

GREETINGS FROM THE NC CONFERENCE COMMISSION OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY AND THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE NC CONFERENCE!

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Jane Greeson, Rocky Mount District History Contact would like to let all local church historians know that assistance is available if you have questions or need advice. She reminds us that, "A church history is the result of recording all the many events that take place over time including the various methods of teaching about God."

She finds it inspiring to remember this scripture when she is working to promote and support local church history work.

Deuteronomy 4:9: ⁹ Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

¹⁰ Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when he said to me, "Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children." NIV

The NC Historical Society welcomes all persons interested in preserving our history. For more information for joining or planning Church History Workshops, you may contact:

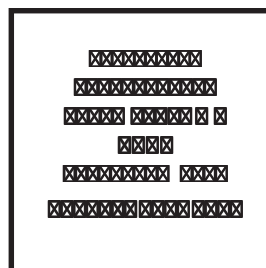
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FALL MEETING OF THE NC CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE NC CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

Duke's Chapel UMC
October 1, 2005
10:30-Noon NC Conference
Historical Society Meeting
1:00PM Meeting of
NC Commission on
Archives & History

"For its beginnings Duke's Chapel dips well back toward the opening of the last century (1800s). Records show that in 1840 William (Uncle Billie) J. Duke donated one acre of land... several miles north of the present city of Durham. A simple log building, only 30 x 36 feet in dimensions, became the first house of worship, which bore the name of Hebron church."

From the North Carolina Christian Advocate October 29, 1953

"In 1885, the church moved to its present location on the Fish Dam Road—now a section of Old Oxford

Highway—and was renamed in Uncle Billie's honor. The present church, a Gothic building in the characteristic Duke stone, was built in 1927 as a test model for material and construction techniques to be employed building the university's new West Campus."

The Herald-Sun November 30, 2003



Reverend M. B. Collier is the pastor of Duke's Chapel United Methodist Church. The church phone number is 919-220-1056

Directions to Duke's Chapel United Methodist Church

807 Old Oxford Road , Durham, North Carolina

Directions from US 70W.
US 70W becomes 70/Bypass W
70/Bypass W becomes I-85 S/ US15 S
Exit 177: Take NC-55E/Avondale Drive/NC-55
Take ramp toward Roxboro Road
Turn slight right onto Avondale Drive/NC-55
Turn slight right onto US 50BR/ N. Roxboro Street
Turn slight right onto Old Oxford Road

The Fall Meeting of the Historical Society will be held at Duke's Chapel United Methodist Church, Durham, NC Saturday, October 1, 2005; 10:30-Noon. Lunch will be served at Noon. Everyone is welcome to stay for lunch. Please call John Mitchell 919-787-3311 or Laura Bailey 800-849-4433 ext 264 to make a reservation by September 26th. A donation to help defray costs will be collected. The Fall Meeting of The NCC Commission on Archives and History will meet after lunch at 1:00PM.

2006 SEJ HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING - UPDATED INFORMATION

You are invited to participate!

You are invited to help as we are Hosting this event!

June 27-30, 2006

Duke University

Theme: The Garber Era

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Richard Heitzenrater

Devotions: L. Gregory Jones,
Dean of Duke Divinity School

Closing Worship Service:

Bishop Alfred W. Gwinn, Jr.

Presenters from our Conference on events, foundations, programs, and schools which had their beginnings or expansions during the time Bishop Paul Garber was serving in our area.

The 50th anniversary of the Duke Divinity School will also be celebrated with a presentation and tour of the new building. Registration materials will be available closer to the meeting date. For more info visit: <http://www.nccumc.org/docs/events/garb2006.pdf>, or email: Laura Bailey, llbailey@nccumc.org.

