

OZSPHCA NEWS & UPDATE

August 2015



*Old Zion St. Paul Halsellville
Cemetery Association
2231 West End Road
Chester, South Carolina 29706*

Fifth (5th) Annual Revival Reunion

Three o'clock in the afternoon

Sunday, September 20, 2015!!!

Greetings! It's that time of year again, The Old Zion Annual Revival Reunion. We are looking forward to seeing you at **3:00 P. M., Sunday, September 20, 2015 for the 5th Annual Revival Reunion.** Wow! Five (5) Years! The work, improvement, and maintenance at the site continues all year, however, our preparation intensifies for Revival Reunion

We continue to praise to God and give thanks for the workers, the many supporters, and well-wishers for the amazing improvements at the Old Zion site **since that day of beginning, March 2008 (see photo, page 3)!** Our **yearly gathering continues to be a time of Worship, Fellowship, Fun, and Food!** We are joyful and thankful that we can meet on these sacred grounds to greet family, friends, renew acquaintances, and reflect on the people, our loved ones, who long ago worshiped at **Old Zion and St. Paul.** We also focus on educating a new generation about our rich history and heritage at Halsellville.

A special word of thanks is due to the attendees, workers, food providers, program participants, ad sponsors, contributors and supporters for making the Fourth Annual Revival Reunion (September 21, 2014) was a great success. We appreciate each of you. To God Be The Glory!

Please be in prayer for this **Fifth Great Gathering.** We are prayerful and excited and look forward to seeing **YOU** at **Old Zion** on **Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 3:00 p. m.!**

Mrs. Ella Gennet Chisholm Savage (Clinton, S. C.), one of our dedicated supports, passed away on June 29, 2015. Mrs. Chisholm attended the Price School and was a member of Upper Hope Station Baptist Church and Friendship AME Church (Clinton). We extend our deepest sympathy to her daughter, Dr. Sanita Savage Cousar (Columbia, S. C.) and other family members.

**In Memoriam
Mrs. Willie Mae Franklin Price Smith**



Mrs. Willie Mae speaking at Old Zion Reunion September 21, 2014

Our beloved *Willie Mae* passed away at the age of 95 on July 23, 2015 at Astoria Park Nursing Center in Connecticut. We recall her great spirit, for she was a child of Old Zion and St. Paul with deep generational family roots. Indeed, she was one of our major sources of inspiration for the work the restoration here at Old Zion. One of the highlights of her life over these past four (4) years was to be able “come home” each September for the Old Zion Revival Reunion. She honored us with her presence, her grace and dignity, and her participation and financial support the the work at Old Zion. Her knowledge of the history and legacy of the people, their ways of living, and their worship at Old Zion and St. Paul provided us with the invaluable and rich history of the people and places in Halsellville community.

***When Great Souls Die
Maya Angelou***

**And when great souls die,
after a period peace blooms,
slowly and always
irregularly. Spaces fill
with a kind of
soothing electric vibration.**

**Our senses, restored, never
to be the same, whisper to us.
They existed. They existed.
be. Be and be
better. For they existed.**



March 24, 2008

*Pastor John C. Heath, Eumon Chisholm, Jr.,
Maggie Price Coleman, Jannie Price –Woods, TC Hicks
James E. ‘Jimmy’ Wright (seated)*



July 22, 2015

Changes, upgrades, and improvements at the Old Zion Site since the First Reunion (September 2011).

1. Concrete Slab/Floor Poured
2. Shelter Erected
3. Cemetery Partial Purchased to Clear Land Deed/Title
4. Signs Erected
5. Pews/Podium Purchased/Donated
6. Additional Trees Removed/Site Clearing
7. Replicas of Old Zion Church Towers
8. Electricity and lights Installed

Under Construction

1. Food Shelter
2. Additional Tree Removal/Clearing for Food Court Park
3. Donation of the Simpson Grave Yard (by Mr. Brenton Feaster)

The Faithful and Committed Work Crew!

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Jannie Price Woods, Pastor John Heath, Eumon Chisholm, Jr., Yvonne Cook Davis, Barbara Cook Jennings, Samuel Simpson, Jr., Helen Wilkes Woods, Charlie Hopkins, George Caldwell, Alex Feaster, James E. Wright, Howard Culp) continues to work faithfully improve and maintain the cemetery and grounds at Old Zion at considerable personal expense and labor. Howard Culp is welcomed as a valuable new member of the executive the committee. The restoration and maintenance of the Old Zion site continues to be a labor of love and commitment for all of us. We are laying the foundation so that the work will be carried on in years to come by later generations.

Contributors and Supporters - Thank You!
Financial Report

2015 Activity	
.July 31, 2015	
Balance 2014	\$ 1,763.50
Survey Pledges	\$ 250.00
Donations	\$ 74.12
Funds In	\$ 2,087.62
Holes for Food Shelter	\$ 200.00
Brainerd Celebration	\$ 351.17
Plywood for floor	\$ 113.40
Old Zion Electricity	\$ 450.00
Simpson Gravesite Survey	\$ 550.00
General Upkeep	\$ 224.21
Paid Out	\$ 1,888.78
Funds	\$ 2,087.62
Paid Out	\$ (1,888.78)
On Hand	\$ 198.84

Contributions/Donations Can Be Made To:

OZSPHCA
c/o Jannie Price-Woods
687 Yarborough Road
Chester, SC 29706

Congratulations: George Caldwell, Elected Mayor of Chester!

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Donation of \$ _____ is Enclosed

From _____

2015 Souvenir Book Publications:

Please return by: September 7, 2015

**Full page \$100 / Half Page \$75/ Fourth page \$50 / Business Card \$25
Patron \$10**

Donations over \$50 receives a book

**Help! Your financial support and contributions are needed and appreciated to
continue the upkeep and work at Old Zion.**

We have had considerable expenses since the Reunion in 2014.

Thank you

Please make all checks / money orders payable to: OZSPHCA

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