

## Greenwood Cemetery Report

As many of you are aware, St. Barbara's Chapel is in need of extensive repairs in order for us to maintain the building in good condition. As chairman of the Cemetery Committee I have received numerous calls from concerned parishioners who have offered their time and money in order to help us begin the necessary work. Some monies have already been pledged and we hope to begin the first phase (interior/exterior painting and floor repair) sometime in late September or early October. We have a bid of \$8,500.00 to perform this portion of the work. The scope and feasibility of any other needed repairs will become clearer as we proceed and it is likely that additional expenditures will be required. It has been difficult to obtain bids due to the nature of the work and the challenges presented by the location, where no electricity is available. Wiley and Mary Farquhar have graciously offered to oversee this project and deserve the thanks of the entire parish.

I would like to clear up some confusion regarding the origination and administration of the Cemetery Fund. In July of 2003, **with General Assembly approval**, a separate, segregated account in the amount of \$100,843.00 was established. It was funded by a portion of the proceeds from the General Assembly approved sale of the vacant Pryor Street property then owned by the Cathedral. Subsequently we have dispersed funds for the installment purchase of 542 additional burial sites as well as the annual maintenance assessments (approximately \$1,650.00 per year) which are imposed by Greenwood Cemetery. **All proceeds from sales of grave sites are deposited into this account. There is no mingling of this fund with the General Fund, the Building Fund or any other funds. The current balance of this segregated account is \$19,486.00.**

I want to emphasize that the needs of the Cemetery Fund will be ongoing. The facility will always require maintenance and repairs and, as I previously mentioned, the additional sites were acquired by means of an installment purchase. The balance still owed is \$115,000.00 from an original purchase price of \$206,380.00. Since 2003 we have had revenue of \$15,000.00 from the sale of grave sites. Except for the installment payments, the annual maintenance fee and some minor incidental expenses, there has been no other activity except for a modest amount of interest income

I urge all of you to consider making a contribution to this worthwhile endeavor. St. Barbara's is a treasure and the Greek section of Greenwood is of great historical significance to this community. A visit to the cemetery will underscore that claim. In my dual capacity as Cemetery Committee Chairman and Parish Council Treasurer I can assure you that this fund has been subjected to the strict scrutiny that we, the Parish Council, as fiduciaries, are obligated to apply.

**All contributions should be made payable to "Annunciation Greenwood Cemetery Fund".**

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Cemetery Committee Chairman