

came in to give gifts to every child. After the Easter service, there was always an Easter egg hunt for the children. And there was always the week of Revival in August (after the farmers had "laid by" their crops.)

In October of 1994 there was a great 200th Anniversary celebration. Our pastor at the time, Rev. Hunter Preston, and District Superintendent Thomas Loftis came dressed as Circuit Riders and riding on horses. A band played hymns outside and after the service, dinner was served on the grounds under the old oak trees.

Around that time, with about \$15,000 saved, the idea of building a classroom for the children and indoor restrooms was discussed. We considered purchasing a small mobile unit or constructing a small building. So, when Hunter Preston—our pastor at the time—brought in the blueprints for a 30 x 60 floor plan, which even included a kitchen, we were quite skeptical. How could we build that with our small savings? We decided to build what we could, not go in debt, then finish as we could get the money. But, on May 3, 1998, there was a Dedication Service and the building was named "Asbury Hall," as Francis Asbury was a guest sometime around 1800. We never even had a bake sale, and our building was

completely without debt. We still consider this a miracle!

As we reflect back on the history of Concord, and look ahead to the future, we are excited and curious about what God will do among us. We are now a small Sunday morning congregation, and it seems that with each generation the neighborhood has decreased and so has the church attendance. And yet our spirit of hospitality continues to serve as a beacon-light of God's love here in Northampton County. We continue to worship weekly, and always look forward to Homecoming Service the first Sunday in October.

Currently, we worship weekly on Sundays at 9:00AM, with adult Sunday School following. We'd love to have you stop on by!

by Inez Bryner

Greetings from the NC Conference Commission of Archives and History and The Historical Society of the NC Conference

You have received a copy of this Newsletter because you are a member of the Historical Society, a member of the Commission, you are a District Superintendent or other leader in our Conference, or your church has entered your name in the online database as the local church historian. If there needs to be a correction in your address, please let us know at The NC Conference Archives, 700 Waterfield Ridge Place; Garner NC 27529 or archives-history@nccumc.org.

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SPRING MEETING OF NCC HISTORICAL SOCIETY April 21, 2012, 10 AM

A HISTORY OF CONCORD UMC

In Northampton County, about three miles north of Seaboard, NC, and very near the VA state line, stands a little white country church. There is no written history of Concord Methodist Church so we know nothing of the first one hundred years. Was this the building that now stands here? When was the church organized? How many people attended the services? How was the name "Concord" selected? These questions we cannot answer. But we do know that the deed was dated Nov. 6, 1794, and recorded at the courthouse Dec. 10, 1795.

As we entered the 20th Century the interior of the old building remained just the same, with a large pot-belly stove, kerosene lamps by the windows and unpainted handmade pews. The floor is made of wide pine boards with no sub-flooring. There were places where the wood knots had fallen out and the earth below could be seen! There has apparently been no change to the outside of the building except the recent addition of a ramp and new steps in 2000.

During the 1930s the organ was replaced by a piano. The choir floor was raised and chairs purchased for that area. In

the 50s, electric lights replaced the oil lamps and gas replaced the wood burning stove. In 1984, with the help of good friends, the floor was carpeted and those holes where the cold air came in were covered!

The generation that has now passed on used to tell of the all-day meetings with picnics on the grounds under the many large oaks. Buggies and wagons were the means of transportation. Mr. J.T. Moody, who died in 1935, was the last to come by buggy. By that time almost everyone had a T-model! Until sometime in the 50s, the services were held in the afternoon. The pastor came only twice a month. There were four Sunday School classes. Once each year there was a Quarterly Meeting and representatives from the other churches on the charge came to take care of business. One big event of each year was Children's Day. All the children were dressed in white as they marched into the church. Each one had a "piece" to say, and songs were sung. At Christmas there was another children's program. There was always a huge Christmas tree and Santa



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Directions to Concord UMC, Pleasant Hill, NC

From Roanoke Rapids, NC, drive north on NC route 48 for 3.3 miles and turn right on Macon Price Rd. Drive 4.5 miles on Macon Price Rd. continuing onto Big Johns Store Rd. Drive 4.9 miles to Concord UMC in Pleasant Hill. The church will be on the left on Big Johns Store Rd.