Keynote Speaker

Richard Heitzenrater



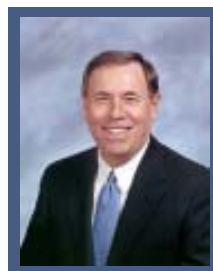
At the SEJ Historical Society Meeting June 27-30, 2006, Dr. Richard Heitzenrater will be the Keynote Speaker. He will speak on the subject, "The Garber Era". He is the William Kellon Quick Professor of Church History and Wesley Studies at Duke University.

Dr. Heitzenrater is acknowledged as the major Wesley scholar of his

generation. Best known for his discovery of the "key" to Wesley's Oxford Diaries, Heitzenrater's breakthrough illuminates the importance of the Oxford period for Wesley's Life and work and continues to show the course of Wesley Studies.

Among Heitzenrater's published books are: Wesley and the People Called Methodists; The Elusive Mr. Wesley; The Poor and the People Called Methodist; and Mirror and Memory: Reflections on Early Methodism.

Worship Service Presider:
Bishop Alfred W. Gwinn, Jr.



The "W" in Bishop Gwinn's name stands for Wesley! He has accepted our invitation to lead the closing service for the SEJ Historical Society meeting at Duke next June. His last appointment before becoming a Bishop was as Senior Pastor at First United Methodist Church in Lexington known as "the Mother of Kentucky Methodism".

The theme for our gathering is: "The Garber Era". We will explore the transformation of our ministry within Eastern North Carolina under the leadership of Bishop Paul Neff Garber from February 1951- July 1968 and beyond. We will meet in the Divinity School on the campus of Duke University, Durham, NC.

All meals will be on the campus of Duke University except for Thursday's Bus Tour and the Banquet that evening. Parking will be \$15.00 for 3 days on campus, so car pooling is encouraged. You may reserve rooms at the Millennium Hotel, 2800 Campus Walk Ave. Phone 1-800-633-5379, 919-383-8575, Fax 919-383-8495 or www.Millenniumhotels.com (Room rate: \$75 + tax-Single or double).

Thursday's bus tour may include stops at Methodist College Campus; Croasdaile Village, Durham; Camp Rockfish, Parkton, NC; Ten Dollar Club Church, and the Prospect United Methodist Church, Maxton, The largest Native American United Methodist congregation in the United States.

The banquet Thursday evening will be held at the Duke Memorial United Methodist Church, 504 W. Chapel Hill St., Durham, NC (919) 683-3467. The entertainment for the evening will be a program of the history of United Methodist Women's ministry. A morning devotion will be given by Dean Greg Jones of the Divinity School and our resident Bishop, Alfred (Al) Wesley Guinn, Jr., will preside at the closing Worship and Memorial Service with Holy Communion. Dr. Charles M. Smith, Executive Director, Conference Connectional Ministries will lead music.

Rev. W. Arthur Warren, Jr

PLANK CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CELEBRATES 225 YEARS OF MINISTRY JULY 10, 2005

A Quasquibicentennial Celebration for the ministry of Plank Chapel United Methodist Church for the last 225 years took place this July. Not only were the events of the past celebrated, but the possibilities for future were lifted up. The specially produced booklet for the day includes: A heritage prayer, words adapted for a Song for Plank Chapel, The Order of Worship for the Day, The roll of Pastors who have served, and a history of the church with photos.

Pastor Carol Dean welcomed all visitors including Bishop Alfred W.

Gwinn, Jr., Durham District Superintendent Judy Smith, and guest preacher, Rev. Edwin Young. A dinner was served on the grounds after the worship service and a history display was set up for everyone to enjoy.



