

Northern Kentucky Views Presents:

Brief History Of Scott church

Maysville, Kentucky

The first Methodist Church in our city was started in 1781, with Rev. Eckles as its Pastor. It was located at a point then known as Spalding Hill (Phisters Ave.). It was at one time owned by the Dotson family, later purchased by Prof. W.H. Humphery and its present owner is Gene Stevens of West Fourth Street.

Scott M.E. Church, located on East Fourth Street, was organized in 1864 by Rev. Henson Tolbert, but it was not until the organization of the Lexington Conference at Harrodsburg, Ky., in 1869, Bishop Levi Scott, presiding, did we become a connectional church. Bishop Scott, appointed Rev. Adam Nunn, as its active Poastor. (1869-70).

The present site of our church was purchased July 5, 1881, with Rev. John Moreland, Sr. as Pastor. The cost of the property was \$800. The trustees at this time were Ruben Middleton, Richard Burns, Isaac H. Nates, Edward E. Smith, Joseph Robinson, William A. Fox, Augustus Morton, George O. Moore and Fielding Fant. The property was purchased from Calesta Ann Carroll (Nee Bland).

Even though work on the Church was started under Rev. John Moreland, Sr., it was completed under the leadership of Rev. John Moreland, Jr. An interesting story is told as to how the women of the church would carry meals to the church site and feed the men as they worked on the structure.

Members of the church paid for the windows and seats in the church. All seats when first installed were numbered. The beautiful chandeliers hanging from the center of the ceiling of the church is over 100 years old. The church started in 1884 and was dedicated in 1890 by Rev. John Moreland, Jr.

In 1895 Rev. R.L. Dickerson was appointed to this charge, at which time the parsonage was built. It is unfortunate that records of the early activities of the church are not available. Except for the pastors who served the charge, little if any account can be given as to the progress made.

On October 17, 1918, Rev. I. Garland Penn, Jr. was appointed to take charge of the work. Influenza had caused all the churches to close and it was not until January that the regular Sunday Services could be held without restrictions. In spite of this setback, the church closed the greatest year in its history by taking its seat as the third Church on the Cincinnati - Maysville District, as far as Conference Disciplinary Benevolence are concerned.

Trustees who served under Rev. I. Garland Penn, Jr., were Dr. W.C. Patton, Joshua Greene, George Moore, W.N. Brooks, Edward Chambers, John W. Taylor, Alfred Greene and John Davis.

Class leaders were L.M. Walker; recording steward, M.J. Taylor; District Stewards, Florence Harris, Mary Davis, Bertha Walker, Anna Whaley, Anna Routt, Julia Whaley, Hattie Chambers, Henry Whaley, Charles Walker, James Griffey, James Taylor, Julia Greene, Dora Southgate, Bettie Williams, Laura Strander, Tebie Lewis, Ada Cooper, James Bradford, Nelson Humphery and Henry Porter.