Beard died December 29, 2011. Below is his obituary as listed by Parrott and Ramsey Funeral Home:

*Rev. William Raymond Beard
(1922 - 2011)*

Rev. William Raymond Beard was born February 5, 1922 and passed away on December 29, 2011. He was a Navy Veteran of World War II. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Anna Beard; and three sisters, Juanita, Marjorie and Dorothy Beard.

He is survived by his wife, Frances Niceley Beard; two daughters, Anna (Roger) Weddle and Marilyn (Mitch) Ash; four grandchildren, Leanne, Chip (Brandi), Angela Weddle and Aaron Ash; and two great-grandsons, Quinn and Asher Weddle.

Rev. Beard served as pastor of the following churches: Round Top, Locust Grove and Valley Creek Baptist in Elizabethtown, KY; Muldraugh Hill Baptist in Lebanon, KY; Mackville Baptist in Mackville, KY; Temple Baptist in Springfield, OH; Beaver Creek Baptist in Dayton, OH; East Union Baptist in Graham, KY; Lowell Ave. Baptist in Campbellsville, KY; and Austin Village Baptist in Warren, OH. He also served as Taylor County Baptist Director of Missions.

Visitation for Rev. Beard will be Monday, January 2, 2012 at the Lake Cumberland Funeral Home in Somerset, KY beginning at 5:00 P.M. The funeral service will immediately follow at 7:00 P.M. with Mitch Ash, Roger Weddle and Bill Dawson presiding. Burial will be in the Mill Springs Veteran's Cemetery in Nancy, KY.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in the memory to Gideons International.

Service Details:

Location: Lake Cumberland Funeral Home

Somerset, KY

Date: Monday, January 2, 2012

Time: 7:00 PM

Addendum: Mrs. William R. "Frances" Beard passed away on October 27, 2019 at the age of 94. Her obituary is below as listed by Lake Cumberland Funeral Home.

*Frances Beard
(June 25, 1925 - October 27, 2019)*

Frances Beard, age 94, of Somerset, KY, passed away on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at Continue Care Hospital in Corbin, KY.

Frances was born on June 25, 1925 in Wilmore, KY to the late Horace Otis "H.O." Niceley and Mary Lou Cox Niceley. She enjoyed ministering alongside her husband as he pastored numerous Baptist churches in Kentucky and Ohio.

She is survived by two daughters, Anna (Roger) Weddle of Somerset and Marilyn (Mitch) Ash of Beaver Dam, KY; one sister, Helen Ruth (Jim) Wise of Columbia, S.C.; four grandchildren, Leanne Weddle, Chip (Brandi) Weddle, Angela Weddle and Aaron Ash; two great-grandchildren, Quinn Weddle and Asher Weddle; and several nieces and nephews.

Along with her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, William Raymond Beard, whom she married on July 10, 1950 in Logan County, KY and he preceded her on December 29, 2011; one brother, John Niceley; and one sister, Nellie Woodburn.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 from 5:00pm until 7:00pm at Lake Cumberland Funeral Home.

Her funeral service will follow on Wednesday at 7:00pm at the Chapel of Lake Cumberland Funeral Home with Bro. Roger Weddle and Bro. Mitch Ash officiating. A private burial will be held at Mill Springs National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests expressions of sympathy be made to the Gideon Bible Memorial Fund.

*You are welcome to view the obituary and send condolences to the family at our website:
www.LakeCumberlandFuneralService.com*

Lake Cumberland Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements for Frances Beard.