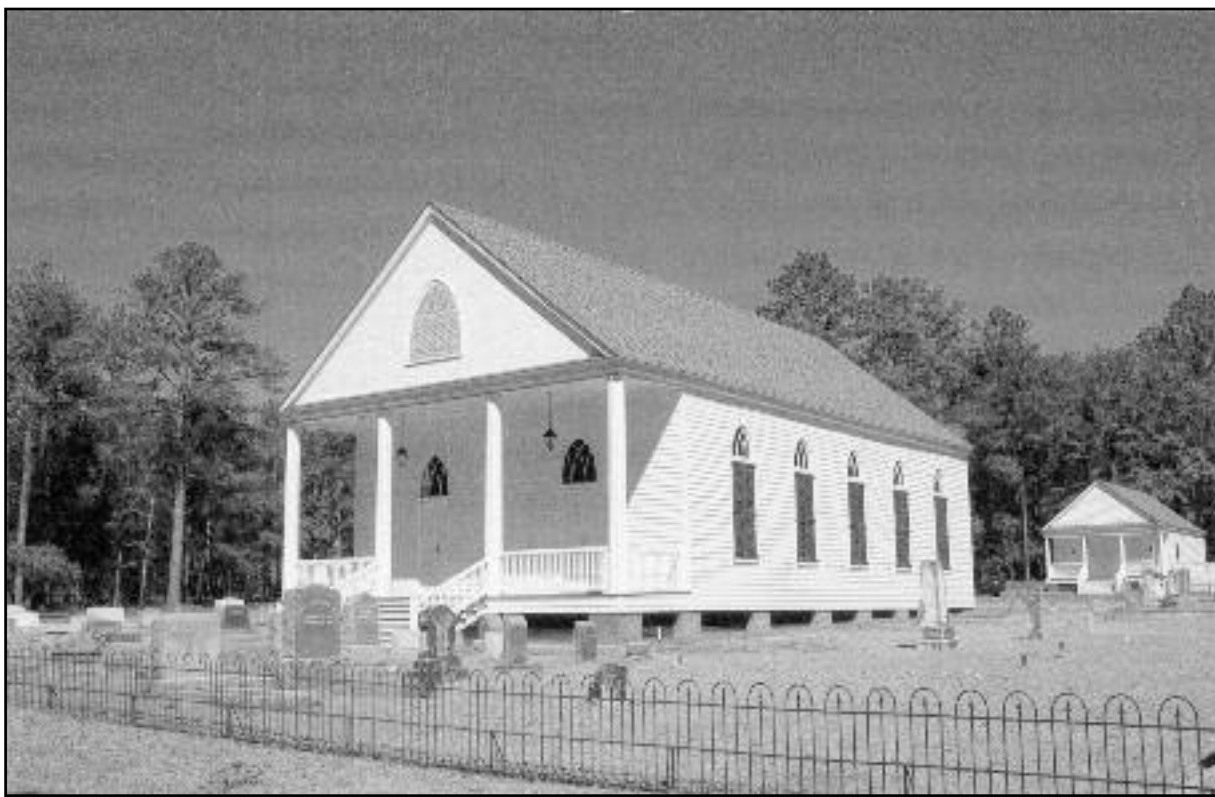


Brabham, Kearsse, Kirkland  
McMillan and Moye  
86<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Reunion



*and the*  
Twelfth Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming  
at  
Buford's Bridge, South Carolina  
October 14, 2007



Photo by Clyde Kearsse

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## MIZPAH

*Go thou thy way, and I go mine,  
Apart, yet not afar;  
Only a thin veil hangs between  
The pathways where we are.  
And "God keep watch 'tween thee and me";  
This is my prayer;  
He looks thy way, He looketh mine,  
And keeps us near.*

*I know not where thy road may lie,  
Or which way mine will be;  
If mine will lead thro' parching sands  
And thine beside the sea;  
Yet God keeps watch 'tween thee and me,  
So never fear;  
He holds thy hands, He claspeth mine,  
And keeps us near.*

*Should wealth and fame perchance be thine,  
And my lot lowly be,  
Or you be sad and sorrowful,  
And glory be for me,  
Yet God keep watch 'tween thee and me;  
Both be His care;  
One arm round thee and one round me  
Will keep us near.*

*I sigh sometimes to see thy face,  
But since this may not be,  
I'll leave thee to the care of Him  
Who cares for thee and me.  
"I'll keep you both beneath my wings,"  
This comforts, dear;  
One wing o'er thee and one o'er me,  
Will keep us near.*

*And though our paths be separate,  
And thy way is not mine,  
Yet coming to the Mercy seat,  
My soul will meet with thine.  
And "God keep watch 'tween thee and me,"  
I'll whisper there.  
He blessed thee, He blesseth me,  
And we are near.*

JULIA A. BAKER

**2007 MIZPAH REUNION AND HOMECOMING**  
***86th Anniversary***

*of the*

***Brabham, Kearsse, Kirkland, McMillan and Moye Reunion***

*and the*

**Twelfth Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming**

**October 14, 2007**

**11:30 am**

Prelude .....	Mary Carolyn Watson
Meeting Call To Order .....	Michael Swindell
Invocation and Welcome .....	Rev. Edward Stiltz, (Olar Charge)
Poem (The Spirit of Buford's Bridge) .....	Betty Jane Miller
Music By The Moye Family Singers	
Approval of 2006 Minutes & Treasurer's Report .....	(Printed in book)
Old Business/New Business .....	Michael Swindell
Election of Officers .....	Ched Kearsse
Recognition of Family Members Present	
Recognition of Youngest, Oldest, Farthest Traveled, First-Time Attendee	
Offertory .....	Mary Carolyn Watson
Introduction of Speaker .....	Michael Swindell
Speaker .....	Rev. Charles L. Price
Hymn .....	"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
Benediction and Blessing .....	Rev. Edward Stiltz

