

DEDICATION

The plaque on this memorial reads:

THIS BELL
FROM THE STEEPLE OF
THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WHICH STOOD ON THIS SPOT (1866 - 1939)
IS PLACED HERE IN MEMORY OF
JONAS S. GRIGGS (1826-1886) and MARY F. GRIGGS (1834-1886)
Donors of the land and brick for the Church
And of the land for the College Hill Cemetery

So, today, to Mr. and Mrs. Griggs

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And to those fellow trustees of this Church
Hamilton Norris
Paden F. Adams
James H. Lewis

to whom the deed was made "for their love and affection for said church"

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To "their successors in office" - those other men who gave their love and affection and service to the Methodist Episcopal Church from the 20th day of October, 1866, until the 10th day of May, 1939, when the three branches of the Methodist Church were united through-out the world, and the congregations of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in College Hill, were united in one congregation,

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To those men who labored with their hands and who gave from their resources for the construction of the Church building which stood here; to those who continued the care for the preservation, upkeep, and service of this building,

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To those sixty-five original members who formed the Methodist Episcopal Church, and to all those who succeeded them, and found salvation, spiritual guidance, and comforting friendships here, who were baptized here, who took their church vows here, who pledged themselves in marriage here, who buried their dead from this Church,

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To the long line of ministers who served here - to name but a few: Rev. L. P. Hanks, Rev. Barnett, Rev. Fred Grider, Rev. Fred Kelley, Rev. A. S. Godby, Rev. Earley, Rev. L. F. Payne; men who served this church as one unit of a "circuit"; men who served with little monetary remuneration; but men who served gladly in this particular "Vineyard of the Lord",

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To those devoted men of the Methodist Episcopal Church - the Presiding Elders, who supervised the work of this Church, and those other men who held evangelistic revivals here, preaching the power of God unto salvation,

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To those men and women, who since 1855, even unto this day, have, out of their devotion, given of their time, their labor and their money for the upkeep, preservation, and the beautification of this cemetery, remembering especially Mrs. Ida Lewis Tribble, whose efforts were responsible for the establishment of the Perpetual Fund for the upkeep of the Cemetery, and remembering the present Officers and Board of the College Hill Cemetery Association, who have continued and enlarged her work for this cemetery,

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And lastly to all those whose mortal remains, along with those of Jonas and Mary Frances Griggs, lie beneath the sod of this beautiful little College Hill cemetery,

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O, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

O, for a thousand tongues, to sing
My great Redeemer's praise;
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim, -
To spread, through all the earth abroad,
The honors of thy Name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

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.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.