

Brabham, Kearse, Kirkland,  
McMillan & Moye

92<sup>nd</sup>  
Anniversary  
Reunion



photo by Cal Watson

and the eighteenth  
Mizpah United Methodist Church  
**Homecoming**  
at Buford's Bridge, South Carolina  
October 13, 2013

# Mizpah Church



-  Prior to 1819 Methodists in the area worshiped in a log house on the property of Joseph Brabham, Sr.
-  In 1819 Baptists and Methodists alternated worship at Kirkland school house,
-  In 1826 the two groups built Philadelphia Meeting House to be used as a union church.
-  In 1832 Mizpah Church was built on a lot given by Robert C. Kirkland, a mile or so from Philadelphia.
-  In 1856, two miles west of the 1832 structure, present Mizpah Church was built at Buford's Bridge.
-  The only church ever built in Buford's Bridge, it is the remaining vestige of the town burned by Federal troops in 1865.

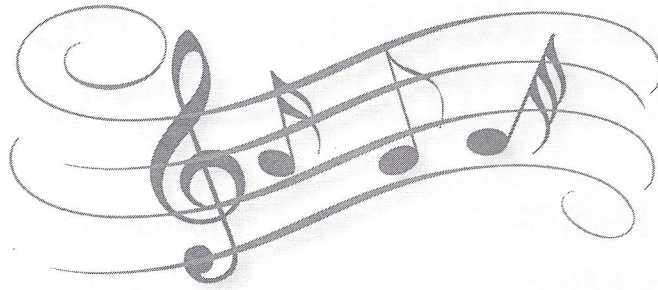
# 2013 Mizpah Reunion & Homecoming



of the Brabham, Kearse, Kirkland, McMillan and Moye Reunion  
and the eighteenth Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming

## October 13, 2013 11:30 am

Prelude: .....	David, Dustin and Lee McCully
Meeting Call To Order .....	Evelyn McCully
Invocation and Welcome .....	Brab McCully
Poem: "The Spirit of Buford's Bridge" .....	Betty Jane Miller
Hymn. ....	"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
Approval of 2012 Minutes and Treasurer's Report. ....	(Printed in Book)
Old Business/New Business .....	Chad Kearse
Election of Officers. ....	Cal Watson
Recognition of Family Members Present	
Recognition of Youngest, Oldest, Farthest Traveled, First-time Attendees	
Offertory: .....	"Because He Lives"
Hymn. ....	"When I Think About the Lord"
Introduction of Speaker. ....	Evelyn McCully
Speaker. ....	Jennifer Blanchard
Hymn. ....	Blest Be the Tie That Binds Piano: Claudia Kirkland Sandifer
Benediction and Blessing .....	Brab McCully
Postlude. ....	Music



# Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine - Leaning on the Everlasting Arms  
What a blessedness, what a piece that's mine - Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Oh I'm leaning, leaning - Safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning, Leaning - Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Oh how sweet to walk, in the pilgrim way - Leaning on the Everlasting Arms  
Oh how bright the path, grows from day to day - Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Oh I'm leaning, leaning - Safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning, Leaning - Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What have I to dread, what have I to fear - Leaning on the Everlasting Arms  
I have blessed piece, with my Lord so near - Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

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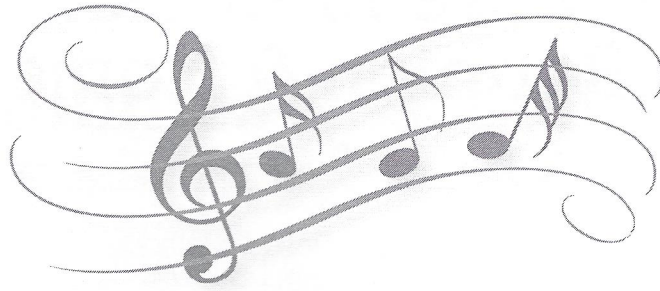
Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him - How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus - Oh for grace to trust Him more

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at his word  
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know, thus saith the Lord

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# When I Think About The Lord

When I Think about the Lord,  
How He saved me, how He raised me,  
How He filled me, with the Holy Ghost.

How He healed me, to the uttermost.

When I Think about the Lord,  
How He picked me up and turned me around,  
How He set my feet on solid ground

It makes me wanna shout,

Hallelujah,

Thank you JESUS,

LORD, your worthy, of all the glory, and all the honor,

And all the praise...

# 2012 Minutes

## Mizpah Reunion & Homecoming



The 91st annual Mizpah Reunion and 17th Mizpah United Methodist Church Homecoming convened on October 14, 2012, at 11:30 a. m. in the historic church.

Becky Swindell offered the piano prelude, "How Firm a Foundation." President Wesley Peel (Moye family) called the meeting to order, and offered the invocation and welcome, reading from his grandmother's 1935 Methodist hymnal.

Betty Jane Miller read the poem, "The Spirit of Buford's Bridge," noting that we have a story to tell about our church and the village of Buford's Bridge. The congregational hymn was "Take the Name of Jesus With You," accompanied by Becky Swindell, who also provided offertory music, "O Worship the King."

The 2011 minutes were approved as printed in the program, and the treasurer's report was accepted as printed in the program. The 2012 program booklet was prepared under the direction of Philip Morris.

Rev. Stiltz, pastor of Mizpah church has retired after years of service to the church, and Rev. Stewart is new at Mizpah this year

Ched Kears offered slate of officers for the coming year, and the following were approved: 2013 President - Evelyn McCully (Brabham family); 2014 President - Elizabeth Bernat (McMillan family), Treasurer Steve Kemmerlin and Secretary Carol B. Vam.