# Blest Be The Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds

our hearts in Christian love;

the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne

we pour our ardent prayers;

our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes,

or mutual burdens bear;

and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,

it gives us inward pain;

but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

# 2006 Minutes

## Mizpah Reunion and Homecoming

On Sunday, October 8, members of the five Mizpah clans met at the historic church near Olar, South Carolina, for the 85d' Reunion and the 11'" Homecoming of Mizpah United Methodist Church. Steve Kemmerlin (Kearse family) served as the 2006 Reunion president.

President Kemmerlin called the meeting to order after a piano prelude, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," by Mary Carolyn Watson. Rev. Edward Stiltz, of the Olar Charge, offered the invocation. The congregational sang the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers." During the program, Betty Jane Miller recited the poem "The Spirit of Buford's Bridge."

The minutes and treasurer's report were accepted as printed in the 2006 Reunion program. Family counts were: Brabham - 32; Kearse - 75; Kirkland - 52; McMillan - 11; and, Moye - 19. President Kemmerlin recognized Celia Hastings (Kearse family) as the youngest person present, and Clarice Brabham O'Neal and Louise Kirkland Kearse as the oldest. Nan Campbell O'Neal of Denver, Colorado, traveled the greatest distance to attend the Reunion. Bobby Clayton of Colston, SC, was recognized as a first-time attendee.

Ched Kearse gave the nominating committee report, and the following officers were elected. Michael Swindell (Moye family) will serve as 2007 Reunion president. Laurence Wells will continue as treasurer, and Carol Varn will continue as secretary.

Philip Morris spoke to the group about publication of a new Mizpah book, to update the 1970 edition. Plans call for the book to be completed and available for the 2007 Reunion. Each of the five families has a contact person for questions and to provide updated information. Deadline for information to be included will be June 2007.

President Kemmerlin offered special recognition for the Bobby Kearse family which has made and served delicious lemonade for years. This is the last year the family will be able to do this. President Kemmerlin noted that this family had begun to make lemonade for the Reunion after Bobby Kearse returned from World War II. Mike Watson offered that the tradition had been around even longer, because he and Will Kirkland had first made lemonade for the Reunion. Kemmerlin asked for anyone who might want to continue this tradition to let it be known.

Kemmerlin introduced the speaker of the day, Bernard Kearse, of Atlanta. Kearse is an attorney, author, radio show host, Sunday school teacher and frequent lecturer, who chose as his topic "Follow your Passions." Kearse, who grew up in Columbia, noted the strong roots of Mizpah Church and said that "faith and confirmation of family" is what we're about.

The service concluded with the congregational singing of "Blest be the Tie that Binds" and a benediction and blessing by Rev. Edward Stiltz. Dinner on the grounds followed. The 2007 Reunion is scheduled for October 14, beginning at 11:30 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol B. Varn

Reunion Secretary

*Mizpah Church Families Association*  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
*August 31, 2006 - August 31, 2007*

Bank Balance as of August 31, 2006..... \$ 7,802.00

**Receipts:**

Interest..... \$ 7.00

Reunion Collection - October 8, 2006 for Families Association..... 1208.00

**Total Receipts..... \$ 1215.00**

**Expenditures:**

Mel Rizer - Paper Goods \$ 100.00

Helen's Florist - Flowers for Church 58.00

Sun Incorporated - Printing Program Books, etc. 721.00

**Total Expenditures.....\$ 879.00**

**Total in Bank August 31, 2007 ..... \$ 8138.00**

Laurence R. Wells  
Treasurer

# Mizpah United Methodist Church

## MIZPAH FAMILY BOOK COMMITTEE

Bank Balance as of August 31, 2007 ..... \$9,150.00

No Receipts

No Expenditures

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### The Newly Updated MIZPAH: A FAMILY BOOK Is Here!

This is a *numbered, limited edition of 500* and they will probably go fast. Please get your order in or come by the book table and pick up yours today.

The books are being sold for \$30.00 each and can be shipped by UPS to your family and love ones for a shipping charge of \$5.00 each. These books will make great Christmas presents and will be treasured as family keep sakes forever.

Because these books are a *limited addition*, the numbers assigned to each book will be recorded with the person who owns the book. Please help us by giving us the proper address and contact person for each of these books when you fill out your order form. Order forms are available at the book table and can be sent via email to anyone who request one.

This special reprinted and updated addition of this book is being dedicated to James Clyde Kearse for his tireless efforts in the restoration of Mizpah. Clyde will be presented with the first copy, *Limited Addition 001* as a show of all our appreciation.

I would like to personally thank all the Family Coordinators who worked so hard this past year to get the information we needed to get the book completed. They all did a great job and without them we could not have finished this project. Each of them will be receiving a Printer's Proof copy of the book as a special appreciation for their work.

I hope you enjoy the book and it is a treasure that is passed through your family for many years to come.

