



Keeping Christmas At Richland Church

A Madrigal Christmas Celebration!
A Re-Enactment of a Civil War Christmas
- Acoustic instruments
- Acapella singing
- Readings from the perspective of a Slave,
Confederate and Union Soldier and Mrs. Jefferson
Davis reading their Civil War Diaries & Journals
& our very own Father Christmas !

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The Richland Restoration League presents the 4th Annual "Keeping Christmas at Richland Church". Directed by Rev. Frank Hendrix. The popular event, with period dress, songs, readings and reenactment presents the story of a Christmas season during the Civil War era.

Historic Richland Church no longer serves the community with regular religious worship services, but its use for weddings, cultural, educational, community and religious events continues. Your membership fees, contributions and event ticket purchases support the preservation, restoration and maintenance of this treasured historic facility.

If you would like to make a contribution, or host your special event at Richland, contact me at historicrichland@ymail.com or call (478) 951-6643.

Thank you for supporting our volunteer, non-profit Richland Restoration League, Inc. We hope you will join the league and get involved, because "Membership Matters".

Susan F. Burford, President

Richland Restoration League, Inc is a registered 501c(3) non-for-profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the extend of the law.

Advance Tickets Sales only

For ticket sales information
www.historicrichlandchurch.org

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**Adults \$12, Students 12-18 years \$7, age 11 and under free**

**Tickets available online or by telephone**

#### **Online Purchases:**

Online purchased tickets will be emailed to you in .pdf format for printing on your home printer. Present your printed tickets at the door.

**Group Purchases:** Purchase groups tickets online. Churches and similar organized purchasers of 10 tickets or more receive a 10% discount. Use promo code: "group"

#### **Telephone Purchases**

**Order tickets by telephone 1-877-725-8849**

Tickets for telephone purchases will be available for pickup at the door. **Notice:** There is an additional fee charged by Ticket Alternative for telephone purchases (no additional charge for online orders).

**Special Notice** If you are unable or uncomfortable ordering tickets either online or by telephone, please call Susan Burford (478-951-6643) and she will order your tickets and have them available for you to pick up at the door.

#### **Travel Directions**

Historic Richland Church is located at 2204 Richland Road in Twiggs County; Distances: Macon 25 miles, Dublin 30 miles, Perry/Warner Robins 20 miles.

On I-16 take exit #24 (I-16/GA 96 intersection). Turn West on Georgia Highway 96. Just before the Huddle House-BP station, turn right onto Richland Church Road, (first paved road on right after exiting I-16)..... go 2 miles to the church.

Richland Restoration League, Inc.  
2204 Richland Rd - P.O. Box 681  
Jeffersonville, GA 31044

# KEEPING CHRISTMAS AT RICHLAND CHURCH



**Saturday ~ December 3, 2011 ~ 6 PM**

**Sunday ~ December 4, 2011 ~ 3 PM**

***All tickets by reservation  
-advance purchase only***

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*“War always separates us from ourselves. Our hopes and dreams are dashed while our bodies and spirits march forward. So it was during the horrors of the Civil War, yet in many homes and solemn campfires the spirit of Christmas was kept. That is what Keeping Christmas is all about; Celebrating the season in the midst of war; finding the memories of home and a closeness to the Creator in our hearts.” Frank Hendrix*



*Christmas waves  
a magic wand  
over this world,  
and behold,  
everything is  
softer and more  
beautiful.*

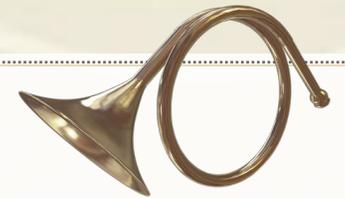
Norman Vincent



**I will honor Christmas in my heart, and  
try to keep it all the year. Charles Dickens**

He is born! That's what Keeping Christmas at Historic Richland Church is all about, celebrating the birth of the Savior, remembering the best and the worst of times in the period just before, during and after the War Between the States.

Listen closely in those hallowed halls and you will hear the strains of acoustic instruments wafting through the balconies, see remnants of fabric twirling to the tempo of a Virginia reel as the ladies and men dance the celebration. Experience the pain and the delight as you hear voices from the journals and diaries of long ago, struggling, still faithful to keep Christmas in their hearts and in festivity.



See Confederate soldiers camped among the gravestones of the church, candles lit signifying the final resting places of our dear departed. A roaring fire wards off the cold night. A skirmish erupts, just as it did then. Voices of adoration and praise turn into a famous Rebel Yell as they interact with the Northern Aggressors. Another soldier makes his journey homeward as a dark wooden coffin is borne through the altars holding another boy, another son, another father. Mrs. Davis, sits at candlelight to pen her Christmas memories, while others speak of the joy brought by the Christmas season. Your senses will be delighted by the humbleness, the simplicity yet the grandness of this special event presented in the same historic setting where sensibilities, sorrows and joys were shared long ago.

Keeping Christmas. Yes, I will hide Christmas in my heart and keep it's meaning all year, remembering those before us and telling the stories for future generations beyond us that... He is born! It's a celebration, honoring our Savior, sharing our history and traditions through song, story, and reenactment. That's Keeping Christmas at Historic Richland Church.