The Kears family had the most members present. Family count was: Brabham - 28, Kears - 41, Kirkland - 29, McMillan - 3, and Moye - 32. The youngest attendee was four-month-old Sheldon Kears, and oldest was Amanda Morris, 87. Attendees this year came from as far as Jacksonville, Florida, and nine attended for the first time.

The Moye Family Singers, led by brother-sister team of Becky Swindell and Doug Keel, provided an entertaining program for which they received a big round of applause.

President Wesley Peel introduced the speaker, George Moye Dickinson III, who spoke about his family and their stories, noting that love goes on forever.

The singing of "Bless Be The Tie That Binds" concluded the service, after which the families enjoyed fellowship and dinner on the grounds. Next Reunion: October 13, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

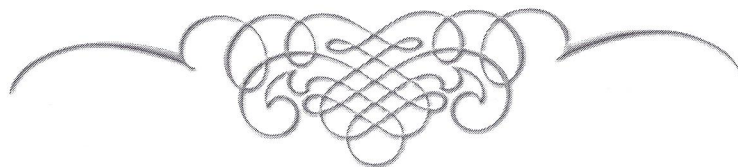
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# Memorial Flowers



Delores Kinard Castle

April 1, 2013



James T. Harris

January 21, 2013



Branden William Barwick

July 9, 2013



Becky Swindell

November 18, 2012



Frank Price

December 13, 2012



Amilious Jennings Morris

August 15, 2013



Barbara Kirkland Ackerman

April 23, 2013



# Rebecca Keel Swindell

1935-2012



Rebecca Keel Swindell, 77, of Bamberg, died Sunday, November 18, 2012, at the Regional Medical Center in Orangeburg after a short illness. It was a surprise for all of us. She was a people person, and never missed a chance to meet someone new.

Becky could always make family connections and tie people together. Her main hobby was family history, which usually focused on Mizpah. She was the cheerleader for the Moye family, and she took pride in forcing everyone to attend the annual reunion.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 21, at Trinity United Methodist Church. Burial was at South End Cemetery in Bamberg on Monday, November 19.

She was the daughter of the late Rebecca Dickinson and Lenard Douglas Keel. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher for many years. She had a bachelor of arts degree. She was a loving wife and grandmother. She will be missed by many people.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Swindell of the home; son Michael (Paula) Swindell; daughter Peggy (Dave) Babineau; five grandchildren, Chad, Ben, Whit, Becca and Scott; and brother Doug (Karel) Keel.



# Mizpah United Methodist Church

## Storm Water Control and Landscape Enhancement Plans



### Background and Progress Report

#### Spring 2013

#### Background:

The Church Building and Cemetery of Mizpah UMC reside on a natural slope running from North to South. The elevation difference from the Picnic Shelter to the lower corner of the southeast fence is approximately 11 feet. During rain events, water continues to wash towards the back of the Church and through the cemetery despite some efforts to eliminate this problem. As well, storm water continues to erode the church access road named Mizpah Lane as it turns towards the southern entrance on Rivers Bridge Road. This water control problem has been an ongoing concern of the Trustees as water damage under the Church structure was the primary reason the church required extensive renovation in the recent past.

In order to obtain a professional opinion, the Bamberg office of the Natural Resource Conservation Service, USDA (formerly Soil Conservation Service) was asked for assistance to develop a plan to remediate the storm water problems associated with the site at Mizpah. Due to Mizpah's listing on the National Historic Register, their consultation, surveying, engineering, and plan development services have to date been free of charge. Three possible water control recommendations were presented and the current plan has been deemed the most desirable by the Trustees and NRCS officials. It should be emphasized that the NRCS required, and has determined, that the current proposal does not in any way disturb the historic attributes of the Mizpah site. In other words, great care has been taken to ensure that no historical structures, artifacts or significant visual aesthetics will be affected by the landscape project.

#### Progress Report:

It has been determined that the most natural flow of the water from the northern portion of the

church property to the south should be alongside the eastern cemetery fence boundary. The proposal recommends placing a diversion mound or water bar between the picnic shelter or new bathroom building and the cemetery fence. This mound will slope towards the east and divert storm water towards Mizpah Lane which will be reconfigured into a grassed waterway dedicated to storm water diversion. The outflow of the water will then disperse into the woods south of the Church grounds. Once stabilized, the grassed waterway would still be available for parking alongside the fence.

To dedicate the existing dirt road to a waterway and still have a lane available for access from the south, it was suggested that Mizpah Lane be moved to the east by at least 30 feet onto higher ground. However, this would encroach upon the lands of Kears Family Partnership. Mrs. Beverly Kears Rowland, the general manager of the Partnership, met with USDA officials and Mizpah Trustees at which time she agreed to deed over to Mizpah the additional footage necessary for the new road as well as enough additional acreage to allow Mizpah to maintain an aesthetic border beside the road.

In order to establish the current property lines and have a legal reference for the lands to be deeded to Mizpah, a new survey of the Church grounds has been completed and corners established. Kears Family Partnership will then deed over to Mizpah the additional acreage necessary for the improvements. In conjunction with this project, Kears Family Partnership will harvest the timber around Mizpah and Ebenezer Churches due to under-stocking and the general poor health of the trees on these lands. The Partnership will then create permanent fire breaks around both churches and will establish a new Longleaf Pine forest that will be more resilient over time to drought than the current Water Oak and Loblolly Pine dominated forest.



# Brabham Family News



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## Births:

Maverick Josiah McCracken, son of Chad and Jennifer Brabham McCracken, was born January 25, 2013 in Florence, SC. His maternal grandparents are Gene and Frances Brabham of Georgetown, SC, and his maternal great-grandparents are the late Bobby and Inez Brabham of Sumter, SC.

Ross Lee Goldberg was born April 18, 2013 in New York City to Reid Floride Carpenter and Kal Goldberg. His grandparents are Bill and Cantey Brabham Carpenter. Reid and Kal live and work in New York city.