Philip L. Morris  
Kearse Family

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# *Memorial Flowers*

*by Mizpah Church Reunion Association*

**Kathleen Keating Shealy**

March 30, 1994

**William R. Bradley**

October 13, 2006

**Sara Magalis Price**

November 30, 2006

**Kathryn Kirkland Johnson**

December 2, 2006

**Edith Clarice Brabham O'Neal**

December 3, 2006

**Evelyn Geiger Galloway**

December 2006

**Mary Faith McMillan Martin**

January 1, 2007

**Grinnelle (Snookie)**

**Kirkland Davis**

January 2007

**Eugenia G. Bradley**

March 29, 2007

**Deacon Ervin Brabham**

April 8, 2007

**James Mackay Kearse**

July 5, 2007

**Louise Kirkland Kearse**

July 22, 2007

**Larry Sommerville**

September 13, 2007

*As well as to the memory of all the deceased in our families*

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*Altar Flowers  
are in honor of*

**Clarice Brabham O'Neal**

**January 31, 1913 -December 3, 2006**



**2006**

***YOUNGEST & OLDEST***

**Ceila  
Hastings**  
*Kearse family*

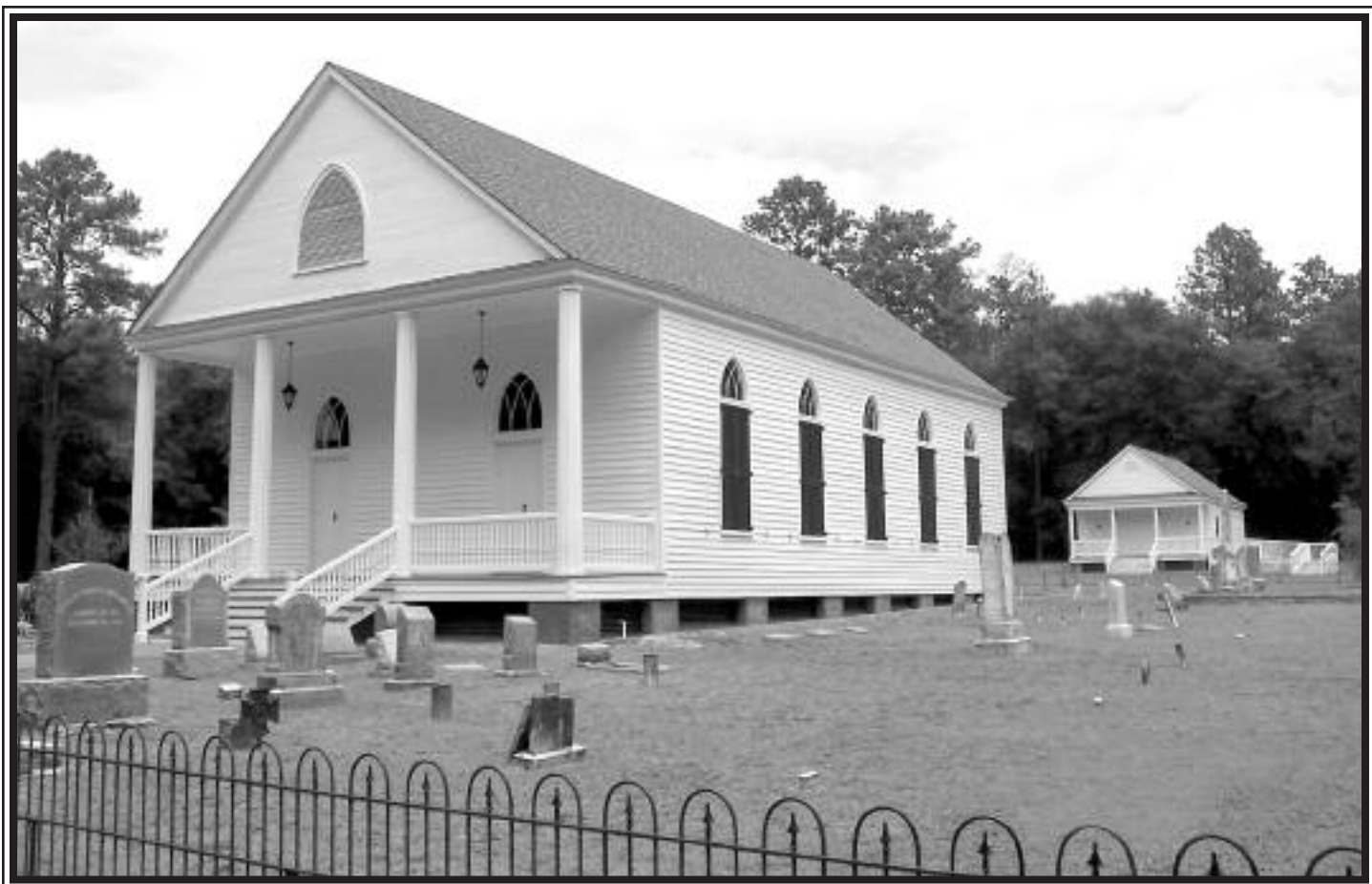
**Clarice  
Brabham O'Neal  
and  
Lousie  
Kirkland Kearse**

**SPECIAL NOTE!**

*Do we have your correct mailing address?*

Help update our database by checking at the book table. If you are not on our list, you need to get on it. If you are on the list make sure everything is right.

Thanks  
Philip Morris



## MIZPAH CHURCH NEWS

Mrs. Helen W. Chumley gave a live oak in memory of her parents, who are buried here.

Billy Craven (Kearse Family) is restoring the cemetery fence.

Mizpah is still holding church services every Sunday.