DECEASED CLERGY AND SPOUSES

In Loving Memory

Clergy

Ebern Earl Allen

May 25, 1940- March 10, 2005
husband of Kay Rogerson

Robert Lee Bame

June 24, 1919-August 28, 2005
husband of Helen Elizabeth Butner Bame

John Maxwell Cline

August 19, 1921-March 18, 2005
husband of Alice Stewart Cline

Johnnie Sinclair Huggins

July 27, 1927-March 18, 2005

Walter Michael Hinson

December 8, 1943-March 27, 2005
husband of Brenda Ann Hinson

Robin Jerome Scroggs

October 4, 1930-April 25, 2005
husband of Rev. Marilee Munger Scroggs

Robert Stansill Gibson

August 1, 1925-April 30, 2005

James Claude Chaffin

August 9, 1919-June 19, 2005
husband of Lucille Jones Chaffin

William Phifer Lowdermilk

June 24, 1933-July 18, 2005

Lester Polk Jackson

December 8, 1919-July 23, 2005
husband of Henrietta Riggs Jackson

Charles Francis Eakin

April 10, 1920-July 30, 2005
husband of Frances Eakin

Samuel Lee Wood

February 23, 1916-August 1, 2005
husband of Lois Annette Stuart Wood

Spouses:

Ruth Elizabeth Utiger Herbert

September 26, 1902-February 27, 2005
widow of James Furman Herbert

Peggy Joyce Bobbit Carden

May 15, 1932-March 20, 2005
wife of Billy McCoy Carden

Helen Matthews Eason

May 18, 1924-July 25, 2005
widow of William Everett Eason, Sr.

Yueh Kwei Cheng (Doris) Free

September 1, 1936-August 5, 2005
wife of Virgil Loren Free

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership to the N.C. Conference Historical Society is open to any individual in the N.C. Conference who is interested. Annual memberships renew each year by the date of Annual Conference. Send checks to N.C. Conference Historical Society, c/o John C. Mitchell, 622 Wimbleton Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609-4350

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- _____ Regular \$7.00
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- _____ Contributing Member \$25
- _____ Lifetime \$100

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City, State & Zip: _____

Local Church (Name and City) _____

District: _____ E-mail _____

HISTORY PRESENTATION AT FIRST UMC, GRAHAM APRIL 24, 2005

A 327 page hardback history book was completed and presented to the congregation at First United Methodist Church in Graham on April 24th during worship service.



Church members Frances Heath and Lydia Ricks spearheaded the project with help from many in the church. The end papers of the book are a delightful collage of photos of faces churches members in ministry through the years.

After the worship service, a covered-dish dinner was served in the Fellowship Hall that was decorated for the day. The attractive tables were decorated with vintage lamps and past church activity photos sprinkled along for viewing by the guests. A history display was set up at the end of the room.

A copy of the history book was presented to the NC Conference Archives and will be kept there with those of other churches who have contributed a copy of their Histories.

Check out the NCC Archives website!



<http://www.nccumc.org/defaultarchives.htm>

NEW VOLUNTEER POSSIBILITIES

Do you love history?
Do you want to learn more
about our Conference?
Do you have 2-3 hours
per week to volunteer?
Come and help in the NC
Conference Archives!
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832-9560 ext 264

SEJ HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING CHARLESTON, SC JULY 12-15, 2005

The journey to Charleston, SC was a beautiful trip along I-95 and I-26 from Benson, NC on Tuesday. I was able to arrive at the Best Western King Charles Inn downtown Charleston and check-in just prior to the Steering Committee meeting at Bethel UMC at 3:00pm where registration for the meeting was also taking place in the fellowship hall. We introduced ourselves and discussed the work of the SEJ Historical Society and made plans for future meetings. I shared the NC Conference brochure for the next meeting at Duke Divinity School on June 27-30, 2006. Everyone is looking forward to visiting in NC next year.

We then gathered in the sanctuary of Bethel UMC for the opening session of the Historical Society. We were welcomed, by our Society President-Mrs. Thelma Crowder, the District Superintendent and the Pastor of Bethel, to Charleston, SC and the activities of the week. We soon prepared to car pool to John's Island for a Seafood Extravaganza at the Rural Mission, a black community that is working to continue in ministry without being taken over by the commercial development on the Island. We enjoyed the meal and the time of worship and celebration under the trees surrounded by the cabins and buildings of the mission along the river bank. We returned to our hotels for the evening. Many of the participants stayed in the Charleston Riverview Hotel along the Ashley River.

