

THE MAZE

**A newsletter published now and then for Catawba Presbytery.
November 1, 2010**

NOTE: Those receiving the copy of the Maze are requested to provide a copy for each minister, clerk of session, chairman of the Board of Deacons, and Church Treasurer.

**NEXT STATED MEETING
March 8, 2011
Sharon ARP Church,
Sharon, SC
10:00 A. M.**

OLD BRICK CHURCH SERVICE

The OBC Commission conducted a special service at the Old Brick Church on October 17th. Dr. Clyde McCants was the speaker and Dr. Sinclair Ferguson spoke on the Scottish perspective. There were about 175 attending. An offering was received in the amount of \$2,362.00 to help with the OBC upkeep. If you or your church would like to give to that offering, you may send it to:

T. C. S. Lever, Treasurer
1787 Windsor Drive
Lancaster, SC 29720

If you were not at the service, you missed an excellent, well-planned service of commemoration.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Reports for the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery are due February 1, 2011. Please send the report with an email to Guy Smith at guysmith@comporium.net. Thank you for your help.

PRESBYTERY NEWS

The following news is reported from the recent stated meeting of Presbytery:

Presbytery closed the Indian Land Mission effective September 30, 2010.

Mr. Brandon Auten, a student at Erskine Seminary and a member of Crossings Community, was received as a candidate.

Mr. Mark Hering was approved as student supply for Sherwood Forest beginning October 15, 2011.

At the direction of the Commission Chairman, Mr. Stephen Reynolds was transferred to Florida Presbytery effective October 26, 2011.

Student Jon Simons preached his Middler Sermon.

INFORMATION FOR CONSIDERATION BY CHURCHES OF CATAWBA PRESBYTERY

At the recent meeting of Presbytery, a memorial was adopted by the Presbytery. Each church is asked to consider the suggestions offered below:

“There has been a distressingly upward trend in church embezzlement in many churches and denominations in recent years, and

Sadly, the people responsible for these embezzlement cases have normally been treasurers or staff who were considered above reproach by their congregations, and

Embezzlement has damaged the universal church both materially and in reputation.

Therefore, the Oak Ridge Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Session memorializes Catawba Presbytery to suggest its churches remove temptation from the path of those who handle money in their church by all available means, including

- having more than one person count money
- having more than one signature on all checking accounts
- conducting regular audits of all books by certified professionals, and
- keeping insurance to protect the congregation against malfeasance. “

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2011 CATAWBA PRESBYTERY CALENDAR EVENTS

March 4-6, 2011	Super Senior High Retreat -Catawba, First & Second Presbytery at Bonclarken
March 8, 2011	Catawba Presbytery meets at Sharon Church, Sharon, SC, 10:00 a.m.
March 19, 2011	Catawba Children’s Retreat, Tirzah Church, York, SC, 10:00 a.m.
March 25-27, 2011	Catawba Presbytery Middle School Retreat at Bonclarken
May 5, 2011	Catawba Presbytery Adult Retreat, Neely’s Creek Church, Rock Hill, SC 10:00 a.m.
June 7, 2011	Catawba Presbytery meets in the Chapel, Bonclarken, Flat Rock, NC 2:00 p.m.
Sept. 23-25, 2011	Senior High Super Retreat – Catawba, First & Second Presbytery at Bonclarken
October 11, 2011	Catawba Presbytery meets at Bethel Church, Winnsboro, SC 10:00 a.m.
October 25, 2011	Catawba Elders’ Association, First Lancaster, Church, Lancaster, SC 7:00 p.m.
November 4-6, 2011	Catawba Middle School Retreat at Bonclarken