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## Deaths:

Delores Kinard Castle died in Nashville, TN on April 1, 2013. She was born Feb. 8, 1934 and was a registered nurse. She is survived by her husband, son and daughter and her sister Joyce K. Breland and three brothers, Willis, Emory and Theodore Kinard. She was a descendant of William Rice and Lucy McKinney Brabham.

Branden William Barwick of Islandton, SC died July 9, 2013. He was born in Charleston Sept. 6, 1981 and was the only child of Carroll Eugene Barwick and Myra Breland Barwick. His survivors include: his three children, Austin

Taylor Barwick, Ashlyn Michelle Barwick and Jasper Noah Barwick; his parents; his maternal grandmother Joyce Kinard Breland; and his paternal grandfather Carroll Eugene Barwick Sr. Branden was a 1999 graduate of Walterboro High School where he lettered in sports. As an adult, he continued his love of sports and coached teams for the Colleton County Parks and Recreation Department. He was a heavy equipment operator for Deep Creek Construction Company and was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church in Walterboro. He also attended Adnah United Methodist Church in Islandton and was a member of Smoaks Masonic Lodge No. 231.



# Brabham Family News



Frank Price of Aiken, SC died Dec. 13, 2012. He was born Oct. 1, 1944 in Walterboro, SC to B. George Price III and Elizabeth Starr Price. He attended North Greenville Jr. College and Clemson University and was a Captain in the US Army, serving from 1967-1972. He spent most of his career in the chemical and fertilizer business. For most of his life, he was active in choirs and taught Sunday school and adult classes at St. John's United Methodist Church in Aiken and at Millbrook Baptist Church. His survivors include: his wife, Judy Rembert Price; his daughters, Paige Price McCluskey of Anderson, SC and Rachel Price Garcia of Simpsonville, SC; his sister June Price Breland of Chattanooga, TN; three grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Budd G. Price VI of Walterboro, SC.

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## Graduations, Honors and Other News:

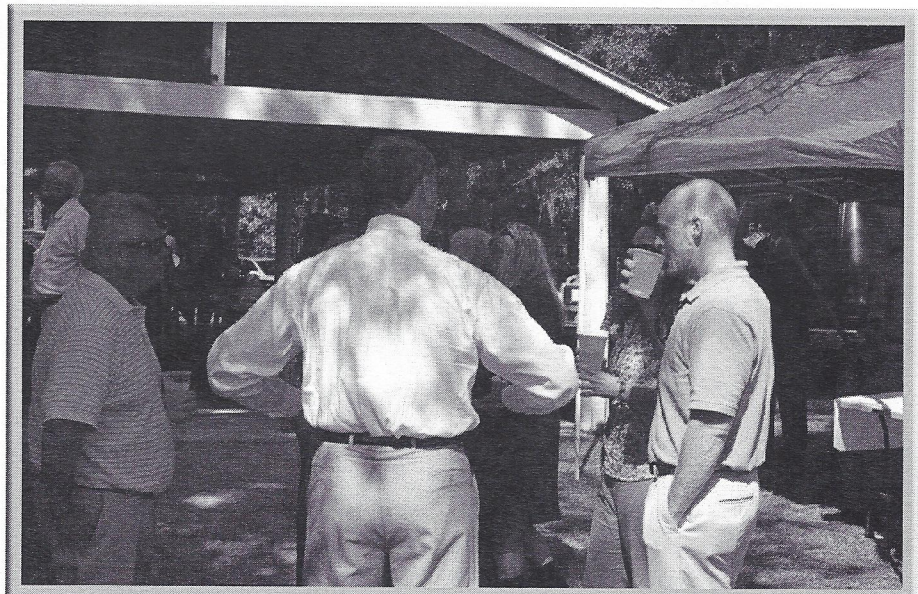
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Caroline Ingram, the daughter of Caroline and Fred Sojourner of Columbia, SC, graduated from Washington and Lee University School of Law on May 11, 2013 and received a juris Doctor degree. She is employed by the U.S. House of Representatives and resides in Arlington, VA.

Virginia Lee Anne McCully graduated from Orangeburg Preparatory School as an honor student, receiving SCISA high honors. She is attending Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC this fall. Virginia is the daughter of Robert W. McCully Jr. and Evelyn C. McCully and the granddaughter of Virginia Brabham McCully and the late Robert W. McCully.

Miranda McCully, daughter of Cindy and Brab McCully, is serving on the USS George H. W. Bush in the United States Navy.

Dr. William W. Brabham and his wife Margaret and two sons Peter Warren Brabham, born Aug 14, 2012, and William Hutto Brabham II, born April 13, 2010, moved to Columbia in January where Will has joined the Lexington Cardiology Associates at Lexington Medical Center.



# Kearse Family News



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## Items of Interest:

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Cassie Kemmerlin, the daughter of Steve and Terri Kemmerlin of Varnville, was chosen Teen Miss Hampton County Watermelon Festival this past summer. During the summer of 2013, Cassie attended Palmetto Girls State at Presbyterian College and for the third straight year participated in the United Methodist Church's Salkehatchie Summer Service. Cassie is a senior at Wade Hampton High School, where she participates in cheerleading and tennis. Cassie is the granddaughter of Betty Wells and the late Harold Kemmerlin and Laurence Wells of Bamberg.