We enjoyed our breakfast at local restaurants and then meet in the Fellowship Hall at Bethel to have our sessions. Following our morning devotion, we had our first business session and I was asked to share about next year's meeting as John Mitchell and Bob George passed out the brochures. Refreshments were available at the break and then we heard a presentation by Dr. A. V. Huff, Jr. on **Early Methodism in Charleston**. It was noted that John and Charles Wesley visited Charles Town on July 31, 1736 as clergymen in the Church of England. George Whitefield was a strong influence in the area also. Rev. Joseph Pilmore, while preaching in a theatre, fell with pulpit and all through a trap door on stage

that was opened by some detractors. Many hardships confronted the Methodist Movement in South Carolina and the slavery issue in this booming economic area was one that caused Francis Asbury to write a special edition of The Discipline for SC.

Rev. Frank Buie gave a delightful presentation, **How Sophey Sank the Hymnal**, on the history of the first English hymnal published in America and how Mrs. Sophia Hopkey may have been part of the reason why few of these hymnals were ever in distribution, due to the early departure of John Wesley from America and the lack of funds to distribute the books.

A nice box lunch was enjoyed by all and then we went to the sanctuary of Bethel UMC for a presentation by Rev. Jim Pyatt on **The Charlestown Hymnal: A Musical Lecture**. Rev. Pyatt and his wife, Janet, from the Western NC Conference performed hymns and lead us in singing several.

Participants then had the opportunity to go on a Walking tour, of either Methodist History or local history of Charleston, or choose to take a bus tour of the area. This was offered each afternoon on Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday we returned to Bethel for another business session and then a tour of the archives of the Bethel UMC. In the evening, we enjoyed a wonderful Carolina Barbecue Buffet, followed by a program by Mr. Alphonzo Brown: **Gullah Charleston**, a fast talking dialect of Gullah/English. Mr. Brown is a local tour guide and Gullah authority sharing historical sites around Charleston using Gullah. He introduced us to the dialect and helped us to speak it as best we could. We retired for the evening.

Thursday morning following our devotion and break we heard Mr. Richard Cote, Charleston Author and Publisher, share about **William Hammet's Schism** which started several new churches but later failed in establishing a new denomination. Then Dr. Bernard Powers presented **Septima Poinsett Clark** at the Old Bethel Church. She was a strong

leader in the Civil Rights movement by her influence on individuals that made great contributions to the effort.

After of box lunch back at Bethel UMC across the street from Old Bethel, we heard Rev. Frank Buie's presentation on **Retracing Wesley's Travels from Frederica to Savannah, an Illustrated Tour**. He showed a power point presentation of a boat trip along the eastern shore that could have been very close to the experience of the Wesley's as they made their way along the shore. We then went on the afternoon tours of choice and then prepared for the Banquet at John Wesley UMC that evening. The meal was delicious and the program of music by Mr. Elvin (Butch) Jones, Vocalist and Mr. Greg Jones, Director of Music at Bethel UMC was outstanding. Mr. Chuck Yrigoyen, General Secretary of the General Commission on Archives and History was presented a plaque by Mrs. Nell Thrift for his contributions to the Southeastern Jurisdiction and for his 24 years of service to the General Commission.

Friday morning we conclude the business of the Society and had our closing Worship service with Holy Communion lead by an Elder from the area. We were truly blessed to experience our time in Charleston, SC and learn more about how God worked in the lives of our forefathers and mothers to chart a course for our future.

After a short visit to local sites of interest, I returned home to Benson, NC to share my experience with my family and friends and thankful to God for a safe and enjoyable trip.