To reserve your spot for lunch, please call Robin Harry toll-free at 800.849.4433 or 919.779.6115, ext. 252; or email at rharry@nccumc.org.

NC CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES October 8, 2011

President Mildred Swain welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming on this beautiful day. There were 23 in attendance. In devotion, she shared of Paul telling Timothy to fight the good fight. May we as historians continue to do likewise and work to preserve our history for the future of others. Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Rev. Arthur Warren shared events from our last SEJ meeting held in Kentucky, June 28-July 1, 2011. Tours of the Henderson Settlement, Red Bird Missionary School and Conference Center were highlights of that meeting. It was an inspiration to hear stories of faith of those gone before us and how God was faithful to answer their prayers.

The Tennessee Conference will host our next SEJ meeting July 9-12, 2012. Membership dues for the SEJ Historical Society are \$15 – 1 year; \$27 - 2 years; \$40 - 3 years; or \$200 for Life membership and may be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. Bob George,

P. O. Box 3955, Cleveland, TN 37320.

Rev. Dr. Jerry Bryan reported that The United Methodist Journal will be online next week and will be going to the printer. CD's are also available. Memorials that have not been submitted for our Conference Journal need to be written to preserve our heritage.

Rev. Dr. Bill Simpson shared about markers on graves for UM ministers. The Commission on Archives and History provides them. A smaller marker would be nice for those needing a marker on a columbarium. Dr. Jerry Bryan suggested that the family of a deceased minister be informed by letter that a marker is available upon request. The North Georgia Conference Commission on Archives and History is looking in to having markers produced at this time since the price became prohibitive for Cokesbury to continue to offer them.

Membership in the NC Conference Historical Society is encouraged, only \$7 per year for an individual.

Monies for membership are available to support the work of our Commission and assistance with a representative's travel and meeting expense to the SEJ and UM Historical Society meetings as the Society directs.

Rev. Dr. Bill Simpson spoke to the group about the history of the UM Building. NC shared a Bishop with Virginia until 1968, when Bishop Canon was assigned to NC. Rex Thomas was a key leader in the location of the present United Methodist Building. It is located on 14+ acres and 10+ acres are buildable for the future. The building is very energy efficient and completely paid for.

The meeting was concluded and a tour of the new building was given. Afterwards, the group enjoyed lunch provided by The Commission on Archives and History.

Respectfully submitted,

**Rebecca F. Warren
Secretary**

SOCIETY MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL!!

The NC Conference Historical Society meets twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. Usually the meetings take place in a church or location within the NC Conference of interest, historically. Meetings may include speakers on historical topics of interest, information for local church historians to share in their own churches, fellowship and a meal. New officers for the Historical Society will be elected at the April meeting to take effect in the fall.

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Support for Church Historians and others interested in church history is available through participation in the NC Conference Historical Society. Renew your membership today!

MEMBERSHIP IN THE N.C. CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dues are for a year and payable to: N.C. Conference (include: "Historical Society" on the memo line)

Mail to: Archives & History, 700 Waterfield Ridge Place, Garner NC 27529

_____ Student \$3.00

_____ Contributing \$25.00

_____ Regular \$7.00

_____ Life \$100.00

_____ Patron \$10.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Those who have recently joined or renewed Membership to the NCC Historical Society:

Jeanie Lemley of Fayetteville, NC

Barbara Hodgson of Fayetteville, NC

Marilynn Hroza of Mt. Olive, NC

Jacqueline Hunter Jenkins of Raleigh, NC

Dorothy Jones of Norlina, NC

DECEASED CLERGY AND SPOUSES

CLERGY

William F. Williams
November 25, 1943 – September 12, 2011
Husband of Edna Swaim Williams

Robert E. Shelton
January 18, 1959 – September 20, 2011
Husband of Janna Shelton

Frank E. Wier
October 1, 1930 – October 12, 2011

Martha Claire Lewis
April 8, 1949 – October 26, 2011
Wife of Cecil O'Brien Lewis

Forrest D. Lamneck
August 14, 1916 – October 28, 2011

William D. Sabiston, III
July 31, 1935 – November 7, 2011
Husband of Norma N. Sabiston

