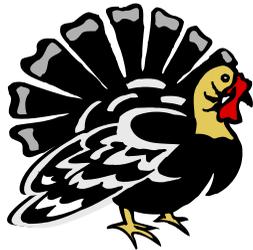


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Meet the Commissioner with City Commissioner Doug Jones, Archer City Hall, 3:00 – 5:00 PM
- Public Workshop, November 6th, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- City Commission Meeting, November 18th, 7:00 PM, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- Code Enforcement Board Meeting, November 26, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- City Hall closed, November 28th and 29th, Thanksgiving

Check listings of other meetings, etc., at Post Office or at City Hall's front door.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



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Meet the Commissioner

Archer City Commissioner Doug Jones has Office Hours at Archer City Hall on the first Monday of every month, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Come talk to your city commissioner directly, even just to say, “Hello.”

The Archer Church of God in Christ sponsors the Love Outreach Kitchen, which provides free hot lunches to the hungry on each Tuesday from 1-2 PM. The church is located at 17370 SW 128th Place.

NEW METERS

The City of Archer is replacing its analog meters with new touch read meters. This technology will provide:

- More accurate consumption readings
- Daily and monthly usage charts
- 24 hour leak detection capability
- High/Low consumption rates

ARCHER COMMUNITY CENTER



HISTORY IN A NUTSHELL

by Church Historian Ann Batey Green

Let us never forget the people who left their homes and farms to face the challenges of this pristine wilderness after Spain officially ceded Florida to the United States in 1821, and the territory was then opened to Protestants. People came down the Indian trails and wagon roads to settle the new land where for over 300 years the Spanish had farmed and raised livestock, leaving the woods teeming with resources for survival.

Those early settlers came with a spirit of determination to make a better life for themselves and their families and the love of God and neighbor in their hearts. The early circuit riders came, too. As early as 1829, we have documented that Isaac Boring was preaching in the area. The one I want to tell you about today is John Cale Ley. If any part of that name rings a bell, you may have guessed it. John C. Ley was born in 1822 and licensed to preach December 22, 1842, by the South Carolina Conference; that was three years before Florida became a state, being assigned to the

Newnansville Mission. In his book Fifty-two Years in Florida, which is similar to a journal, he made mention of John Francis McDonell having carried a bullet in his shoulder from the 1843 Second Seminole War. He made mention of the beautiful church being built at Archer in 1890, with John Francis McDonnell cutting the lumber and building the pews. (The pews extended almost the width of the sanctuary, with an aisle on both ends.)

When the Florida Town Improvement Society surveyed the town in 1858, they gave the Methodist Church property on Maine Street. The trustees named on that transaction were: Frank G. Bauknight, Wade Albert Geiger, Charles Kerr, John Francis McDonell, and Joseph Sealy McDonell. And then we have a Bible given by Joseph S. McDonell dated September 13, 1866. Historians believe the Methodists were meeting in a log building at what is now Laurel Hill Cemetery. In the History of the Church written by Elizabeth Batey (great granddaughter of John Francis McDonell), she has an artist's drawing of what it may have looked like.

One of our most treasured historic resources is the

homespun quilt made by the women of the church about 1890, and they charged ten cents per name to have a name embroidered on it. We are told the proceeds went toward the cornerstone of the church that was laid May 13, 1890, and the bell hanging in the belfry June 22, 1891. The quilt was sold to Eliza McDonell Geiger and passed down to the Geigers' daughter, Ella (Mrs. J. K. Tuten) and then to Annie Tuten Duren Campbell and last to Florence Duren, who gave it to the church.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HOLD AN EVENT? Check out the New Archer Community Center. It is the place to be when you are planning for a banquet, wedding, plays, family reunions, class reunions meetings birthday parties, workshops, retreats and all other community events.

Please contact City Hall for more information

(352) 495-2880

THE ARCHER COMMUNITY CENTER IS EQUIPPED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- * Open space dance floor and stage with curtains**
- * Concession area with double door stainless steel refrigerator, Counter top and cabinets, Convection microwave (no stove)**
- * Heat and air conditioning**
- * Piano**
- * