



Haynes Creek Primitive Baptist Church - Established 1826

HAYNES CREEK BULLETIN

November 2016

By Larry Rutledge

*A Newsletter from the Haynes Creek Cemetery
Committee – Founded 1947*

Precious in the sight of the
Lord is the death of His saints.
Psalms 116:15

Again I want to thank the Lord for his goodness and love and how he has blessed the cemetery work. Thanks to our committee for their hard work and you for keeping your sites neat and clean and donating to the cemetery fund.

A few people I especially want to thank are, first, Buddy Barnes with Country Boy Landscaping. Buddy does a great job in the cemetery. He has been doing the maintenance work for over 20 years. I hear so many compliments on how good the cemetery looks and much credit goes to Buddy and his crew. Thank you so much Buddy.

Next I want to say thank you to Mr. Richard Hipp who owns the property at the northwest corner on the top of Section 3 and 4 of the cemetery.

Mr. & Mrs. Hipp have been neighbors of the cemetery since 1985 and I mean good neighbors. When you visit the cemetery you probably see Mr. Hipp out working in his beautiful vegetable garden.

Something we discovered after I started working on the committee

was that the cemetery was at fault as far as encroachment and property lines. The corner of a square actually encroached on his property approximately 2 feet, of which he said “don’t worry about it”.

A few years ago also we wanted to pave a parking area just north of the church and finish paving the drive around the top of Section 3 which had not ever been completed. It had been paved between Section 3 and 4 and 2 and 3 but a small part at the top of Section 3 was never paved. We came to find out that the probable reason was the property line between the cemetery and Mr. Hipp was in the middle of the unpaved portion. Mr. Hipp was so good to give the cemetery that small sliver of land and we were then able to complete the paving of the drive around Section 3.

Mr. Hipp actually took some of his fence down one time so that grave diggers could dig a grave at the top of Section 4. Actually years ago the cemetery was laid out for graves to be dug by hand, not a backhoe. This is rarely done any more. When we have a burial service and Mr. Hipp is in his garden he usually goes and sits in the shade out of respect till the service is over. These are just a few of the nice things Mr.

Hipp has done for our cemetery.

When you are visiting the cemetery and Mr. Hipp is out in his beautiful garden working, tell him thank you for being such a great neighbor. Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Hipp you are a wonderful neighbors.

Another person I want to thank is the love of my life, my wife Janice. She is the hardest working woman I know. She is now our secretary and does a great job. She has spent countless hours entering names in the grave list, typing and keeping minutes, working on the unmarked graves list, keeping up with and recording deaths, typing the newsletter and so much more. Thank you so much Janice for all you do to help preserve our Historic Cemetery. On a personal note, this coming November 22 we will be married 55 years. Praise the Lord.

UNUSED GRAVE SITES

The other day I received a call from a lady whose mom and dad had died and are buried here. She wanted to give the rest of the sites in their square to the cemetery as a donation to the fund because she had no need for them. What she is doing is great because there are so many sites that for whatever reason will probably never be used. I would like to encourage you to do the

same if you have some empty sites that will probably not be used. You can donate to the cemetery fund where the money will be used to maintain the cemetery for years to come. You can also get a tax benefit the same as if it were cash. I want to publically thank this lady for doing this. It will be very helpful to the cemetery work.

Thinking of many unused sites that may never be used, the committee took this into consideration for any available sites for sale in the future. The committee in October of 2011 made a policy to sell any available sites to people of families that did not already own over 2 sites there. They would then restrict the number of sites to no more than 2 per person or family. Hopefully, this will spread ownership to more people/families and be used in the future. It is not our desire to hurt anyone by implementing this but as we now see there are unused sites that probably will never be used. We felt this policy will ensure good stewardship in the future.

