

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF THE OLD BRICK CHURCH

Since the last meeting of Presbytery the Commission met on 31 January 2008 in order to discuss several items of business.

Items:

- A. Mr. Roger Rowe reported attendance of 150 for a special worship service held at the Old Brick Church on the Sabbath of 21 October 2007. Rev. Kyle Sims, Moderator of Presbytery, presided at the service, and the Rev. Dr. Sinclair Ferguson of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia (A.R.P.) delivered the message from Psalm 123. Rev. Sims read a resolution of Presbytery commending Bethel A.R.P. Church for its care of the Old Brick Church over the years and especially commended Mr. Snooks Chappell of that congregation for his efforts in this cause. A collection of \$2400 was received during the service.
- B. Dr. Harmon Patrick reported on the removal of three dead trees adjacent to the cemetery wall.
- C. Mr. Paul Gettys reported that he had completed and submitted the grant application for a needs assessment and preservation plan to the State Historic Preservation Office of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. He expects to receive word on its approval by April or May of this year.
- D. Mr. Buddy Lever made a financial report and noted that the Commission's account totaled \$12,689.46, of which \$5000 has been dedicated to obtaining a needs assessment/preservation plan.
- E. The Commission continued its discussion on the ongoing care, maintenance, and policies of governance of the church cemetery. The Commission discussed the potential need to establish a cemetery association and declared a priority to obtain an accurate plat of the cemetery grounds. The Commission charged Mr. Pat Patrick to identify those families who have an interest in the cemetery and to establish a list of contacts.
- F. Other items of discussion included publicity, grounds maintenance, and obtaining liability insurance.

Recommendations

1. That this report be received as information.

Bryan McKown, Secretary

Commission Chairman David Lauten introduced Jeffrey Schrage, a Middler at RTS-Charlotte. Mr. Schrage preached a Middler sermon using as his scripture II Samuel 24:1-17. The Moderator thanked him for his message.

Presbytery recessed for lunch prepared by the Union Church. The blessing for the meal and a prayer for those serving in the armed forces and their protection was offered by the Moderator.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Following the singing of "Ye Servants of God", the Moderator recognized Chip Sherer, President of Bonclarken. Mr. Sherer spoke briefly to the Presbytery about the work of Bonclarken and its ministry.

Commission Chairman David Lauten introduced David S. Huffman, a Middler at RTS-Charlotte. Mr. Huffman preached his Middler sermon using as his scripture I Timothy 1:12-17. The Moderator thanked him for his message.

The report of the State of the Church Committee was presented and RECEIVED AS INFORMATION as follows:

REPORT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

The Committee has met once since the fall meeting Presbytery. We are continuing our efforts to have on-line, the resources that we have on hand, along with books, etc to be used in an effort to minister to pastors and their families, as well as others that pastors might be able to refer, as soon as possible. This is a program that can and should be built upon. So the Committee is asking the Presbytery for any other sources that we might contact and add to our list throughout the Catawba Presbytery area and beyond.

(A)The Committee is requesting permission to break down the session records into a closer