

## 1803 Sesqui-Centennial Celebration 1953

Commemorating the Organization of the  
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod

Brick Church (Ebenezer)

Fairfield County, S. C.

May 9, 1953



Old Brick Church Erected 1788

This church building, erected in 1788, was first called Little River and afterwards Ebenezer but for many years has been known as the Brick Church. The exact date of organization is unknown. Before the Revolutionary War, a log church stood two miles west of the present location. When this church building was erected in 1788, the location was changed to accommodate the people who lived on the east side of Little River. The granite wall around the church and graveyard was erected in 1852.

The first pastor so far as we know was Rev. James Rogers, installed February 23, 1791, who came from Scotland and served until his death in 1830. He was followed by Rev. James Boyce, 1832-1843; Rev. Thomas Ketchin, 1844-1852; Rev. C. B. Betts, 1855-1869. During the period 1791-1865, the Brick Church was a large and flourishing congregation. Following the War Between the States, the church declined and was without a regular pastor until reorganized in 1893 under the leadership of Rev. A. G. Kirkpatrick who was pastor until 1899. Presbytery arranged for subsequent supplies, but after a few years, the congregation passed out of existence without any formal dissolution.