We now do have a few sites available (using the above policy). To purchase please call Chris Rutledge. Thank you so much for your understanding in this.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Founded in 1947-All Voluntary
Evelyn Elliott
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Harold Landress, Landscaping Management 770-979-1636
Chris Rutledge- Management of Grave Placement and Sales (when available) 770-861-2528

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Nan Wilson
Tony Wood
Dwight McCart
Jim Coker
Dey Smith
Rickey Brooks
Bobby Basford
Greg Smith-Treasurer 770-633-3366

Mr. Jim Martin has resigned from the committee. We thank Jim for his work and his support. Jim has spent many hours working on the cemetery. You may have seen American Flags thru out the cemetery around Memorial or Veterans day. Jim was so gracious to do that on his own. Jim has been a great asset to the cemetery work and we appreciate you Jim very much and may God continue to be with you.

Rickey Brooks has resigned as Vice Chairman because of family responsibility and work schedule; but is remaining on the committee. Thank you Rickey for all you have done and continue to do.

At our last meeting Chloe Rutledge was elected as Vice Chairman. Thank you Chloe for accepting this responsibility and we look forward to working with you in this capacity. Chloe has actually been on the committee for over 20 years. For several years she was secretary and has

been a great asset to the work for all these years. Thank you Chloe.

SPOTLIGHT

Each newsletter we try to share with you info about the committee members. We would like to share about Greg Smith our Treasurer.

Greg has been married to Dey Smith for 24 years. They have 2 children. Greg grew up in Loganville, Georgia and graduated from Loganville High School in 1979. His family has lived in Walton County since early 1800. They received land from the land lotteries and lived along the Alcovy River in Between, Ga. They later moved to the Loganville area. Haynes Creek Church has had a special place in Greg's heart. He remembered coming here as a child to reunions and still does to this day. He has several generations of relatives buried here. His mom, grandparents, great-grandparents, great-great-grandparents, and several uncles and aunts are all here.

Greg is honored to be a part of the Cemetery Committee and we are grateful to have you Greg. Thank you.

WEB SITE

Remember that you can't get our web site through Google but must use our web address, www.haynescreekcemetery.com.

COPING

Please understand that in many cases because of the limited records available, coping may be the only way we will know a plot belongs to you. So if you haven't done your plot, please do

as soon as possible.

MAILING LIST

We need your help to add more people to our list. We do not share it with anyone and we only use it a few times each year to keep you informed. This is much of the life blood for our cemetery fund.

BEFORE YOU DIG

Before you have a grave dug you must notify Chris Rutledge at 770-861-2528. This helps us better manage the grounds and our records. We have been having a problem with grave diggers dumping extra dirt on the property. Because some will not adhere to No Dumping signs posted and dump anyway, we have imposed a \$1000.00 charge per incidence of dumping on church property. So please be sure to advise your funeral home of this because they will be billed for it.

WORK DAYS

Everyone is invited to our two work days we have each year. Their dates are Saturday before Thanksgiving and the 3rd Saturday in April at 9:00 a.m. and we usually are finished by 1 p.m. Come and bring your rake, shovel, etc. and we will have a great time fellowshiping while we work to help preserve our historic cemetery.

I want to personally thank the following for their work at the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 work days. Jim Coker, Greg Smith, Harold Landress, Susan Pierson, Chris Rutledge, Janice and Larry Rutledge.

CLEANING TOMBSTONES

We as a committee would like to encourage families, if you would like to, to have your old, stained tombstones cleaned. Different families have done this already and it is amazing how new they look.

There are several companies that do this. There are 2 local companies that have done lots of work in the cemetery that might be able to help you. Keenan Byrd, 678-978-6442 and Jimmy Giles, 770-482-6546. We are not recommending these people but do know they have done work here and are familiar with the cemetery and seem to do good work.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Our last service, which was our 11th annual one, was held on April 24, 2016. We had a great time remembering those gone on before us and honoring our Lord Jesus Christ.