Thaddeus C. West, Jr.
May 9, 1933 – November 11, 2011
Husband of Ellen G. West

Brooks Patten
January 9, 1918 – November 23, 2011
Husband of Virginia N. Patton

Clark R. Cahow
June 18, 1926 – December 14, 2011
Husband of Patricia L. Cahow

Neal E. Wingfield
October 10, 1943 – January 15, 2012
Husband of Page L. Wingfield

James A. Williams
July 27, 1920 – January 22, 2012

William R. Rudd
September 20, 1931 – January 22, 2012
Husband of Dorothy L. Rudd

SPOUSES

Blanche Heaton McCall
April 24, 1929 – August 17, 2011

Hattie P. Brandenburg
December 15, 1917 – September 14, 2011
Widow of F. Bardin Brandenburg

Louise Vance Joyner
June 11, 1935 – September 21, 2011
Wife of Frank Belton Joyner, Jr.

Jean S. Middleton Hedden
June 7, 1924 – October 12, 2011
Widow of Forest D. Hedden

Dixie H. Wells
November 13, 1928 – November 14, 2011
Wife of William Miles Wells, Jr.

Margaret Pullman
September 15, 1935 – January 22, 2012

From the SEJ Heritage Center, Lake Junaluska:

Dear Friends,
On behalf of the SEJ Commission on Archives and History, I write to acknowledge and express our appreciation for the gift made to the Heritage Center endowment fund on December 21, 2011 in the amount of \$350.00. Thank you for helping to ensure the continued work of the Heritage Center.

*In Christ,
Nancy Watkins Director, SEJ Heritage Center*

Registration Form—SEJ Historical Society 2012 Annual Meeting

Name(s): _____
(Please print name(s) as you wish to appear on your name tag and registrant list)

Mailing Address: _____

(Confirmation and additional information will be sent to this address after June 1st)

Please give us your telephone number(s) and email address below:

Phone (____) _____ Email: _____
(For use in last minute changes and notifications)

Please check all appropriate items below and figure your cost:

Registration Fee: @ \$110.00 per person—*includes use of Scarritt-Bennett facilities* \$ _____

Meals per person:

- Breakfast @ \$9.00 each (served Tues., Wed., & Thurs.) \$ _____
- Lunch @ \$11.00 each (served Tues. & Wed.) \$ _____
- Dinner @ \$15.00 each (served Mon. & Tues.) \$ _____
- Banquet @ \$25.00 for Wed. night \$ _____

Lodging at Scarritt-Bennett Center— *Sparsely furnished dorm-style rooms*
@ \$62.00 per room per night (Mon., Tues., Wed.) \$ _____

Rooms each share a bath with an adjoining room

Only 15 rooms are double occupancy, the rest are a single twin bed only

Specify which accommodations you wish: Double ____ Single ____

Total Registration, Meals and Lodging Cost: \$ _____

You may add \$10.00 for a copy of proceedings which includes papers and reports shared at this meeting. \$ _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 9, 2012

Please enclose your check, along with this form, payable to:

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
c/o Linda Collier, 1903 Shenandoah Trail, Lebanon, TN 37087

Email: lkcollier@charter.net with ANY questions or concerns you might have such as accessibility, airport transportation, special diet, costs, lodging, sightseeing, etc.

Linda's home phone number is (615) 449-1942 and her cell number is (615) 828-7985

If you would like to join or renew your SEJHS membership, check the 2012 membership dues per person below and add that amount to your registration or include a separate check payable to SEJ Historical Society:

One Year—\$15____; Two Years—\$27____; Three Years—\$40____; Life—\$200____

Alternative lodging less than one mile away:

Best Western Plus Music Row, 1407 Division Street (www.bestwestern.com/musicrow)

Comfort Inn Downtown Nashville, 1501 Demonbreun Street (www.ComfortInnNashville.com)