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# *BRABHAM FAMILY NEWS*

## **BIRTHS:**

Kelly Pauline Fitton was born May 29, 2007. Kelly is the daughter of Bruce and Ali Guess Fitton of Burke, VA, and the granddaughter of Gerry Guess and the late Dr. Harry Guess. Grandmother Gerry has moved to Fairfax Station, VA to be near Ali, Bruce, Kelly and Jacob, born November 16, 2005.

Helen Peden Brabham was born June 12, 2007. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heyward Clarkson Brabham of Columbia and the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. A.M. (Mickey) Brabham and the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Helen H. Brabham and the late Rev. A. McKay Brabham.

Ashlyn Michelle Barwick, daughter of Lesa and Brandon Barwick of Islandton, SC, was born Sept. 25, 2006. She has a brother Austin who is 7 years old. Essie Polk Kinard is the great-great-grand mother of Ashlyn. William Rice and Lucy McKinney Brabham are the great grandparents of Essie. Joyce Kinard Breland of Walterboro is the great grandmother of Ashlyn.

Taylor Lynne Brabham, daughter of Heather and Michael Joseph Brabham, was born December 20, 2006. She is the granddaughter of Sherry R. Brabham and Joseph Gordon Brabham III of Rock Hill, SC. She is the sister of Joshua Michael Brabham born April 6, 2004 and is a cousin of Jennifer Anne Austin, born Sept. 20, 1994, and William Joseph Austin, born Jan. 29, 1999, the children of Kellie Brabham Austin and her husband William Mitchell Austin.

William B. Sweeney, Jr. and Sarah Smith Sweeney announce the birth of twin daughters Sarah Jarett and Elizabeth Flynn on May 11, 2007. They are the granddaughters of Charles P. Smith III and Elizabeth Sojourner, daughter of Jasper Sojourner.

## **MARRIAGES:**

Jennifer Lynn Brabham married Peter Benjamin Collier in Georgetown, SC on October 21, 2006. Jennifer is the elder daughter of Gene and Frances Brabham of Georgetown and the granddaughter of Robert F. (Bobby) and the late Inez Brabham of Sumter. She is a graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina/Francis Marion University nursing program and works as a nurse recruiter in Florence, where the couple lives.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Matthews announce the marriage of their daughter Elizabeth Hammer Matthews to Adam Glenn Lee on August 4, 2007. Richard is grandson of Dick and Valerie Sojourner.

On September 2, 2007 Marilyn Brabham Lyles married John Wise at the Chesapeake Retirement Community in Newport News, VA where they both live. Her father was the late Vance Lyn Brabham. She is the sister of Vance Lyn Brabham, Jr. and the late John Risher Brabham.

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

Matthew Giangreco, whose grandmother is Marilyn Brabham Lyles, began his first year this fall at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, CO.

David Sojourner retired as Mayor of St. George, SC after serving the town for thirty-two years, twenty as Mayor.

Sara Elizabeth Brabham graduated from Georgetown High School in June. She is the younger daughter of Gene and Frances Brabham and the granddaughter of Robert F. (Bobby) and the late Inez Brabham. She will attend Francis Marion University in the fall and plans to study nursing.

Vance Wells Brabham IV, MD, is in his final year of a two-year Vascular Surgery Fellowship at the University of

# BRABHAM FAMILY NEWS

North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He received a Doctor of Medicine from the Medical University of South Carolina in 2001 and a Master of Arts in exercise physiology from the University of North Carolina in 1996. While in undergraduate school at UNC, Wells was Varsity Tennis Team Captain. He is the son of Jane and Vance Wells Brabham III of Greensboro, NC.

Ralph G. Brabham is an attorney focusing on complex contract disputes with the law firm Arent Fox in Washington, DC. Ralph is a 1999 graduate of the University of North Carolina and earned a JD magna cum laude from the University of Richmond School of Law in 2004. While in law school he studied law at Cambridge University in England. He is the son of Jane and Vance Wells Brabham III.

## DEATHS:

Edith Clarice Brabham O'Neal, 93, of Columbus, GA died December 3, 2006 in Columbus after a brief illness. Funeral services were at St. Luke United Methodist Church, Columbus, Graveside services were at the Denmark Cemetery in Denmark, SC. The daughter of Angus McKay Brabham and Edith Rice Brabham, Clarice was born at her family home in Bamberg, SC January 31, 1913. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Emmett O'Neal, who died February 17, 2004.

Clarice graduated from Bamberg High School in 1930 and represented the community twice as Miss Bamberg in Augusta and Denmark. She attended Duke University and graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1934, where she was president of the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Delta Pi. She loved returning to South Carolina



to stay at her family home in Bamberg, to visit the Carolina beaches and to attend family reunions at Mizpah United Methodist Church in Buford's Bridge where her ancestors attended church. In 1939, she met and married Bob O'Neal, who was working with the Social Security Administration in Florence, South Carolina. His assignments with the government took them to Macon, Waycross and Jacksonville, Florida. In 1945, Bob was named Manager of the Columbus Social Security Office. She was a teacher at Gentian, Morningside and Rigdon Road elementary schools after beginning her career with Muscogee County School District as librarian at 45th Street Elementary. She took great pride in teaching and often said the most rewarding period of her career was during the interesting years when Muscogee County's schools were first integrated. For more than 60 years, the O'Neals were members of St. Luke United Methodist Church, where she was an active member of Circle 6 and the W.H. Shaw Sunday School Class. For many years, she delivered meals to shut-ins through St. Luke's H.E.L.P. Program.