We had the Lenora Quartet again to sing and they did a great job. Bobby Basford shared about the life of "The Gentleman Farmer", Mr. George Beauregard Brooks born 9/16/1861 died 2/19/1939. We shared information on people buried in the last 12 months and Pastor Dennis Moon, Pastor of Lenora Baptist Church brought a great devotion. It was a good service and the church was almost full. If you missed it, our next one is planned for April 30, 2017, at 3 p.m. at the church. We would love to have you.

BURIALS SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2015

Martha Hodges Lee, Sec. 3-676, Died 12/26/2015.

Jean Green Tanner, Sec. 3-359, Died 1/19/2016

Rodney Nelson Landress, Sec. 4-434, Died 1/24/2016.

Hester Lou Cox McCart, Sec. 3-46, Died 2/26/2016.

Betty Brooks, Sec. 4-461, Died 3/11/2016.

Please pray for family and friends of these as they adjust with their passing on. Praise the Lord we haven't had a death or burial since the middle of March.

PEOPLE OF THE PAST

Robena Angeline Wade
(Knight) and Emory Carlton
Knight

Robena was born on July 06, 1904, and lived in the Rosebud Community most of her life. Her parents were Levi Katherine Langley and Nathan Harris Wade. Carlton was born on March 09, 1912, and grew up in the Snellville area. His parents were Emily Henrietta Worthy and Robert Knight. He was lovingly known as "Little Bob" as his older brother was known as "Big Bob".

Robena attended and graduated from Grayson High School in 1925. As a high school graduate she was able to attend a special course at Georgia State College for Women (now Ga. State College) in Milledgeville to become certified to teach elementary school. She taught at Brushy Fork, a one-teacher school, and Rosebud, a two-teacher school, and also taught at Midway and Lenora. She worked at J. L. Riley Ins. Co., Sears-Roebuck and Southern Bell. After marriage, she was a census enumerator, typist for the Federal government and

supervisor at the Grayson High School Lunchroom. She was a long-time member of the Rosebud Women's Club, serving in several positions over the years. She attended Haynes Creek Church in her younger days and was a member of Lenora Baptist Church.

Carlton attended Snellville School and along with his father and family they farmed, raising a variety of crops. After marriage, he continued to farm. He raised cotton, corn, peas, syrup cane, peanuts, and a variety of vegetables in the garden. Later he worked at the Cotton Mill in Milstead and the Ford Motor Company in Atlanta until the fall when he left his job to harvest the crops. After Carlton stopped farming, he had two chicken houses built and the family raised broilers. He serviced other poultry growers in the area by delivering feed to them. Finally, he worked at Kraft Foods until retirement. He was a member and a Deacon of Lenora Baptist Church.

they lived. Later they built a new house on the property where they continued to live the remainder of their lives. A barn was built out of the old house. Robena and Carlton had four daughters – Hilda Marie, Margie Anne, Jo Helen and Beverley Jean.

After Carlton's death in 1978. Most of the farm land was divided with the four daughters and husbands. Hilda and Curtis Underwood (deceased), Margie and Ray McBryar and Beverley and Larry Cooper built homes on their property. Jo and Bud Puckett live in Smokerise. Robena continued to live in the home place until her death in April, 1994. Carlton and Robena are buried in Haynes Creek Cemetery.

A young lady purchased the home place and restored the inside to its original state. She refurbished the barn by adding floors to the stalls, windows and electricity, where she has her paint samples and builds bird houses.

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR
YOU

Thank you for your prayers, work on the cemetery and your financial support and for keeping your family sites neat and clean. Without it very little could be accomplished. To make tax free donations please mail to:
Haynes Creek Cemetery
Committee, P. O. Box 1582,
Loganville, GA 30052.

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO RICHLY BLESS EACH OF YOU. PLEASE PRAY FOR GOD'S LEADERSHIP AND HELP AS WE CONTINUE TO HONOR AND UPHOLD THE MEMORIES OF OUR LOVED ONES THAT HAVE GONE BEFORE US.

