

Richland Restoration League, Inc.

"Family and Friends of Historic Richland Church"

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Homecoming Edition



Richland Baptist Church-circa 1844
On the National Register of Historic Places



Rev. Len Strozier

Guest Speaker for the 199th Homecoming

WHEN: Sunday, October 3, 2010

It's the first Sunday in October every year!

TIME: 12 Noon

WHERE: Historic Richland Church, Twiggs County, 2204 Old Richland Church Rd., Jeffersonville, GA 31044

WHAT TO BRING: A "covered dish or two" with serving pieces, sufficient for your group to share picnic style. Drinks & Plates, etc. supplied.

Dear Friends and Family of Richland Restoration League, Inc.,

You're invited!

Richland's 199th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration!

Sunday, October 3rd

Join us at our 199th Annual Homecoming as we remember Richland's rich community and spiritual past. This year's speaker will be Reverend Len Strozier of the Woodbury Baptist Church in west central Georgia. Be a part of preserving this "community treasure without equal" by joining in spiritual fellowship and music in the church's historic sanctuary. Members and guests are invited to bring covered dishes, enough food for members of their party and to share as we all enjoy our famous "Dinner on the Grounds" and stay to tour the newly-restored cemetery.

Our Speaker

Rev. Strozier was born on Christmas day and shares that his life's call is to be a pastor. He graduated from Macon's Southwest High School, attended Middle Georgia College and graduated in absentia from Georgia College to attend The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, where he graduated in 1982.

Len has pastored churches in Kentucky and throughout Middle Georgia, including Cherokee Heights Baptist Church in Macon and Mount Zion Baptist in Bolingbroke.

Richland Restoration League was chartered in July 1948 to restore, repair, improve, rebuild, maintain and to preserve for the present and the future, as a religious shrine and place of worship, the old historic church edifice...that its spiritual, religious and cultural history and background should not be lost...

Preserving Richland's Personal History

Historic Cemetery Restoration

The small white crosses you will see in the cemetery as you arrive, are the result of special efforts by our trustees, members and volunteers to preserve the memory of those people who played a role in establishing Richland Church in central Georgia's history. Over the past year, the Restoration League was fortunate to have professionals in cemetery conservation assist in its efforts.

Special thanks go to Southern Granite and Marble Company for stabilizing and restoring the integrity of our marble monuments and repairing headstones. The League would also like to extend thanks to Rev. Len Strozier of Omega Mapping, who in April of this year, used ground penetrating radar to image unmarked grave sites.

In addition to the work done this year, in 2009, The Middle Georgia Archeological Society, led by archeologist Steven Hammock, conducted ground probing to locate grave sites and provide facts about cemeteries of the day. Many thanks also go to mapping surveyor Jim Preston for generously donating his time to work with our own Emmitt Sherling to survey the cemetery and assist in developing a more accurate grid for mapping newly-discovered resting places. It is the goal of the trustees of RRL, Inc. to mark each grave on the property.



The bottom two pictures represent only one example of the vandalism "before" and the restoration "after". There is still much work to be done. Please join the Richland Restoration League, Inc. today, to help us continue to preserve this historic site.



“Keeping Christmas” at Richland!

Plan now to be a part of the unique tradition enjoyed by standing room only audiences for the past two years.

Richland Trustee, and Program Director, Frank Hendrix and his wife Pamela are busy preparing a wonderful living history experience that re-enacts an 1860's Christmas. Visitors will enjoy the period music, readings from the perspectives of both the Confederate and Union sides, an old-fashioned "Frolic" featuring a Virginia Reel and a special visit from Father Christmas! Visit our web site for additional information.

Tell your family and friends of watching Richland come “alive” with the sights and sounds of Christmas as it was celebrated by our forefathers 150 years ago.

Light refreshments and fellowship are a part of our program at **6:00 pm on Saturday December 4th, and at the 3:00 p.m. Sunday matinee.** An admission donation of \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students (age 6-18) will be charged. Children age 6 and under will be admitted for free.

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The Richland Restoration League, Inc. has IRS 501-C-3 status and all contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please mail payment to:
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- Student**—receive the newsletter and invitation to annual meeting, and special events \$20
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- Family**—(includes all members of your immediate family)-receive the newsletter and invitation to annual meeting, and special events. \$50
- A-men Corner**—same as *Family* plus recognition at meetings and in the newsletter, and special receptions. \$ 100
- Deacons Pew** same as *A-men Corner* plus special seating at events, and any special receptions. \$250
- Squire Rouse s Circle**—same as *Deacon's Pew* plus discount for using the Church building and facilities. \$500
- Micajah Fulghum s Circle**—same as *Deacon's Pew* plus free use of the Church building and facilities. \$1000

Name

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DONATE IN MEMORY/ HONOR

Enclosed is a contribution in “Memory” or “Honor” of:

Please include your names & mailing address AND Name and address of person(s) to be notified of the gift.

Contact me about a contribution to the **Richland Restoration League Endowment Fund.**

Send me information about **The Cornerstone Society of Historic**

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MONTH YEAR

Directions to Richland: Approximately 25 miles Southeast of Macon.
On I-16 coming from Macon: Exit #24 at GA Hwy 96. Turn Right and then right again immediately onto the first gravel paved road. Old Richland Church Road: Church approx. 2 miles on right.

On I-16 coming from Danville/Dublin/Savannah: Exit #24 at GA Hwy 96. Turn Left, then almost immediately turn Right onto first county paved road, Old Richland Church Road: (between Huddle House and the interstate) Church approx. 2 miles on right.

Church Address: 2204 Old Richland Church Road, Jeffersonville, GA 31044

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