

# Richland Restoration League, Inc.

“Family and Friends of Historic Richland Church”

[www.historicrichlandchurch.org](http://www.historicrichlandchurch.org)

P.O. Box 681, Jeffersonville, Georgia 31044

Richland Baptist Church – Circa 1844

*National Register of Historic Places*

*Founded 1811*



## Welcome To The Year Of Richland’s Bicentennial Celebrations 1811-2011

Dear Friends and Family of Richland,

Two hundred years ago pioneer families of Twiggs County formed a body of Christ and worshipped together in a “log-pen” cabin they first called Richland Meeting House. In the 1840’s they constructed the beautiful building pictured in the upper right and became simply, Richland Baptist Church.

As time changed the economic landscape of the community and county, Richland closed its doors to regular services around 1912. In 1948, the Richland Restoration League was formed to protect and prevent the deterioration of the church edifice. Today, descendants of many of the pioneer families still meet several times a year to commemorate this “landmark of Christianity” which became the “mother” of several of the county’s currently active churches. This year

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### EVENT DATES

- April 9** “Spring into Living History” page 3
- Oct. 2** 200<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration and Annual Business Meeting of RRL, Inc.
- Dec. 3** “Keeping Christmas at Richland Church”
- Dec. 4** “Keeping Christmas at Richland Church” Matinee



*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 it’s spiritual, religious and cultural history and background should not be lost...*

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marks the Bicentennial of the founding of Richland. To celebrate this historic place of worship and its influence throughout the years, the Restoration League, with the very talented Rev. Frank Hendrix as chair, has planned both an exciting and educational spring Living History event to kick off our bicentennial celebrations. In addition, plans are underway for a wonderful fall Homecoming celebration as well. The RRL is working on collecting photos of friends and families enjoying events at Richland throughout the years to share with everyone at Homecoming on the first Sunday in October, so take a minute and find your photos to share. Plan to be a part of it all; join in the celebratory spirit with period dress from the early days; call all your relatives and tell them to meet you at Richland! It will be a perfect time for remembering childhood Sundays in the fall with a feast of homemade food to share under the trees when the service is over.

From the days of quills and ink to the ever present smart phones, Richland has stood as a reminder to us all that our forebears were ever mindful to take the time to worship and to teach their children about their Christian heritage so that they too might follow the wonderful examples set for them.

Meet Me at Richland...I'll be looking for you! *Susan*



### Honoring our History Strengthens our Future...

*Rarely do opportunities come along to share authentic pieces of local and national history with your children and grandchildren, especially in a hands-on environment. Don't miss the chance to touch their lives as they "touch" our past!*



Richland Trustees Billy Humphries, Emmitt Sherling and Alton White worked to clean debris and plant flowering trees.

## Richland Trustees Planning and Planting for the Future

Last spring the Richland Restoration League sponsored a 'Picnic with a Purpose' to honor veterans and to place white crosses on fifty formerly unmarked graves in the historic cemetery. This spring as part of our continuing efforts to improve and restore the church and its property, several trustees (Emmitt Sherling, Alton White and Billy Humphries) met on a chilly, rainy Saturday morning to clean up debris and plant approximately 40 Redbud seedlings to beautify the grounds and replace native trees lost to time and weather damage.

# “Spring Into Living History” A BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF HISTORIC RICHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH



*Faith, Flags and something Fun for Everyone !*

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 9, 2011

**TIME:** 10 AM to 4 PM

**WHERE:** Historic Richland Church  
2204 Old Richland Church Road  
Jeffersonville, GA 31044

***Celebrating 200 Years with particular emphasis on the 1860's and life during the Civil War years***

## Scheduled Events:

### *Free of Charge*

**10 AM** – Presentation of the Flag to Co. I, 6<sup>th</sup> Georgia Regiment, Confederate States of America by Mrs. Isolene Minter Wimberly (re-enactor)

**11 AM** – English Country Dance – front yard of the church

**12 Noon** – Soldier’s Aid Society – Bandage Rolling and Packing

**1 PM** – Civil Folks Sing

**2 PM** – Colonel Felix Hoodoo’s Curiosity Show

**3 PM** – 3 Vignettes of: “This Rich Land”  
“A Good Day Fishin”

“The Day A Spirit Fell at Richland”

“I Shall Not Pass This Way Again”

**4 PM** – Taps

## Unscheduled Events

### *Free of Charge*

**Cemetery Tours** – Notables buried in the cemetery come to life...Rev. Henry Bunn, Isolene Minter Wimberly, Captain Frederick Davis Wimberly, Amanda Beckom Richardson

**Military Encampment** – With the 53<sup>rd</sup> Georgia Regiment, explore the life of a soldier as they demonstrate different aspects of military life on campaign.

**Self-Guided Tours of Richland Church** – Brochures available to direct people throughout the property

**A Country Faire** –An assortment of games for children 12 and under. Antique toy display.

**Civilian Settlement** – See daily living skills of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and how a refugee from “The Great Misunderstanding” lived while on the go.

