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Concord Baptist Church

Bostic, N. C.

Forest City, N. C.
October 31, 1949

KIND FRIENDS OF CONCORD CHURCH BOSTIC, N. C.

This is an invitation to you to have a part in the beautification of the cemetery at the old church; which, as you doubtless know, is very badly needed. It is being washed away, and needs a curbing and guttering to preserve it from deterioration.

Concord Church, one of the oldest churches in the county and mother church of a number of the other churches in the county, with so many life-long faithful ones, has been like a light on a hill, and its rays have beamed to all parts of the world. Its history shows that many of its members have been great witnesses. Their testimony and the service they have rendered in God's Kingdom have meant much to the world.

Some very interesting people have been on the church rolls; and we are sure all might enjoy knowing of them. For instance, we are reliably informed that Nancy Hanks, mother of Abraham Lincoln, one of our greatest Presidents, altho not a member, attended Concord church at various times. Is it unreasonable to suppose that the church might have had much to do with the building of her character and the qualifications that helped to mold the life and character of the baby boy, who was to be the president of the United States?

Another was John Bostic, and his wife, Cynthia, who were at one time members of this church. Three of their grandchildren, together with their wives, served as missionaries to China, all together totalling a hundred and seventy-five years; and one of their converts has come to this country to complete his education here; and comes to thank the Bostic family for what they have accomplished in China, and in his family for four generations back.

Our fine Gardner-Webb College can be traced back to the leaders of this dear old church.

One of Charlotte's leading citizens, Marion J. Green, left many imprints for good on the lives of innumerable young people in this community, by his upright life, before moving to Charlotte years ago. A fine church has been erected and named in his honor—the Green Memorial Baptist Church.

Then we recall a fine old teacher in this community, A. L. Smart, who had much to do in the building of the character of the young people there. We also recall the long and faithful services of one of its most beloved pastors—Rev. George W. Rollins, whose greatest sermon was the life he lived.

Many more could be mentioned whose lives have been influenced by this old church; many more of the faithful who lie sleeping in this cemetery had much to do with this light on the hill.

A curb, a gutter, and grass covered bank would not only add greatly to the beautification of the cemetery, for all passers-by to see, but would help to preserve it. The present condition is desperate, and a reflection on the community. A contractor recently estimated the cost at about a thousand dollars, which we hope to raise from among the present and past members of the church, and from those who, through former ties, are interested in it.

Of course you will want to have a part in this beautification of the cemetery. Let us all make a liberal offering in honor of the host of faithful ones sleeping there, to be awakened in God's morning.

COMMITTEE:

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