Amanda Morris Gallivan, daughter of Philip and Debra Morris and granddaughter of Amanda Proveaux Morris, opened a law office with law school friend and classmate, Jessica Christophillis. The firm, Christophillis & Gallivan, P.A. is located at 300 North Main Street, Suite 200, Greenville, South Carolina. The firm has had a great year, focusing on the areas of Family Law, Probate and Estate Planning, Criminal Defense, as well as Civil and Business Disputes. [www.cglawsc.com](http://www.cglawsc.com)



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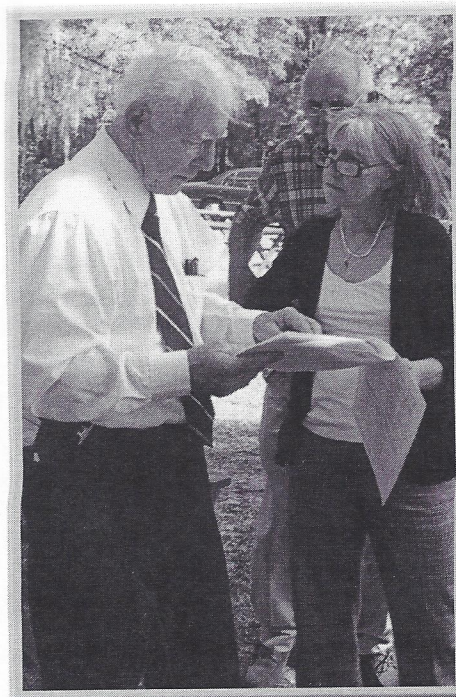
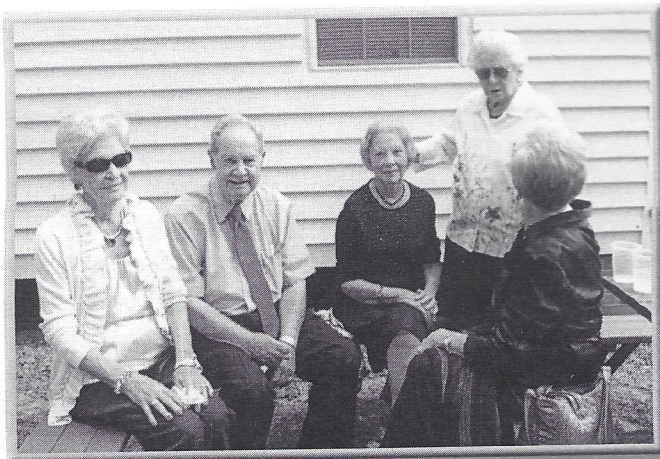
## Deaths:

James T. Harris died on January 21, 2013, in Tampa, FL. He is survived by his wife, Mary Beth, four children, three stepchildren, and eight grandchildren. Mary Beth, the daughter of Laura Kearse Kirby, reports that Jim often attended and always enjoyed the Mizpah reunion.

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## Weddings:

Courtney Owen and Gregory Brewster were married in a beautiful outdoor ceremony on the 24th of November, 2012, at Lake Pines Campground in Columbus, GA. Courtney's sister, Lauren Covington, was matron of honor and Lauren's young daughters, Reese, Jillian, and Merritt, also attended the bride. Courtney and Lauren are the daughters of Laura (Weze) Dodds and the granddaughters of Laura Kearse Kirby.



# Kirkland Family News



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## Births:

Tinsley Anne Skelton, daughter of Ashleigh Kemp and Duncan Skelton and granddaughter of Jack and Linda Kemp Stevenson, was born April 6, 2013 at 10:16 a.m. Tinsley weighed 7lbs. 11oz. and was 21 inches tall. She was welcomed home by her big sister, Lana Grace.

Lyla Anne Clayton, daughter of Luke and Jessica Clayton was born on December 22, 2012. She is the granddaughter of Dave and Sue Clayton, greatgranddaughter of David and Liz Clayton and great-great-granddaughter of Bessie Kirkland Clayton.

May Weaver Tatum, daughter of John May Tatum, IV and Jenny Gray Childs Tatum, was born January 3, 2013 in Columbia, SC. She is the granddaughter of John May Tatum, III and Mary Laney Tatum, great-granddaughter of the late John May Tatum, Jr. and Mary Risher Tatum, and great-great-granddaughter of the late John May Tatum and Bess Kirkland Tatum.

Emery Conrad was born June 14, 2013. She is the granddaughter of Mary Ann Godwin and great-great-granddaughter of Annie Laurie Kirkland Clark.

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## Marriages:

Mary Beth Watson-Manheim and Frank C. Kelly were married on January 12, 2013 in Charleston, SC. Mary Beth is an Associate Professor in the College of Business Administration at University of Illinois at Chicago. Frank is an Internal Medicine Physician practicing with West Loop University Medicine in Chicago. Mary Beth is the daughter of Mike and Mary Carolyn Watson of Bamberg and granddaughter of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.

Harriet Hamilton Northcutt, granddaughter of William and Harriet Hamilton Kirkland Gilmore, married Charles Reynolds Thompson last year. They reside in Atlanta and Birmingham. William Allen Northcutt and his wife Susan, live in Washpee, MA on Cape Cod and are big Boston Red Sox fans.



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## Deaths:

Barbara Kirkland Ackerman passed away on April 23, 2013. She was the daughter of Claude and Aileen Kirkland. She worked as a nurse in Orangeburg and Walterboro for a number of years. Her services were held in Bamberg on April 25 and interment was in Walterboro at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

# Kirkland Family News



## Items of Interest:

Hariet Gilmore Northcutt and her husband, John Seiler, had a wonderful trip this summer to England and then a cruise around the fjords in Norway.

Sara Clark Vardell died on December 10, 2012. She was the daughter of Annie Laurie Kirkland Clark of Cope, SC.

Carole Preetorious Kirkland of Columbia passed away on September 20, 2013. She was the daughter of Norman and Eloise Kirkland of Bamberg. Her services were held at Trenholm Road UMC in Columbia on September 27 and interment was in Bamberg Memory Gardens.