**William Arthur Warren, Jr.,
President of the NCC Historical
Society and Chairperson of the
NCC Commission on Archives
and History**

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2005

The spring meeting of the North Carolina Conference Historical Society met on Saturday, April 9, 2005 at Chestnut Street United Methodist Church in Lumberton, N.C. There were 23 present: John Mitchell, Rev. W. Arthur Warren, Jr., H. A. "Sandy" McKinnon, Odell J. Winstead, Jane Greeson, Peggy Pullman, Beth Maness, Dixie Batten, Jack Blanchard, Rev. M. B. (Tony) Collier, Ruth G. Copley, Frank Young, Dorothy L. Wilkinson, Jackie Oliver Utz, Juanita Collins, N. Ray Hales, Harold Kiser, Rev. C. Franklin Grill, Rev. James Caviness, Vivian P. Mitchell, Joyce C. Goodwin, Nancy Grady Wilson, Snodie B. Wilson, and Laura Bailey.

President W. Arthur Warren, Jr. welcomed everyone to the meeting. Sandy McKinnon welcomed us to Chestnut Street UMC.

Arthur gave the devotional, based on 1 Peter 1:17-23. "You have been born anew, not of perishable but from imperishable seed.

Arthur thanked everyone for coming and thanked Chestnut St. UMC for hosting us.

We have been preparing for the meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Historical Society which we will be hosting June 27-30, 2006, at Duke University. Arthur distributed an updated worksheet and a copy of the tentative brochure. The brochure includes a registration form, a picture of Bishop Paul Neff Garber, a picture of the new Bishop Kenneth Goodson Chapel, the schedule for the meeting, and the topics of the papers that will be presented and names of the presenters. The

theme is "The Garber Era, February 1951 – July 1968." Hosting the meeting is a joint effort of the NCCHS and the NC Conference Commission on Archives and History. Arthur invited everyone who would like to attend the A & H meeting after lunch to join the Commission as it works on the plans for the SEJHS meeting.

Laura Bailey is our staff representative from the United Methodist Building for Christian Education, Media Center, and Archives & History. We have an archives room in the Conference building. Vivian Mitchell and Frank Grill set the foundations of the materials and files that we use to find information to help folks with. As Conference Historian, Frank continues to get calls for information. Laura said she has made a log of who called, what question they asked, and how she helped them. Since January 2005 she has heard from Whiteville, Lumberton, Croasdaile Retirement Home; Alexandria, VA, Hickory Grove/ Sandy Plains, Wesley Chapel near Goldsboro, First UMC in Siler City; Midway in Stella; Norfolk, Red Oak charge; St. Pauls in Maxton; somebody from Georgia; Enfield Charge; Spring UMC; Duke Memorial in Durham; SC Conference; Bath; Plank Chapel; a retired pastor in the Western NC Conference; Carolina Beach; Snow Hill: Calvary Memorial; Campground; Rockingham: St. Paul; Wesley Chapel in Elizabethtown; and Roseboro. We get calls from all over the country. A lot of our statistics are on the Internet so a lot of people find us, and then we help them with their questions as much as we can. Laura's favorite part is getting to know the people and finding out why they are asking their questions.

Rev. Luis (Lucho) Reinoso, a retired pastor, was involved with our conference's Peru Covenant project

a few years back. He gathered the papers, manuscripts, correspondence between Bishop Edwards and Bishop Ochoa of Peru, and the presentation given at Annual Conference, and these records are now in our archives.

Rev. Beverly Pierpont from the United Methodist Retirement Homes is the director of the Heritage Campaign, celebrating 50 years of the North Carolina Methodist Retirement Homes. Laura scanned bishop pictures for her and gave her information we had in our files. There was an insert in the NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. Rev. Pierpont also gave the archives some materials about the Retirement Homes. In their July, 2004 newsletter, there was an article about William Preston Few, the first president of Duke University.

He was also the uncle of Eugene Cannon Few, pastor in our conference, 1917 – 1938. One stop on the SEJHS bus tour in 2006 might be to Croasdaile Village, the retirement home in Durham.