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## Participation Events Held Throughout The Day

*A Small Fee may be charged for these*

**Ole Timey Mule and Wagon Rides** – Take a riding tour down Old Richland Road

**Olde Tyme Images** – Dress in period clothing and have your instant portrait struck.

**Garden Party “Tea” with Grandpa** - “Bump Tea” (cups) in the garden with Papa or Grandma. Girls may choose to dress in hats, jewels and gloves.

**Food – Richland ladies (and gents) “Willing Workers Band”** – Serving blackeyed peas & cornbread, side meat, pie, cake and sweet tea.

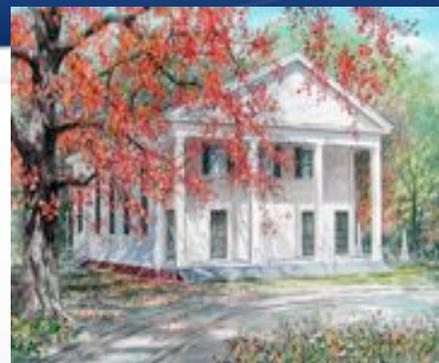
**Old Fashioned Cake Auction** – Delicious Homemade cakes will be available for the highest bidder in a silent auction to run from 10 AM to 2 PM

**Church Image Art Sale** – Lovely limited edition prints of Richland Church by esteemed artist Sterling Everett will be on sale, as well as reprints of Historical Collections of Richland Church.

*All proceeds from the sale of any item or fee for event goes directly to the Richland Restoration League, Inc. for the protection and preservation of Historic Richland Church.*

*None of the preservation work could be accomplished without the generous donations of the friends and family of Richland Church.*

**The Richland Restoration League, Inc. has IRS 501-C-3 status and all contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.**



### Richland Restoration League, Inc.

2010-2011

### Board of Trustees

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WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

◆ Volunteer Cake Bakers Needed ◆

If you'd like to volunteer to bake your favorite cake for the silent auction (always one of our best fund raisers) please contact:

Merrie F. Lowe: 478-747-5415

◆ We Are Collecting Photos, Videos and Items of Interest From Visits Your Family Made To Richland ◆

For Pictorial History Being Compiled for 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Old church bulletins, wedding pictures made at the church, families enjoying Homecoming lunch or "dinner on the grounds". We need your contributions to make this great! Videos too! Please Contact:

Buddy Faulk – [h1faulk@charter.net](mailto:h1faulk@charter.net) or

2235 Academy Ave. Extension

Dublin, GA 31021

If you email, please do not resize your photos for best results.

All original photos, etc. will be returned at Bicentennial Homecoming, October 2

◆ Volunteers Needed to serve on Committees and or Help Work Events ◆

Please contact: Susan F. Burford at 478-951-6643

◆ JOIN RICHLAND RESTORATION LEAGUE, INC. TODAY ◆

Membership Matters! We can't keep the restoration work going without your membership and support. The League's plans for the future of Richland are bright. Help us make them happen! Join today! Fill in the application in the next column and mail to: P.O. Box 681, Jeffersonville, GA 31044

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Select one of the following member categories

- Student**—receive the newsletter and invitation to annual meeting, and special events \$20
- Individual**—receive the newsletter and invitation to annual meeting, and special events. \$35
- 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

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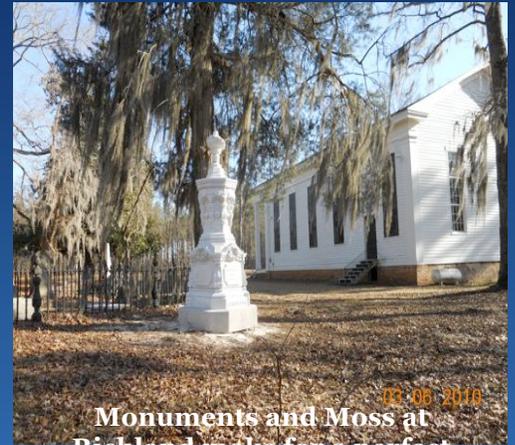
Please include your names & mailing address AND Name and address of person(s) to be notified of the gift.

- Contact me about a contribution to the **Richland Restoration League Endowment Fund.**
- Send me information about **The Cornerstone Society of Historic Richland Church** (Remembering Historic Richland Church in my estate planning)

\_\_\_\_\_ Call me to serve on a committee

# Richland's Future is Bright Come Be a Part of It!

The Richland Restoration League, Inc. has worked diligently to make Historic Richland Church, its cemetery and property a place our community can take pride in as a valued treasure, to be shared and enjoyed. As we continue the preservation efforts to refurbish the interior of the church and to install a well and a pavilion with restrooms, we also want to celebrate the milestones we have already accomplished together. Our restoration loan is almost resolved; we have made great progress in restoring our cemetery; we have new "necessary houses", and 40 new Redbud trees, just to name a few...there is much more to come, and much more to accomplish. Call your family members near and far and ask them to "Meet You at Richland" for the wonderful Bicentennial Events planned for this year. Visit our website to stay in touch and when you need a place to fellowship with friends and family, remember Richland may be just what you're looking for!



**Monuments and Moss at  
Richland make for a perfect  
backdrop. Bring your family, and  
your camera!**

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