Jane Hartzog Reese, daughter of Inez Kirkland Hartzog and S. Wistar Hartzog, has moved into an assisted living home in Santa Barbara, California. Her new address is 3775 Modac Rd., Apt. 223, Santa Barbara, CA 93105.

Melanie Katherine Day after graduating from North Carolina State University, is working for CBS Radio in Charlotte, NC. She is receptionist and does promotional for seven radio stations. Melanie is the daughter of Walt and Mary Day, granddaughter of Mildred Kirkland and Harry Day and great-granddaughter of the late William C. Kirkland, all of Charlotte.

Lyn Unnold was recently promoted and is now the Managing Partner of the Longhorn Steakhouse in Cornelia, GA. Jim Mallory is a member of the Alpine Rescue Squad that has been active in search and rescue operations during the floods in Colorado. Kirk Mallory has completed his goal of standing on the high points of all of the 48 continental states and Hawaii. All are children of Robert Mallory and grandchildren of Sarah Kirkland Gary.

Sarah Miles Williamson, great-granddaughter and Jake Kirkland Battalio, great-grandson of the late Ione Kirkland Odom, graduated from high school this summer. Sarah lives in Fairbanks, Alaska and Jake in Pacifica, California. Both will attend college this fall. Another great-grandson of Ione, Samuel Louis Battalio is a rising junior at Seattle University. Lou and Jan Odom with daughter Bethe Battalio had a great experience in Alaska for Sarah's graduation with a return stopover in Seattle en route to Jake's graduation.

Whitney Elizabeth Stevenson, daughter of John and Kathy Wright Stevenson and granddaughter of Jack and Linda Stevenson, graduated from Creekview High School in Canton, Georgia May 26, 2013. Whitney is attending Daytona State College on a golf scholarship.

Steven McIntyre Hooper, son of Philip and Tamara Stevenson Hooper and grandson of Jack and Linda Kemp Stevenson, graduated from Leesville High School in Durham, NC June 10, 2013. Steven attained the rank of Eagle Scout on June 9, 2013.

Brian Kirk Sandifer, son of Claudia Kirkland Sandifer, was ordained as a deacon of the First Baptist Church in Swansea, SC on October 6, 2013. Brian is also the grandson of the late Claude and Aileen Kirkland.

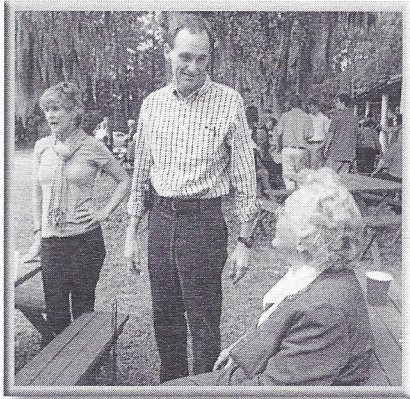
# Kirkland Family News



## Items of Interest: *(continued)*

Hannah Clingman was awarded the Midlands Technical College Stylus Award for poetry in April 2013. Her poem was about her grandmother, Ruth Snelling Linley (daughter of Cornelia Pauline Black, granddaughter of Pauline Barker Kirkland). Hannah attends the College of Charleston and is majoring in marine biology.

Sarah Linley Clingman of Columbia, SC, was elected by The General Society of Mayflower Descendants as Counsellor General-GSMD is a MA non-profit lineage society. Sarah is the daughter of Ruth Snelling Linley.



In June 2013 Betty Jane Miller was awarded Life Membership in The Descendants of Point Lookout Prisoner Of War Organization. DOPL is a volunteer, historical, patriotic, educational, memorial, heritage association. Its purpose is to pay homage to Confederate ancestors: military and civilian, men and women of all races who were POWs at Point Lookout, Maryland, 1863-1865. Mrs. Miller joined DOPL in April 2009. The brothers of her great-great-grandfather, Henry William Creech (1833-1926)-Pvt. George W. Creech, 17 th SC Infantry and Pvt. Lewis Byron Creech, 17 th SC Infantry-were prisoners at Pt. Lookout in the last days of the Confederacy.

Tatum Pottenger of Durham, NC, is a senior at Davidson College and spent a semester of her junior year studying in Berlin, Germany. She spent this past summer as a Fellow in a Davidson Ministry Fellowship in Durham and served at Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church where she worked with the senior pastor doing outreach and pastoral care. Megan Pottenger is 16 and a junior at Durham Academy where she plays on the varsity golf team. She spent the summer in Melbourne, Australia on an exchange program and will host an Australian student in December/January. Tatum and Megan are daughters of Sara Tatum and Dave Pottenger of Durham where Dave is managing the Morgan Stanley Smith Barney office in Durham. Tatum and Megan are granddaughters of John and Mary Risher Tatum and great-granddaughters of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.

Sarah Elizabeth Strickland, daughter of Dale and Emily Bell Strickland, granddaughter of Betty Tatum Bell and great-granddaughter of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum, received "Highly Distinguished Academic Honors" for her freshman year at the Honors College of the College of Charleston. She writes for the school's online newspaper, Cistern Yard. During the summer of 2013, Sarah interned at USPA Channel 7 in Spartanburg. In April, Emily Strickland accepted a position as project manager with Michelin North America in Greenville, SC. Dale Strickland retired in June 2013 from Rmax, Inc. He is planning a motorcycle trip on the Blue Ridge Parkway. The Stricklands reside in Greer, SC.

In December Cooper Fritz, son of Mary Beth Watson-Manheim, graduated from University of Idaho with a Professional Science Master's in Natural Resources and Environmental Science. He is employed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources in Idaho Falls. Cooper is the grandson of Mike and Mary Carolyn Watson and great-grandson of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.