Mary Jack Lineberger brought some materials from the papers of Rev. J. W. Lineberger that came from the Youth Caravan, a 1950s program of youth from our conference who went as work teams to Europe after World War II to help rebuild. Youth caravans were one of Bishop Garber's programs. We plan a panel discussion of "Caravaners" for the 2006 SEJHS meeting. We now have photos, correspondence, a report from the pastor who led the group, and an article from the Dunn newspaper about one of the young men who went to Europe.

Copies of the book, The Greatest of These Is Love, by Cale C. Burgess, have been donated to our archives.

Bishop Garber wrote the review of the book. Copies of the book were available after the meeting for no charge.

"Saddlebags", newsletter of the NCCHS, is published twice a year before the semiannual meetings of the society. It is a joint project with the Commission and is sent to all local church historians and NCCHS members. The members of the previous meetings are printed in "Saddlebags", so please bring your copy with you to the meetings.

The NC Conference has a toll-free telephone number: 800-849-4433. Laura's extension is 264. We have printouts available on writing your church history.

Copies of J. M. Holden's HEARTENING HERITAGE AND THE CAROLINA CRESCENT have been donated. They are being sold for \$20 per copy, to raise money to help the archives.

Frank Grill commended Laura's work. She takes and answers questions and sometimes refers them to him. Frank is not able to get to the United Methodist Building frequently. He said the archival collection is good. It began with everything he could get from Bill Quick before he moved to Detroit, MI. The collection was moved from closet to closet until we were given permanent quarters upstairs. We have some invaluable original sources that people had kept in their homes, of early circuit minutes. Records kept in homes can be thrown away if the owners do not recognize their value. Some records have been sent to the Duke University Library where they are almost inaccessible. You have to go there to see them and cannot take any documents out of the manuscript room.

Ruth Copley told us that Duke's Chapel UMC has scads of documents at Duke University.

Beth Maness asked Frank about the survey of all church property in the NC Conference that he worked on some years ago. The survey was done by districts and the results were sent to the District Superintendents. Some of the properties have been turned into cemeteries and nobody knows who is taking care of them. Arthur Warren said that if we do not have a copy of the survey at the United Methodist Building, we should get one.

Arthur announced that the 2005 SEJHS meeting will be held in Charleston, SC, July 12-15, 2005, at Bethel UMC. We will need volunteers to help us when we host the 2006 meeting of the SEJHS.

Preparations for the meeting, registration, name tags coded by what a registrant signed up and paid for, transportation to and from the airport, and a lot of little things.

The minutes of the October 2004 society meeting were published on pp. 3-4 in the March 2005 issue of "Saddlebags". Corrections to be made: p. 4, left column, paragraph 1, sentence 1 – the book commemorating the year women were first ordained in the Methodist Church has not been received – it is still "in progress".

Two typos were found: delete words 5-6, p. 4, left column, paragraph 6, line 1. The minutes were approved as corrected on a motion by Ruth Copley.

The Treasurer's report was presented by John Mitchell. The Society has a balance of \$1,933.66 in the BB&T checking account as of February 28, 2005, and \$1,000 invested in the United Methodist Development Fund. The report was approved on a motion by Frank Grill.

Ruth Copley invited us to come to Duke's Chapel UMC in Durham, NC for the fall meeting of the NCCHS. They are celebrating their 161st anniversary this year. The meeting will be on October 1, the first Saturday of the month. Benson UMC will be the second choice.

Arthur led us in prayer before closing the business session. He prayed for The Roman Catholic Church as they mourn the death of Pope John Paul II and go through the process of selecting a new pope.

Sandy McKinnon presented the program on the history of Chestnut Street UMC. The church was in existence by February 2, 1803, and is the oldest church in Lumberton. Bishop Francis Asbury wrote in his journal that "we have a small society here." At the same time, in 1803, Bishop Asbury wrote that he had visited several years earlier and was present at the foundation and naming of Lumberton. The meeting adjourned and everyone enjoyed the delicious meal at the church.

Respectfully submitted,
John C. Mitchell, Secretary

These minutes are to be voted on and approved in the October 1 meeting of the NC Conference Historical Society