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

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FALL MEETING OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY - September 22

Francis Asbury and Circuit Riders traveled the area of southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina from 1802 to 1812. It is thought that a society was formed in Murfreesboro during this time. Francis Asbury preached in Murfreesboro from 1803 through 1807. “In 1805 Asbury wrote that he “had a meeting at the house of the widow Meredith,” probably of the Methodist society in Murfreesboro, the forerunner of the current congregation. Rev. Samuel Wells, a circuit rider, is credited with founding the first Methodist Church in Murfreesboro in 1806.” Three church buildings have housed this congregation over its long history. The congregation celebrated the Bicentennial Anniversary of its founding on Sunday, October 24th 2004 with Bishop Alfred Wesley Gwinn presiding over the service.

The NC Conference UM Historical Society will meet at the Murfreesboro United Methodist Church at 9:30 AM for fellowship and the business meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. Lunch will be at the Jefcoat Museum of Americana west of the church on High Street. The cost will be $15.00 and includes a tour of the Museum from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, which is celebrating its 10th Anniversary at this gathering. Tickets for the meal can be secured by contacting Laura Bailey – 1-800-894-4433 ext. 264 or locally 919-832-9560 ext. 264, or by email llbailey@nccumc.org. Please let us know by Thursday September 13th about your lunch plans. Guided tours of the communities Historic District are also available at a cost of $7.00 at the Gift Shop (Historic Murfree-Smith Smith Office), Thurs.-Fri. hours, 11:00 am to 5:00 PM and Saturday hours of operation 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The NC Conference Commission on Archives and History will meet on Friday, September 21, 2007 at the Murfreesboro UMC at 2:00 PM. Local information about Murfreesboro can be obtained by contacting Roberts-Vaughn House 116 East Main St.; Phone 252-398-592 email histassn@greenvillenc.com or website: www.murfreesboronc.com.

Directions to Murfreesboro United Methodist Church
313 E High St, Murfreesboro North Carolina

Murfreesboro UMC is located at 313 E. High St. and the corner of Union St. The church is behind the Southern Bank on Main Street. The city of Murfreesboro, NC is on Hwy. 258 and Business Hwy. 158.

Note: Follow directions for lunch reservations described in the above article.

Thank you
April 14, 2007

THE REVENERD JAMES REID

Reverend James Reid was born April 5, 1795 in Caswell County, North Carolina. He was the eldest of seven children born to Bluford and wife Nancy Nowels Reid. The family lived in what is known as the Red House area near Milton, N.C. His father was trade a wheelwright and a farmer.

Religious was an important part of the family’s life as was with most people in those days. He was often a preacher and a Baptist minister. Bluford Reid must have been very active in the church and highly respected in the local community, for we find his name, as a preacher, on the earliest known deed of New Hope Methodist Church.

In 1818 he was ordained a Deacon and in 1820 in Raleigh became an Elder in the church.

In 1821, he returned to his native state and from that time forward served the religious needs of the people of North Carolina being assigned close to his home in what was then referred to as the Methodist Episcopal Church which was in its infancy having only been founded in 1784. This became the foundation of James life. In 1815 James made the decision that not only changed the course of his life, but also one of his sons, and a grandson. James began training to become a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He began with the Virginia Conference which oversaw much of NC at that time and was placed “On Trial” as an itinerate minister working under Reverend Thacker More.

In 1822 he married Martha Edwards (1804-1855), a daughter of Reverend George Edwards and wife Calvina Thompson. On May 14, 1857 James married Nancy Ann B. Perry who had formally been married to John Kelly.

Nine children were born of this marriage, his second child, Numa Fletcher Reid (1825-1873) followed in his father’s footsteps and became a renowned Methodist minister in his own right and was the second superintendent of the orphanage. There are three windows under it called the Children’s Windows, paid for by orphanage girls, orphanage boys, and children of the Greenwood neighborhood. They cost $25 each. New windows replace amber glass in the side windows. Reportedly they originally had stained glass that was taken out to be repaired or restored and were never found again. Jenkins Memorial is the third oldest United Methodist church in Raleigh and the fourth oldest in the Raleigh District.

We were invited to share memories we have about the Methodist Orphanage. Vivian Mitchell: When Leon Larkin was the superintendent in the 1950s, he realized that there were the same number of children in the Methodist Orphanage as there were pastors in the North Carolina Conference. He wrote a letter to each pastor and gave him the name of a child. That pastor was supposed to correspond with that child. My husband, and I had a girl in her early teens that was a problem child. Rather than send her home to her family during one of the summer vacations, she came and stayed with us. She called us Mom and Dad. We heard from her a few times over the years until her death.

The church in those days, newspapers didn’t run obituaries as articles actually, are to be found in several newspapers of the day, testimony itself as to how well known and the Historical Society of the United Methodist Church. Membership information for membership in the North Carolina Conference Historical Society, the SEJ Historical Society, the Historical Society of the United Methodist Church, and the World Methodist Historical Society was available at the meeting.

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The Historical Society of the United Methodist Church and the Frontier Jurisdictional Historical Society have an exhibit open at the NC Museum of History called National4H Youth Center in Chevy Case, MD, July 20-22, 2007. The HSUMC holding a convocation to commemorate the tercentenary of the birth of Charles Wesley in 1707. See gcah.org for information on the UMC Archives at Drew University, the Commission on Archives & History, and the Historical Society of the United Methodist Church. Membership information for membership in the North Carolina Conference Historical Society, the SEJ Historical Society, the Historical Society of the United Methodist Church, and the World Methodist Historical Society was available at the meeting.

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If your church has an extra postcard, vintage or new to add to our collection of postcards of churches in the North Carolina Conference, we would love to include it. Please send it with a separate piece of paper indicating the name of the church and the title of the card. There was no response from our readers, but shouldn’t the official name of the church in 1950 have been The Methodist Church?

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DECEASED CLERGY AND SPOUSES

FROM THE ARCHIVES

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WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

2-5:00 Registration - Welcome Center Open House - Heritage Center

400 Pictorial Lake Tour with Bill Lowry, Junaluska Historian and Author of Forthcoming History of Lake Junaluska

5:30 - 7:00 Dinner Hour

7:00 Opening Session

Keynote Address Dr. Robert Williams, General Secretary, General Commission on Archives and History, The United Methodist Church

Later Video and Popcorn Fellowship

Memory and Ministry

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7:30 - 8:30 Breakfast Hour

9:30 - 11:45 Workshops (Choose one!)

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CIRCULATING THE CHARLES WESLEY TERCENTENARY

The SEJ Historical Society steering committee met on Monday, October 1, 2007, at 6:00 PM in the Cypher, Perkins, to discuss the planning of the 2007 Heritage Preservation Workshop. The purpose of the meeting was to review the agenda and discuss any updates or changes to the schedule. The meeting was held in the conference center located at Lake Junaluska, NC. A copy of the agenda is attached.

The meeting was called to order by the chairperson, Dr. S. T. Kimbrough, Jr., and the secretary, Dr. Charles McAllister-Wilson, Wesley Theological Seminary. The meeting was then adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 8, 2007, at 6:00 PM in the Cypher, Perkins. The meeting will focus on discussing the planning of the 2008 Heritage Preservation Workshop. All members are encouraged to attend.

Dr. S. T. Kimbrough, Jr.
Chairperson
SEJ Historical Society