

Brief History of OLD BRICK CHURCH

Ebenezer Church, better-known as "Old Brick," was constructed in 1788 of brick made by members of the church. It was first known as Little River, then Ebenezer, and later as the Brick Church. A congregation was in existence before the American Revolution and the original meeting house, made of logs, had been built by Capt. James Kincaid, two miles west of this location.

It is a shrine in the truest sense, its history and the story of its members the story of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. The most important event in its colorful history occurred on May 9, 1803. It was then that the Synod of the Carolinas, which in due time would become the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, was formally organized.

For many years there was a large congregation worshipping here--but migration to the west, the War Between the States and removal of many of the towns and cities, left the old church without a congregation. It is now used for special occasions. The Old Brick Church, under the official name of Ebenezer Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, was restored to the roll of Catawba Presbytery on Nov. 18, 1973. No active congregation exists, but as the years come and go we are reminded of the part this church played, and continues to play, in the history of Fairfield County and the denomination.

Union cavalry crossed nearby Little River in February, 1865, by using the flooring of the church. A written apology, still legible on the woodwork, reads:

"To the citizens of this community -
Please excuse for defacing your house
of worship. It was absolutely necessary
to effect a crossing over the creek."

Signed - A Yankee

There were originally 3 doors to the building - the main entrance and one at each end. The end doors led to the balconies which were on each side for the slaves. Some of the windows are the original blown glass. The brick walls are nearly 12 inches thick. This building is included in the National Register of Historic Buildings.

THE JOHN BRATTON CHAPTER
of the
United Daughters of the Confederacy
presents

A CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE
in cooperation with the
Columbia Civil War Round Table

EBENEZER CHURCH - "Old Brick"
(Associate Reformed Presbyterian)

Fairfield County, South Carolina

Saturday, May 10, 1986

2:00 P. M.

"Let us cross the river and rest in the
shade of the trees."

THE PROGRAM

FLAG PRESENTATION - Sons of Confederate Veterans,
Wade Hampton Camp

INTRODUCTIONS - Robert W. Gates

INVOCATION - Rev. Jerry R. Wolfe, Pastor
Bethel Associate Reformed Presbyterian
Church

MUSIC - Circuit Riders Quartet (Hal Bonnet,
Mark Doty, Larry Tucker, Jack Meyer)

UDC PRESENTATION - Hellen Rexrode, Director
Central District

MUSIC - Quartet

PRESENTATION - "A Rain-Soaked Journey Across
South Carolina" - William Lawrence,
S. C. Civil War Round Table

MUSIC - Quartet

ADDRESS - South Carolina Civil War Treasures -
John A. Martin, Jr. - Curator,
Confederate Relic Room and Museum

HYMN - "How Firm A Foundation" (Robert E. Lee's
favorite hymn) - Congregation standing

BENEDICTION - Rev. Wolfe

TAPS

John Bratton Chapter (UDC)

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| President | Mary Rice McMaster |
| Vice President | Hellen Rexrode |
| Secretary | Edna Leavell |
| Treasurer | Carolyn Walters |

How Firm a Foundation

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ADESTE FIDELES (PORTUGUESE HYMN). II. II. II. II.

(First Tune)

"K" in RIPPON'S SELECTION, 1787

From JOHN F. WADE'S CANTUS DIVERSI, 1791

1. How firm a foun-da-tion, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your
2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis-mayed, For I am thy
3. "When thro' the deep wa-ters I call thee to go, The riv-ers of

faith in His ex-cel-lent Word! What more can He say than to
God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strength-en thee, help thee, and
wee shall not thee o-ver-flow; For I will be with thee thy

you He hath said, To you who for ref-uge to Je-sus have fled?
cause thee to stand, Up-held by my right-eous, om-nip-o-tent hand,
trou-bles to bless, And sanc-ti-fy to thee thy deep-est dis-tress,

To you who for ref-uge to Je-sus have fled?
Up-held by my right-eous, om-nip-o-tent hand.
And sanc-ti-fy to thee thy deep-est dis-tress. A-MEN.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"