### **Robert (Bob) and Clarice O'Neal**

She was a champion of women's equality and in 1996 was honored as an Honorary Lifetime Member in the American Association of University Women for her 50-year commitment to the advancement of education and equity for women and girls. Her interests were many and varied, and it was part of her nature to want to share those interests with others. As a result, she was among the founders of the Columbus Audubon Society and the Columbus Genealogical Society. She was an early supporter of Historic Columbus, the Columbus Art Museum, and the Christian Fellowship Association, and she was actively involved in the Boxwood Garden Club, the Huguenot Society and the Oglethorpe Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In her spare time, she loved to read poetry and to keep up with current events. She took pride in being a lifelong learner and her favorite subject was the English language. Practically every room in her home contained a dictionary

# *BRABHAM FAMILY*

with a magnifying glass nearby. She was noted for her remarkable memory for events, people and relationships. From her childhood, she loved to dance and after moving to Columbus in 1945, she and Bob along with other members of the Shaw class organized the Mr. and Mrs. Club, a dance club that has continued for more than 50 years. She is survived by her daughters, Mary Carlton O'Neal Lull of Berkeley, CA and Nancy Clarice O'Neal Campbell and her husband, Stephen G. Campbell, of Denver, CO; by her sister, Mary Cecile Brabham McEachern of West Columbia, SC; her sister-in-law, Mrs. Angus McKay Brabham, Jr. of Columbia, SC; two grandsons, Christopher Robert Carlton Lull and Peter Martin Cole Lull; a great-grandson, Taylor Cole Lull; a niece, Sally McEachern Mings of Columbia, SC; and five nephews, Richard McEachern; Dr. Angus McKay (Mickey) Brabham III of Columbia, SC; Carlton O'Neal and Sutton O'Neal of Huntsville, AL; and Grantland O'Neal of Raleigh, NC.



Eugenia G. Bradley died March 29, 2007 at Life Care Center of Columbia. Born in Florence, SC, she was the daughter of the late Claude F. Gilchrist and Sadie Brabham Gilchrist of Bamberg, SC. She was predeceased by her first husband John Byrd Zeigler and her second husband Arthur Latimer Bradley and her sister Elizabeth G. Flintom and brothers, William, Claude and Archie.

In earlier years, she was active in the Charles Pinckney Chapter of the DAR, as well as in the garden clubs and Methodist churches in Bamberg and Saluda and many other organizations. She was instrumental in starting the first Council on Aging in Saluda County.

Survivors include her daughter Sally Zeigler Inabinet and son-in-law Col. George B. Inabinet Jr. (Ret) of Columbia, grandson Lee Z. Inabinet and is wife Letty of Schertz, Texas, grandson George B. Inabinet Jr. and is wife Holly of Huntsville, AL, stepdaughters Rene B. Cary and her husband Joe of Rocky Mount, NC, Marty B. Mote and her husband David of Saluda, SC, great-grandson Christian M. Inabinet, great-granddaughters Alyssa and Audrey Stine, six step-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Robert, Lynn, Lori, Lucy, and Hugh and nine step-great-grandchildren, Lorena, Mary Rachel, Rebecca, Matthew, Mason, Mitchell and Marshall.

## **NEWS OF THE DESCENDANTS OF OLLIE BRABHAM**

### **DEATHS:**

Deacon Ervin Brabham, Ollie Brabham's son, died April 8, 2007.

### **ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

Yvonne Brabham Kelley, granddaughter of Ollie Brabham, received a certificate recognizing her as a Competent Communicator from Toastmasters International. She also participated in the humorous speech contest. She has recently been elected as the Chairperson for the Deacon's ministry at the Friendship Baptist Church in Columbia, SC.

Carla Edmunds, great-granddaughter of Ollie Brabham, graduated from Francis Marion University in May 2007 with a B.A. in Mass Communication. She is now a freelance writer with the State Newspaper.

# KEARSE FAMILY NEWS

## BIRTHS:

Kathleen Elizabeth Brandon born March 29, 2007, granddaughter of Karen (Keating) Grooms and Skip Grooms of John's Island, S.C. and daughter of Jason and Christine Grooms Brandon of Ravenel, S.C. Kathleen is the great-grandchild of Patricia and John Keating.

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## DEATHS:

Kathleen Keating Shealy daughter of Patricia (Kearse) and John Keating and granddaughter of Wesley Sease and Thelma Kearse. Kathleen died on March 30, 1994 of breast cancer at the age of 32. Her family Joel W. Shealy and children still reside in Leesville, S.C.

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Mackay Kearse, son of Evelyn Kearse and the late Bobby Kearse, died on July 5, 2007. Mackay is survived by his mother, one brother, Robbie and his sister-in-law, Ricky, two sons James Preston "Jim" and Robert McMillan "Mac", two nephews, Robert Lee Kearse IV and Richard Allen Kearse. Mackay was a faithful Mizpah attendee and helped serve lemonade, along with Robbie and Ricky, for many years.

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Mary Faith McMillan Martin died on January 1, 2007. She was the daughter of Mamie and Marion McMillan. Mary Faith grew up in the Springtown Community in Bamberg County. She died at her home in North Myrtle Beach after a long illness. Mary is survived by 3 daughters, a son and a sister, Emily M. Carroll of Naples, Florida and 6 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin C. Martin.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Michael T. Keating (son of Patricia and John Keating) and his wife live in Atlanta, GA. He is a captain in the Navy Reserve. Michael and his wife, Angela both employed at Coca Cola in Atlanta.