# Kirkland Family News



## Items of Interest: *(continued)*

Mike Watson, Jr. is now Medical Director of Paired Health Physician Group in Raleigh, NC. Paired Health is a new company that makes home visits to certain patients. The home visits are designed to help patients transition from hospital to home after recent hospitalizations in the attempt to prevent problems that may lead to unnecessary hospital readmission. Mike's wife, Tammy, completed her RN-BSN at East Carolina University this past summer. They live in Raleigh, NC.

Caroline Watson has recently moved from Columbia to Lake Keowee outside of Seneca, SC. Her new address is 605 Coleridge Court, Seneca, SC 29672.

Catherine Tatum Watson, daughter of Cal and Cathy Watson of Columbia, is a sophomore at Wofford College in Spartanburg where she enjoys a variety of activities including Wofford on Call, Wofford Ambassadors, and Kappa Delta sorority. Her brother, Jay, is a junior at A.C. Flora High School where he enjoys theater, the Voice Males, track and field, and A.C. Flora swim team. Jay also recently completed the Last Chance for Beantown Marathon in Holly Ridge, NC and the Dam Swim for Drew on Lake Murray near Columbia and received the Eagle Scout Award in October, 2012. Elizabeth Kirkland "Bess" Watson is an eighth grader at Crayton Middle School where she plays on the Junior Varsity tennis team. Bess also enjoys Youth Choir at Shandon United Methodist Church. Cal and Cathy Watson serve on the Wofford Parents Advisory Council. Cathy is a member of the Converse College Alumni Board and Cal is serving as President-Elect of the South Carolina Bar.

John, Donna and Conrad Watson are relocating from Ankara, Turkey where he was working with the World Health Organization (WHO) to Atlanta, GA. John will be working with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as a Medical Epidemiologist.

Aurelia Watson Nelson is now practicing family medicine with St. Luke's Mountain View Medical Clinic in Boise, Idaho. Her husband, Joe, is a Quality and Reliability Manager with Micron Technology, Inc.

Their son, Sam, is a freshman at Furman University in Greenville, SC, majoring in Theatre and Computer Science. He recently performed a lead role in Gruesome Playground Injuries at the Playhouse Theatre at Furman. Their daughter, Sydney, is in the 9th grade at North Junior High School in Boise. She enjoys playing clarinet and swimming on the Boise High School swim team. Mike, Jr., Caroline, Cal, John and Aurelia are all children of Mike and Mary Carolyn Watson and grandchildren of John and Bess Kirkland Tatum.



# McMillian Family News



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Lauren Steeley, daughter of Scott and Mary Nell Steedly and granddaughter of Troy and Ann Hughes Martin graduated from Chapin High School of Chapin, SC. She plans to attend Clemson University on a full scholarship and major in Language and International Trade in the fall.

Gregory Chance Hughes ("Chance"), son of Nancy and Clark Hughes (Tubee, GA) and grandson of the late Julia Hughes and Wenzell Hughes (Bamberg, SC), graduated from Georgia Tech in Atlanta, GA. He received a BA degree of Science in Psychology.

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## Weddings:

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Ms. Shawn Ann Hughes of Alexandria, Virginia and Mr. James Kenneth Hughes of Bamberg's daughter, Jennifer Lynn Hughes (Gen), was married on October 13, 2013 in Rockville, Maryland to Daniel Robert Zaudtke. Jennifer is the granddaughter of Mrs. Catherine Lee Robertson of Casper, Wyoming and the late Reginald Herbert Robertson of Alexandria, Virginia. She is also the grand-daughter of the James Wenzell Hughes and the late Julia Adeline Hughes of Bamberg. The bride is a graduate of Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria, Virginia. She received her BA degree in History from Marymount University, Arlington, Virginia, and her Master's Degree in Humanities from Marymount University. She is currently employed with Federal Realty Investment Trust. The groom is the son of Mrs. Florence Anne THOMAS of Washington, D.C. and Mr. Peter Anton Zaudtke of Camp Pendelton, CA. He is the grandson of the late Wilbur Kenneth Zaudtke and Jean Mikkelson Zaudtke and the grandson of the late Courtney Robert Thomas and the late Florence Roache Thomas. He is a graduate of

# McMillian Family News



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## Weddings: *(continued)*

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Georgetown Preparatory High School in North Bethesda, Maryland. He received his BS degree in Business Information Systems from Loyola University, Baltimore Maryland. He is currently employed as a Grant Proposal Writer. They reside in Rockville.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. McMillan, Jr., of Bamberg's daughter, Miriam Elizabeth McMillan married Samuel Ward Gault on July 13, 2013 in North Myrtle Beach. Miriam is the granddaughter of Mrs. Ursula Elpel Smith of Seven Lakes, NC and the late Amos Delbert Smith. She is also the grand-daughter of the late Richard Frances McMillian and Edith Lewis McMillan. The bride-elect is a graduate of Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School. She received her BS degree in Early Childhood Education from Coastal Carolina University and her Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction with emphasis in Reading from Leley University of Cambridge, MA. She is employed with the Horry County School District. The groom is the son of Mrs. Vera Gault of Spartanburg, and Mr. Samuel Lee Gault of Inman. He is the grandson of the late J.D. and Ellen Childers Gault and the late Jack Ward and Birdie Ivy Bates. He is a graduate of Dorman High School in Spartanburg. He received his BS degree in Secondary Education majoring in history and geography from Clemson University. He is employed with the Horry County School District.

Ralph Joseph Hughes ("Joe") married Jennifer Engel on November 15, 2012 at St. Simons Island, GA. Joe is the son of Juliana Hughes (Atlanta, GA) and the late Ralph Joseph Craig. He is the grand-son of the late Julia Hughes and Wenzell Hughes (Bamberg, SC). Jennifer is the daughter of Michele and Monte Engel of Bismarck, ND. They reside in Atlanta.

