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OLD CITY CEMETERY

This cemetery, established on this site about 1900 as the Spartanburg Colored Cemetery, includes many graves moved here from the first black cemetery in the city, established in 1849 1 mi. W. and closed by the expansion of the Charleston & Western Carolina RR. Also known as the New Colored Cemetery until 1928 and later known as Freeman's Cemetery, it has been known as the Old City Cemetery since 1959.

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CHURCH OF SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
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We hope to deepen our faith and learn of traditions we know nothing or little about. We will find that God's grace works in ways we could never imagine. Join us in our journey!

As we prepare for our second Cultural Exploration, it is good to remember what sent us out the first time – cultural understanding. Visiting the Cherokee last year, we learned about the value of their traditions and how life may have been so different if understanding and acceptance had prevailed.

In March 2025, our focus is on the African American culture. We come to the Greenville area 60 years after the protest marches, but that trail of justice is still working its way into our nation.

A stream of art, cultural history, music, and education tells a story about Greenville, SC, and gives it a special flavor. Greenville has a sound of its own, from waterfalls to the modern vibe of the central city.

We have treasured the African spirituals that have blessed our worship, so let us become familiar with the culture that brought them to us. Exploring new and unusual places helps to create a legitimate cultural experience. In preparation, we are off to numerous historical sites, from important university grounds to plantation sites and former slave markings.

The Taste of Freedom: The African American Experience

Greenville, South Carolina
March 13-17, 2025

Cultural Exploration 2025
Offered by the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches and the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council



Accommodations

Dates: March 13-17, 2025

Lodging: Modal Hostel

Cost

The cost per participant is yet to be determined.

How to Register

Registration can be completed through the NACCC office (MOMC Cultural Exploration Trip).

How to Get to Greenville

By car, Greenville can be reached via Interstate 26 from Asheville, North Carolina, to Interstate 25 in South Carolina.

By plane, Greenville can be reached via the Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport.

Areas of Interest (Continued)

Clemson, Seneca, Pickens

Clemson University
Fort Hill Plantation Museum
Slave Quarters Marker
Bertha Lee Strickland Cultural
Museum
South Carolina Botanical Gardens
Soapstone Baptist Church

Spartenburg

Mount Moriah Baptist Church
Colored Cemetery
Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Woolworth and Kreske Sit-In Sites
Historic Duncan Park (Negro
League)
Bethlehem Center
Harlem Hellfighters
Provident Hospital Mural

Areas of Interest

Greenville

Reedy Falls
Josh White Bronze Wall
Up Country Museum
Greenville County Museum of Art
Willie Earle Story
Springfield Baptist Church
Dr. Benjamin Mays Birthplace
Historic Richland Cemetery
Visit with an African American Pastor

