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Church Receives Thanks

DeKalb County Commissioner Brince H. Manning III reads a proclamation praising Trinity Presbyterian Church of DeKalb. With him, left, are Rev. John E. Talford, center, and Daniel E. Meyers, chairman of the Trinity anniversary committee.

Old Church That 'Kept Pace' Is Honored In DeKalb County

A DeKalb County church that has provided special help for youngsters and the homeless has received special recognition from DeKalb County government.

The county commission here asked DeKalb Countians recently to consider March 27 as Trinity Presbyterian Church Day in the county.

Commission Chairman Manuel Maloof made the declaration and thanked members for "their excellent contribution to the community."

Trinity Presbyterian Church was organized in 1942 on Herring Street in Decatur as a mission Sunday School of Decatur Presbyterian Church.

Since that time, the church has continued serving the black community in Decatur as a mission arm of Decatur Presbyterian and the Georgia-Carolina Presbytery.

According to Mr. Maloof, "Since its move to Candler Road on Palm Sunday in 1974, Trinity has kept pace with the changing needs of the community."

In his resolution, he cited Trinity's "discovery learning" young program, which he says "is beneficial in educating DeKalb County's youngsters to meet the challenges of a modern society."

Trinity has also opened up its facilities to give homeless indigents a place to sleep at night.

"Under the leadership of The Rev. John E. Talford, Trinity remains one of the central focuses for the south DeKalb community and one of the most prized churches of Atlanta Presbytery," said Mr. Maloof.

Alexander Memorial Plans Reunion, Sunday Afternoon

By DOT BAKER

The former members of Alexander Memorial Presbyterian Church will be together again on Sunday, April 17.

They will meet at the Columbia Drive Presbyterian Church in Dearborn for a catered meal at 1 p. m. and there will be time for singing and reminiscing until 4 o'clock.

It's been 10 years since Alexander Memorial became Trinity Presbyterian Church, and although the members have joined and become active in other congregations, they have never lost touch with one another.

Much of the credit goes to Mary Evans, whom members describe as "the glue that has held everybody together." The members are a close, caring group of people. Mary's phone calls have informed them when someone is in



Church Site Was Donated

Mrs. Hooper Alexander donated the land and sold the church this house for \$200. Services were held here from 1937 to 1941.

the hospital or has died, or when there are happy events to be shared.

Some meet every second Wednesday to have lunch together.

Many of the members were "old settlers" in the area, and remember when Herb Alexander's country store and filling station was a landmark at Candler and Glenwood.

Mrs. Hooper Alexander donated the land and sold the church a house (for \$200), where services were held from 1937 to 1941.

Work was begun on the first sanctuary in 1941, a work of real faith as the church had the sum of \$7,500 in the treasury.

All the work was done by the men of the church and by the time the church was completed it was completely paid for.

An early news item describes the building of the church on South Candler Road:

"Under the leadership of S. A. Buttrill, an elder of the church, the men of the organization are building the church, white brick and modern in every detail.

Under the instigation of K. Muse, the men have been pledged to give 15 hours work a month for three months or else pay fifty cents an hour for time lost.

Saturday noon, the women of the auxiliary serve lunch to the workers. It is an interesting fact that M. W. Buttrill, tractor and son of the leading elder, drew the plans for the church and that other son, Duane, is an architect.

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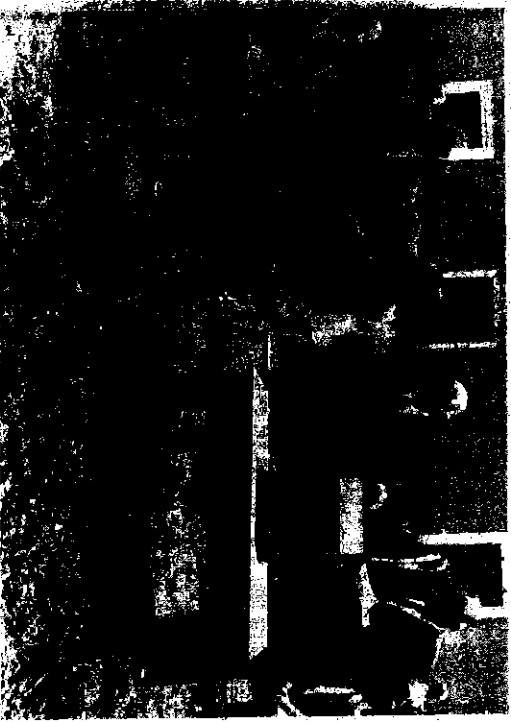
THE first called pastor was Bob Earnest. Others who followed were John Rhodes, Paul Chasney, Bob Rayburn, Lamar Hicks and Cecil Murphy.

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Original Sanctuary Completed In 1941

The sanctuary was constructed solely by men of the church and was completely paid for by the time it was completed.



Ground Breking At Alexander Memorial

Returned at the ground breaking at Alexander Memorial Presbyterian Church in 1941 are, (left to right) Lamar Hicks and Aubrey Taffar, Herbert Alexander (welding shown), M. W. Buttrill Sr. and James Clowdie.