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## Items of Interest:

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Steven Hooper, son of Tamara and Philip Hooper earned his Boy Scout, Eagle Badge Rank this year. He is the grandson of Linda and Jack Stevenson of Charlotte, NC.

Betty Hughes Tenet, 87, firstborn of Henry and Kathryn Hughes from Orangeburg, now resides in The Oaks retirement home in Orangeburg, SC, receiving Hospice care. Her address is The Oaks, 1000 Methodist Oaks Drive, Orangeburg, SC 29115, c/o Sheffield Center, room 304. She doesn't have a cellphone but enjoys receiving mail.

James Ellis Evans, 85, husband of Louise Hughes Evans who was the secondborn of Henry and Kathryn Hughes from Orangeburg, also resides at The Oaks, 1000 Methodist Oaks Dr, Orangeburg, SC 29115, c/o Sheffield Center, rehab.

# Moye Family News



The Moyes have had a year of transition. All of the Moyes miss our Matriarch, Becky Swindell. She provided The Moye Family News for many years. She simply loved Mizpah and what the Family Reunion represented. Charles Swindell celebrated his 80th Birthday at a family dinner this past summer.

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## Doug and Karel Keel Family:

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Doug and Karel Keel have left their "cabin in the hills" and moved to Patrick Square, a new housing development in Clemson. Karel stays busy around their new home and Doug continues his work as a contractor for the Department of Education. Doug's oldest son, Douglas, lives in Simpsonville with daughter Gracie (9), who is active in volleyball, basketball and studies violin. Douglas works as a salesman and insurance adjuster for a roofing contractor. Matthew lives in Chicago and is completing his fourteenth year as a flight attendant for American Airlines. Karel's daughter, Betsey Ruff, and her husband, Russell, live in Little Mountain where she stays busy with their two boys, Cooper (6) and Davis (4). Russell is a contractor specializing in building restoration.

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## Dave and Peggy (Swindell) Babineau Family:

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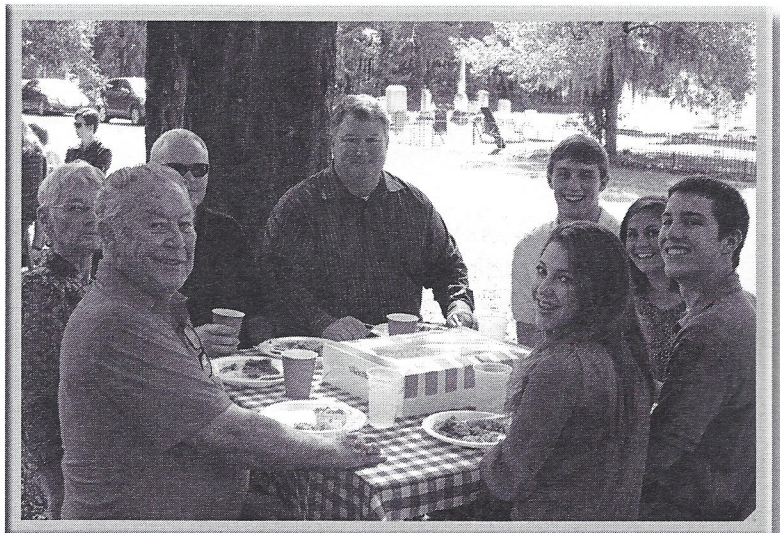
Whit Babineau graduated from St. Mary's Help of Christians School in Aiken, SC and is now in 9th grade at Aiken High. He has just received his rank of Life in Boy Scouts and is planning to be on the track team this year. Becca Babineau is a seventh grader at St. Mary's and enjoys playing on the school volleyball team as well as club Magnum volleyball.

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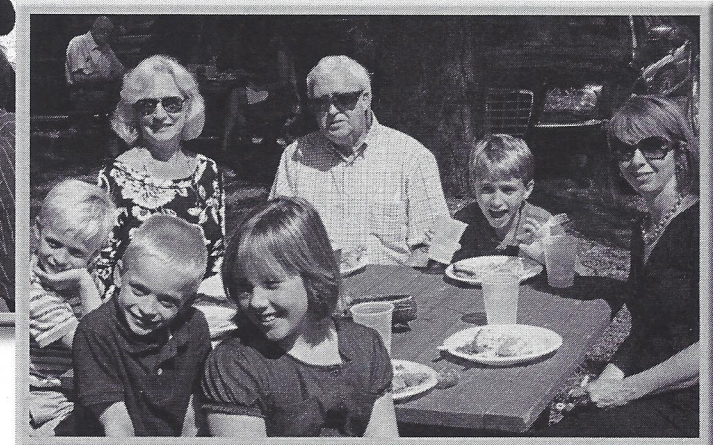
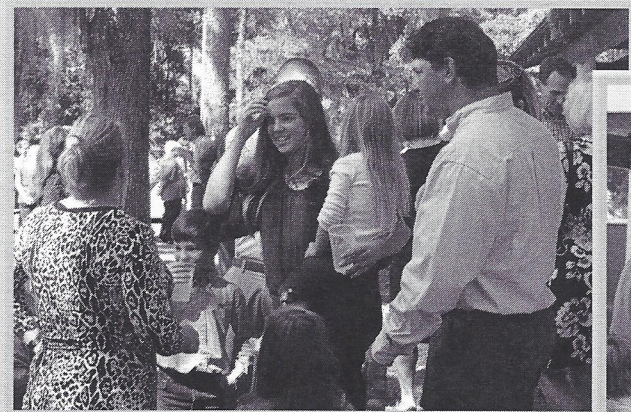
## Michael and Paula Swindell Family:

