

SION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BICENTENNIAL

1787-1987

A COMMEMORATION OF OUR HERITAGE

Sunday, March 1, 1987

A CELEBRATION OF THE UNITY OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Sermon by The Reverend M. Benjamin M. Weir

Moderator, 198th General Assembly

Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

Dinner following the Morning Worship Service

Sunday, March 8, 1987

Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Sermon: "A Church Is Its History"

The Reverend Dr. Robert C. Bankhead

Sunday, March 15, 1987

A CONVOCATION COMMEMORATING OUR HERITAGE

Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Sermon: "A Church Is The Expression of Divine Presence"

The Reverend Dr. Robert C. Bankhead

Afternoon Convocation - 4:00 p.m.

Address by The Honorable James G. Martin

Governor, State of North Carolina

Reception following the Convocation

Sunday, March 22, 1987

Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Sermon: "Our Presbyterian Heritage"

The Reverend Dr. Robert C. Bankhead

Sunday, March 29, 1987

Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Sermon by The Reverend Mr. Robert E. Smith

Pastor, Sion Presbyterian Church, 1954-1980



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A CHRISTIAN PROTESTANT SOCIETY

In February, 1787, fifteen citizens of Winstanborough (sic)

D. R. Evans
Robt. Ellison
Benj. Street
Martyn Aiken

Richard Winn
Jacob Brown
D. Evans
Jho. Milling
Jas. Austin
Wm. D. Murphy
Jho. Winn
Jas. Bowles
Jos. Kirkland
Jas. Brown
Jos. Quarrel

"... anxious to establish and propage Christianity
and every moral virtue . . ."

petitioned the Senate of South Carolina to incorporate them

"a religious Society by the name and title of the
ZION CONGREGATION"

The petition was granted, and on

MARCH 27, 1787

by act of the Senate, Sion Congregation was established.

At its beginning, the congregation was a "Christian Protestant Society," non-denominational but with close connections to Presbyterianism. From the earliest days, there was a close affiliation between Mt. Zion Society, Mt. Zion College, and Sion Congregation. Worship was generally held in the court house; meetings were often held at the College. The president of the college was occasionally pastor of the church.