

# Old documents provide insights

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the way they spent member dues.

"They were the ones who helped people get buried," Jones said. "They put together their nickels and dimes, provided food, clothing and supplies to widows and children, insurance to men." For reasons unknown, the

Alderson Odd Fellows had largely disappeared by about 1940.

The local black Masons lodge then took over the hall's upper rooms, but they, too, have not been active in Alderson for years.

Church members, doing some spring cleaning and

addressing the hall's shaky roof recently, entered the upstairs hall for the first time since anyone could remember.

"That's when we discovered the treasures that we're finding now," Jones said. They include a coffin and a pair of gilt-framed portraits of an unidentified but apparently

prominent black couple. Meanwhile, the Alderson community is coming together to save Shiloh Baptist, which has been hit hard by Greenbrier River floods over the last 75 years.

"Another year, and this building may be beyond hope," Jones said.

# Teleavangelist Robertson criticized

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Percepepe, Coordinating Director. "Jesus advocated non violence as a way of life, and in the spirit of Jesus the earliest followers of Jesus refused entirely to serve the Emperor, or to fight and kill in his armies. A consistent ethic of life would condemn all forms of killing and embrace without contradiction respect for a culture of life."

Venezuela is the fifth largest oil exporter and a major supplier of oil to the

United States. The CIA estimates that U.S. markets absorb almost 59 percent of Venezuela's total exports.

Venezuela's government has demanded in the past that the United States crack down on Cuban and Venezuelan "terrorists" in Florida who they say are conspiring against Chavez.

Robertson has made controversial statements in the past. In October 2003, he suggested that the State Department be blown up with a nuclear device. He has also said that feminism encourages women to "kill their children, practice witchcraft,

destroy capitalism and become lesbians."

"Pat Robertson is not only wrong politically, he has revealed himself to be bankrupt spiritually," Percepepe said.

The Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America is an international organization that educates, gathers and mobilizes Baptists to build a culture of peace.

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