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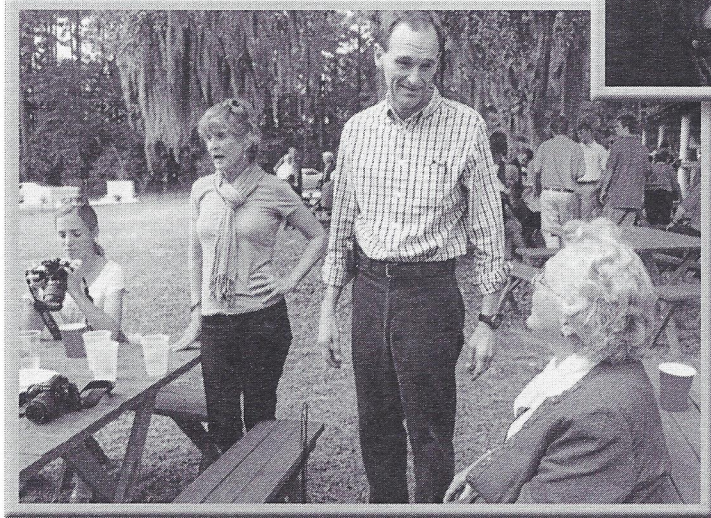
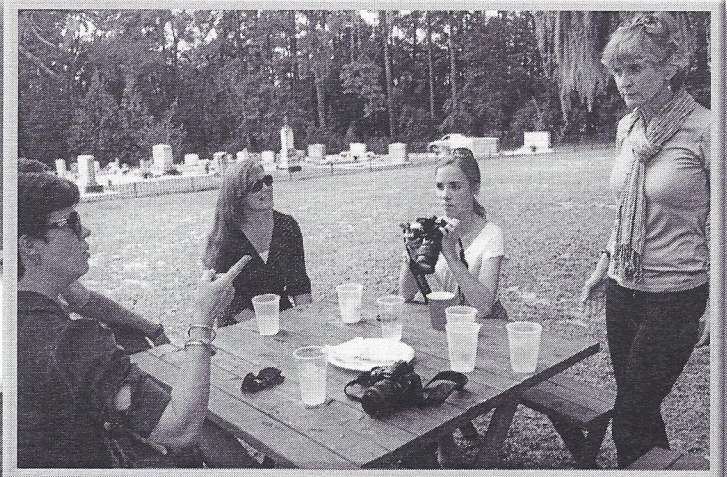
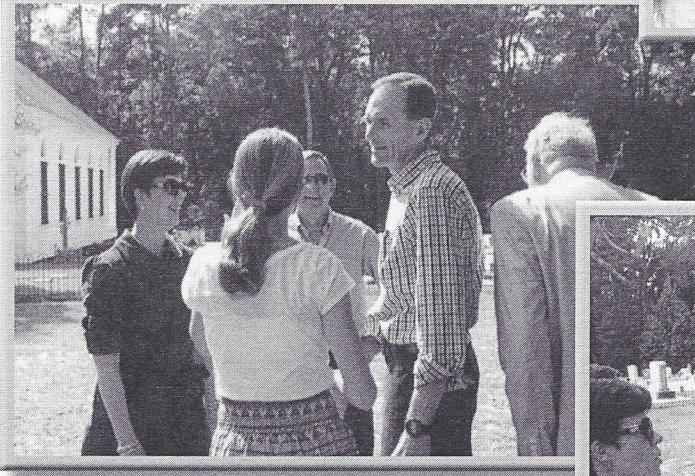
The Swindell boys have also experienced change. Scott Swindell hung up his wrestling shoes after placing fourth in his last collegiate tournament at the Newberry Open. He transferred from Newberry College to Clemson University. He is a sophomore now in pursuit of Actuarial mathematics major. Chad Swindell graduated from Chapin High School. He is a freshman at USC Aiken majoring in Nursing with the plan to become a nurse anesthetist. Ben Swindell is in the ninth grade at The Spring Hill Magnet School with his major emphasis on Engineering and Architecture.



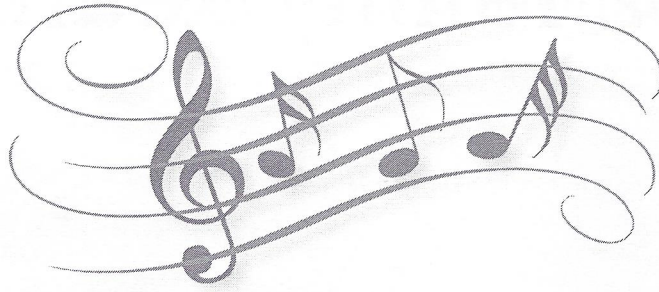
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# Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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, our 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.



# The Spirit of Buford's



'Neath mossy oaks and stately pines,  
Old Mizpah Church still stands;  
Its heritage, today, reminds  
The five assembled clans...  
Here, each year, one day to pause,  
In tribute to their forebears' cause

Where the Swamp Fox fires  
Burned for Marion's men,  
Brabhams, Moyes and Kirklands  
Fought in those ranks so thin,  
And there with Kearses and McMillans  
Sought to vanquish Tarelton's villains.

When war was done and freedom won,  
And Buford's Bridge was home,  
Then for father as for son,  
The toil was not alone,  
For able wives then shared their lives  
And families tree were grown.

Peace would last as decades passed,  
But war would come again;  
North and South, their troops amassed,  
To know both death and pain;  
Scourging troops burned Buford's down,  
And only Mizpah stood its ground.

Though many died, the families tried,  
To keep their own together;  
Upon new grounds they built their towns,  
And strength was with them ever;  
Years have seen them far and near,  
But always Mizpah Church was dear.

'Neath Mizpah's trees of oak and pine  
Gather now the clans,  
To join in song of ties that bind,  
And clasp the friendly hands;  
Here, one feels and sees and hears  
A spirit that survives the years.

T. Benton Young, Jr.  
Moye Family  
October 13, 1968