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Erin Shealy is the daughter of Kathleen and Joel Shealy and granddaughter of Patricia and John Keating. Erin is a rising Junior at King Academy of Batesberg. Eric Shealy is the grandson of Patricia and John Keating is a graduate of King Academy and has completed one year at Clemson. They love Edisto Beach and do their very best to get to granny's house there as often as they are around.

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Andrew Youra, son of Garrett and Brenda Youra (nee Williams) and grandson of Laura Kirby (nee Kearse) has successfully passed the Bar exams in Wisconsin and Illinois. He and his wife,

# *KEARSE FAMILY NEWS*

Kimberly, have two children, Sydney and Luke. Andrew has accepted a position with a law firm in Waukegan, Illinois.



Cassie Kemmerlin, daughter of Steve and Terri Kemmerlin and granddaughter of Betty Kearsé Wells and the late Harold Kemmerlin, was chosen Miss Hampton Elementary in March of 2007. Cassie was also chosen to be a Palmetto Princess to the reigning Miss Coastal Empire Hampton County. Cassie will spend a week in Spartanberg in July for the Miss South Carolina Pageant, supporting her queen. Cassie is in the 6th grade and currently cheering for the Hampton-Varnville football league.



**The Lemonade Crew**  
Left to right: Ricky, Mackay, and Robbie Kearsé



Left to right: Jennings Morris, Laura K. Kinley, Waddy Thompson, "Pert" Thompson, Terri Kemmerlin, Steve Kemmerlin, and Anne Thompson

# *KEARSE FAMILY*



Preparing for the  
reunion service to start.

Left to right: Laurence Wells, Betty K.  
Wells, Cassie Kemmerlin, Robin  
Kemmerlin, Mark Courtney, and Hal  
Kemmerlin



Left to right: Mary Carolyn Kearsé  
Fanning with her daughter and  
son-in-law, Carolyn and Dan Smith



# KEARSE FAMILY



Left to right: Philip Morris, Amanda Morris, and Gaye Dantzler



Mable and Horace Kears



**Bernard Kears**  
*Last Years Speaker*



**Bill Cravin**



# *KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS*

## **BIRTHS:**

Haley Kelsey, daughter of Niki and Brock Kelsey of Orlando, FL, was born in October 2006.

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Reagan Oliff, daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth Oliff of Smyrna, TN, was born December 30, 2006.

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Niki and Christopher are the daughter and son of Kirk and Frances Boyd Oliff of Clarksville, TN, grandchildren of Betty Clayton Boyd of Bamberg, and great-grandchildren of Bessie Kirkland Clayton.

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Grayson Alexander Story, son of Crystal McKettrick Story and Wesley Story, was born on December 5, 2006. Crystal is the granddaughter of Laura Ann Kirkland McKettrick of Martinez, Georgia.

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Heyward Dawson Sandifer and James Isaac Sandifer, twin sons of Brian Kirk and Vanne J. Sandifer of Bamberg, were born on March 28, 2007. Proud grandparents are Claudia Kirkland and Buddy Sandifer of Bamberg.

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## **DEATHS:**

William R. Bradley, husband of Kathryn (Kitty) Kirkland Bradley of Charlotte, NC, died on October 13, 2006. Kitty is the daughter of C. W. (Will) Kirkland of Charlotte.

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Evelyn Geiger Galloway died December 2006, in Sumter, SC. She was the daughter of Katherine Kirkland Geiger.

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Grinnelle (Snookie) Kirkland Davis died January 2007, in Clinton, SC. She was the daughter of Benjamin Brown Kirkland, Jr .

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Kathryn Kirkland Johnson of Daytona Beach, FL, died on December 2, 2006. She was the daughter of lone Toney and James Hamilton Kirkland. She is survived by one son, Billy Johnson and his wife Jan, and one granddaughter, Sara Kathryn Johnson, all of Sneads, FL.

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# *KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS*

Louise Kirkland Kears ("Aunt Babe") of Ulmer, SC, died on July 22, 2007. She is survived by a number of nieces and nephews and was lovingly cared for by her niece, Alice Kirkland of Ulmer. She was the daughter of Robert Frank Kirkland and Laura Folk Kirkland.

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## **MARRIAGES:**

Paul Clayton and Charlotte Kears were married on June 16, 2007 at Mizpah Church. Paul is the son of David L. Clayton, the grandson of David S. Clayton Jr. and the great-grandson of Bessie Kirkland Clayton. Charlotte is the daughter of George and Cathy Kears.

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Luke Clayton and Jessica Johnson will be married on October 13, 2007 in Natchitoches, LA. Luke is the son of David L. Clayton, the grandson of David S. Clayton Jr. and the great-grandson of Bessie Kirkland Clayton.

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James Risher Tatum (Jimmy) and Holly Joy Parrot were married on August 25, 2007, in the Little Chapel at Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Camden, SC. Jimmy is the son of Mary Risher Tatum and the late John M. Tatum, Jr. and the grandson of John May and Bess Kirkland Tatum. Holly is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Parrot of Camden.

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## **ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

Hayes Kirkland Stanton of Hartsville, SC, graduated from USC Law School in May 2007. He is the grandson of Wilbur Kirkland Hayes of Rock Hill, SC.

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Ruth Hayes Brunson was elected to the City Council at Gainesville, GA. She is the daughter of Wilbur Kirkland Hayes of Rock Hill, SC.