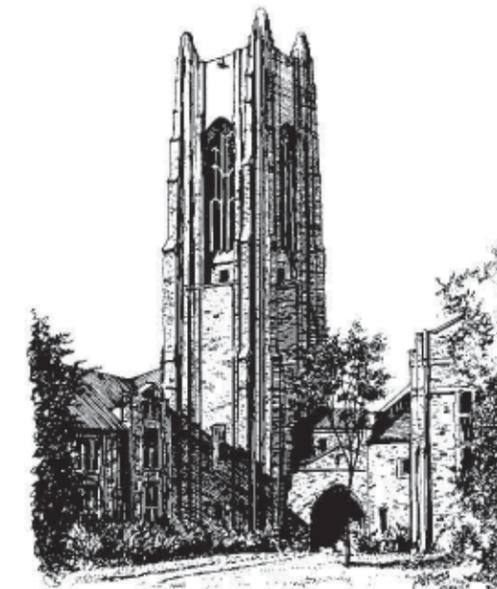
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*The Church Confronts the World:
Twentieth Century Southern Methodism
and the Popular Culture*

**Monday-Thursday
July 9-12, 2012**



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LIST OF PRESENTERS

Southern Progressivism—Keynote Address

Von W. Unruh
Tennessee Conference Historian; Pastor, Morton Memorial UMC
Monteagle, Tennessee

Discovering a Southern Chatauqua: Monteagle Sunday School Assembly

Ridley Wills II
Author and Historian
Nashville, Tennessee

B.F. Haynes: Methodist Pariah or Hero of the Holiness Movement?

Andy Wood
Ph.D. candidate in American History; Auburn University
Auburn, Alabama

Local Methodist Church Architecture Across the Decades

Dr. Frank Gulley
Professor of Church History, Emeritus; Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee
and
Kem G. Hinton, AIA
Author and Historian; Principal, Tuck-Hinton Architects
Nashville, Tennessee

Unthinkable: Methodist Publishing Moves to Tennessee

Andrew B. Miller
President and Publisher, Plumblin Media
Franklin, Tennessee

Vanderbilt and the Methodists

Dr. Robert Collins
Author and Historian; Professor of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology; Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee

Mt. Olivet Cemetery Comes Alive

Von W. Unruh
Tennessee Conference Historian; Pastor, Morton Memorial UMC
Monteagle, Tennessee

The Christian Witness Among Opry Greats

Brenda Colladay
Museum and Photograph Curator at Grand Ole Opry
Nashville, Tennessee

Monday, July 9

1:00 PM	<i>Registration</i>
3:00 PM	<i>Steering Committee Meeting</i>
4:30 PM	<i>Opening Session</i>
6:00 PM	DINNER
7:00 PM	Keynote Address—Southern Progressivism; Von Unruh
8:15 PM	BREAK/FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, July 10

7:30 AM	BREAKFAST
8:30 AM	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
9:00 AM	Southern Chatauqua; Ridley Wills II
10:15 AM	BREAK
10:30 AM	B.F. Haynes—Methodist Pariah or Holiness Hero?; Andy Wood
12:00 Noon	LUNCH
1:30 PM	Church Architecture; Kem Hinton & Frank Gulley
2:45 PM	BREAK
3:00 PM	<i>Business Session</i>
5:30 PM	DINNER
7:00 PM	<i>Business Session</i>
8:15 PM	FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, July 11

7:30 AM	BREAKFAST
8:30 AM	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
9:00 AM	Unthinkable: UMPH Moves to Nashville; Andrew Miller
10:15 AM	BREAK
10:30 AM	Vanderbilt and the Methodists; Robert Collins
12:00 Noon	LUNCH
1:30 PM	Mt. Olivet Comes Alive!; Von Unruh
2:45 PM	BREAK
3:00 PM	Mt. Olivet Walking Tour
6:30 PM	EVENING BANQUET: Grand Ole Opry; Brenda Colladay

Thursday, July 12

7:30 AM	BREAKFAST
8:30 AM	<i>Closing Worship/Communion/Adjourn—The Upper Room Chapel</i>
10:00 AM	Upper Room Museum Walking Tour