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The Britain Presbyterian Church

Organized 1768

Route 2, Rutherfordton, N. C.

We are REMODELING This Historic Old Church

Additions and Changes Proposed:

A Basement.	New Entrance.	New Windows.
Extension at Back.	New Floor.	New Roof.
Small Heat Plant.	New Seats.	Painting Inside.

Whole Church Veneered With Brick.

WILL YOU HAVE A PART?

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Ps. 122:1.

August 28, 1939.

Mrs. O. Max Gardner,
Shelby, North Carolina.

Dear Mrs. Gardner:

We have heard that you were very much interested in the old Church here and the Cemetery-especially in the grave of Lieut. McCullough of the Revolutionary war. Recently, we have had a good deal of correspondence with a Mr. W. G. Corbitt as to the grave. I have sent him several pictures-if I can find one, I'll send it to you in this letter.

We think that the inscription on the old slab should be carved on the newer marble one. On this matter, I wrote Mrs. Eugene Norfleet Davis, State Regent of the D. A. R. at Raleigh. She said the D. A. R. would pay for having the inscription, if I could get permission of the U. S. Govt., which had placed the marble slab there. So I wrote the Govt. They have no record that they placed the marble slab here. Soon I shall write Mrs. Davis and get the inscription transferred to the slab.

Yesterday, we were expecting that you'd be here for our P. M. Church service. Dr. and Mrs. Miles Long were here and were looking for you to come up. All were very much disappointed.

We hear that quite a few of your ancestors lived in this community and were buried here. Last year and this, we have tried very hard to keep the cemetery well cleaned up. It looks much better than when we came. Perhaps next year, we hope to put it in still better shape.

From the above letter-head, you'll see that we plan to remodel this old Church Building.

"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." Mat. 6:20.

For several weeks, we have been getting pledges, some from the present members of the Church and some from friends of the Church not now living here.

Dr. and Mrs. Miles Long are helping quite generously.

Would it be possible for you, or you and your sister Mrs. Reily to make us a pledge? We shall appreciate it more than we can tell. The pledge need not be paid, ^{now} at the earliest 2 or 3 months from now. We enclose a pledge card.

A list of contributors will be placed in the corner ~~stone~~ of the remodeled Church.

We have just compiled a list of all the 28 ministers who have served the Church, and the more than 50 Elders. We shall gladly send you these two lists if you care for them. One of the ways that Dr. Miles Long will help us ^{is} to have these engraved on two bronze plaques to be placed in the remodeled Church. The first Elder in the list was Mr. Samuel Andrews - elected in 1768. The second minister was Rev. John Andrews, 1788-1800.

Please pardon the long letter!

Very cordially,

O. V. Armstrong

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