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Kelsey Y. Kirkland, wife of Kent Kirkland of Barnwell, SC, graduated from USC Law School in May 2007. Their son, Clint, graduated from The Citadel in 2007, and their younger son, Ben, graduated from Jefferson Davis Academy and is now studying Forestry at Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

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Mary Risher Tatum, widow of John M. Tatum, Jr., has moved to a retirement center, Croasdaile, in Durham, NC. Her address is 66 Davisson Drive, Durham, NC 27705

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# KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

Johnny Tatum IV, great-grandson of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum, currently works in Management of Shakespeare Fishing Corporation in Columbia, SC. Christine Dargan Tatum (Christy) graduated with a B.A. in history from The University of South Carolina in May 2007. Johnny and Christy are the son and daughter of John M. Tatum, III and Mary Laney Tatum of Beaufort.

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Sarah Elizabeth Strickland, daughter of Emily Bell Strickland and Dale Strickland, and granddaughter of Betty Tatum Bell, auditioned and was accepted into both the Greenville All-County Band and the District I All-State Band in the spring of 2007. She also received a Superior Rating in the Solo and Ensemble Festival for her flute solo. Sarah has been in the band at Greenville Middle School for two years.

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Dale Strickland, husband of Emily Bell Strickland, was elected president of the Carolina Roofing and Sheet Metal Contractors Association (CRSMCA) associate group for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. The associate group is made up of vendors to the contractor association. Dale works for Rmax, which makes roofing insulation and other building products.

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Bob and Garry Mallory, formerly of Lilburn, GA, have moved to Flat Rock, NC. Their new address is 254 Village Greenway, Flat Rock, NC 28731. Bob is the son of the late Sara Kirkland Gary.

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Mary Beth Watson Manheim was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure, Information and Decision Sciences, in the College of Business Administration at University of Illinois, Chicago. She has also been named Director of the Center for Research in Information Management in the College.

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Cal Watson has been appointed as one of the twenty-six inaugural members of the South Carolina Access to Justice Commission. The Commission was created by Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court to address access to civil legal representation for people of low income and modest means in South Carolina. Cal will also be installed as President of Historic Columbia Foundation on October 17, 2007. Mary Beth and Cal are the daughter and son of Mike and Mary Carolyn Watson of Bamberg and grandchildren of the late John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.

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Ellen and Bill Gilmore, son of Harriett Hamilton Kirkland attended his 112th annual Sons of Confederate Veterans National reunion this summer in Mobile, AL. Bill is very proud of his brave Kirkland ancestors and wants to uphold the charge of General Stephen Dill.

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# KIRKLAND FAMILY NEWS

Lee to honor all the courageous soldiers who defended the Confederate States, their homes and families in the war for Southern Independence. The Kirkland patriots are Great-Grandfather 2nd Sgt. John Cornelius Kirkland, Great Uncles, Colonel Benjamin Brown Kirkland, Jr. of Haygoods South Carolina Regiment and Dr. Needham Franklin Kirkland, Surgeon for the 3rd Carolina Calvary.

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Betty Jane Miller visited Gene Kinsey, a Bamberg native, and his wife Sue Ann in Plano (Dallas), Texas, May 25-29. The occasion was to mark with a Southern Cross of Honor the grave of Capt. Elijah Parsons Petty, CSA, great-great-grandfather of Sue Ann Richardson Kinsey, buried in Bastrop, Texas, twenty-six miles east of Austin, on National Memorial Day, May 28.

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Gene Jarrell thanks all his KIRKLAND cousins for submitting their family information for the new Mizpah Book edition.

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Last August the first annual JARRELL FAMILY reunion took place in Myrtle Beach. Gene and Judy Jarrell, their daughter Kate, and son Steve, his wife Jennifer and their two children, Dylan and Payton, attended. Also attending were Gene's nephew Bill, his wife Becky and their daughter Beth, her husband Toby Hoving with their three children, Grace, Tyree and Megan. They celebrated the 100th birth anniversary of Gladys Janie Kirkland, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and Gene's brother Francis on his 80th birthday.



Left to right: Emily Bell Strickland, Dale Strickland, Carol Bell Varn, Mary Carolyn Watson, Billy Varn, Kirk Bell, Mike Watson Jr., Tammy Watson, Sarah Strickland, Cathy Watson and Cal Watson (back to camera). Standing is Ginger Kinard Sanders holding her grandchild.

# *McMILLAN FAMILY NEWS*

## **MARRIAGE:**

James Michael (Jimmy) McMillan and Stacey Kelso were married in New Smyrna Beach, Florida on October 28, 2006. Jimmy is the son of Jimmy McMillan and the grandson of Ruth P. McMillan and Maxwell McMillan, (deceased). Jimmy and Stacey reside in Orlando, Florida.

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Captain Brian S. Ellis married Mary Katherine Phillips in Savannah, Georgia on December 9, 2006. Brian is the son of Bruce and Beth (McMillan) Ellis and the grandson of Ruth P. McMillan and Maxwell McMillan, (deceased). Brian and Katie reside in Guam.

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# *MOYE FAMILY NEWS*

## **BIRTHS:**

Marion Moye Smoak is proud of the arrival of her fifth great-grandchild, Matthew Ramsey of Daniel Island. His proud parents are Ashley and Derek Ramsey.

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Ruby Delfin the daughter of Tricia McClare Delfin of New York City is the fifth great-granddaughter of Sarah Moye Young.

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Betsey and Russell Ruff announce the birth of Cooper Clark Ruff on Nov. 17, 2006. Betsey is the daughter of Karel Keel and step-daughter of Doug Keel.

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## **DEATHS:**

Larry Sommerville of Beaufort, S.C. died September 13, 2007 after a long illness. He is survived by Brenda Smoak Sommerville and three sons.

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Sara Magalis Price, widow of L.C. Price, Jr., died on Nov.30, 2006. She was a daughter-in-law of Florine Dickinson Price and L.C. Price, Sr.

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## **ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

Chandler Sommerville of Beaufort, S.C., son of Brenda Smoak Sommeville and the late Larry Sommerville graduated in May from Georgia Tech in Atlanta, GA.

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# *MOYE FAMILY NEWS*

Sarah Moye Young is the proud great-grandmother of her fifth great-granddaughter, Ruby Delfin of New York City. Her mother, granddaughter Tricia McClare Delfin formerly of Raleigh, N.C. graduated in May from PRATT in Classic Filmmaking.

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Martha Moye and Chandler Peel toured Greece with a group of friends. Martha Moye is the daughter of the late G.M. Dickinson, Jr. and Hortense Sandifer Dickinson.

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Rebecca Dickinson studied for a semester at the University of Kent in England. She is the daughter of Lynn and George Moye Dickinson, III.

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Lynn Dickinson coaches the Mock Trial Team at Fort Mill High School. Her team won the 2007 state championship and participated in the national competition in Texas.

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Peggy Babineau has established a business, Aiken Carriage Co., for horse-drawn tours, weddings and birthday parties. Her activities take her all over Aiken County and across the river to Augusta. She is the daughter of Becky and Charlie Swindell.

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Charlie and Juddy Price spent a month in Oxford, England, and toured extensively in the British Isles and France.

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Marion (Moye) Smoak's large family had their yearly family beach reunion in June at Garden City. Twenty-five family members enjoyed a week of fellowship together.

# MEMORY LANE



Mizpah Reunion, 1963

Seated: Bess Kirkland Tatum (deceased) and Inez Kirkland Hartzog (deceased) watching the children enjoying lemonade. Genie Bellamy & Marian Moye Smoak (Genie Bellamy was a visitor every year for 30 years.)

Mizpah Reunion, 1963

Waiting in line to get some delicious food!



Mizpah Reunion, 1998

Left to right: Betty Jane Miller, Betty K. Wells, and Lawrence Wells



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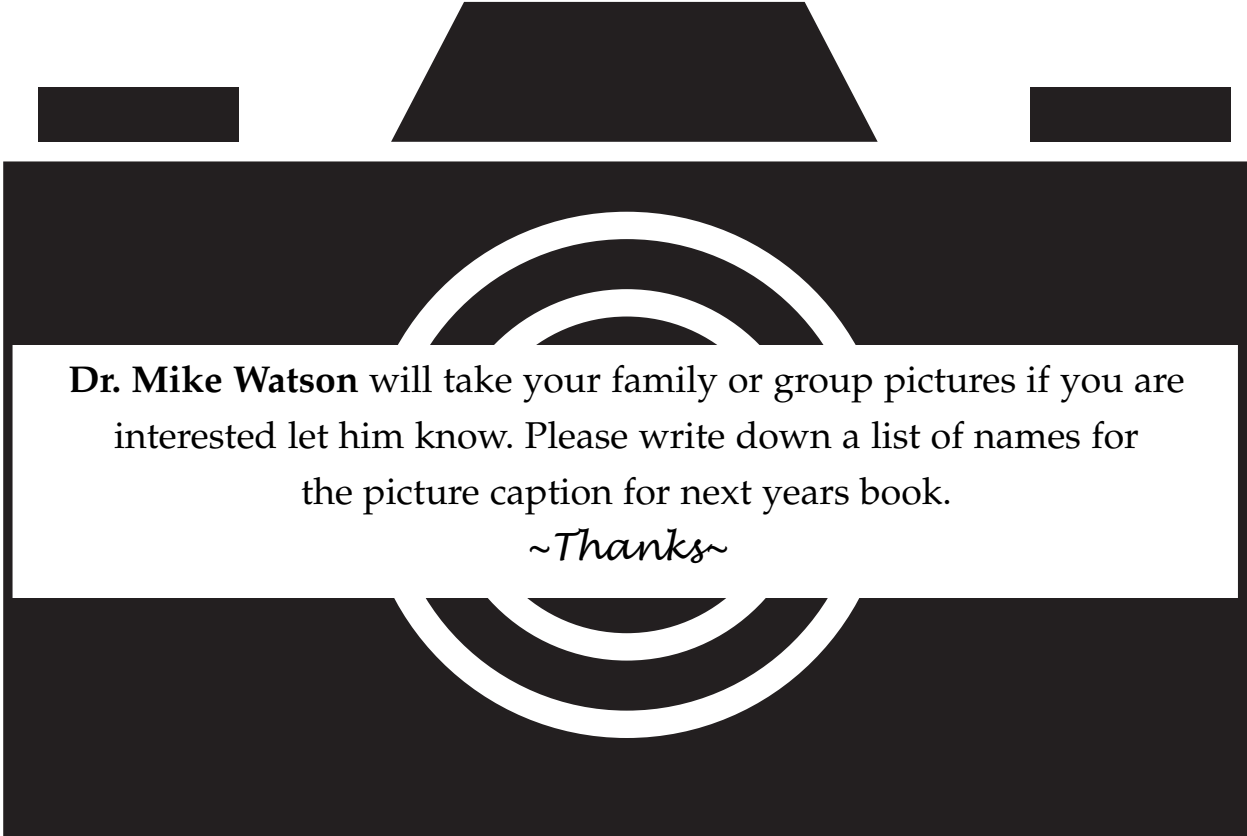
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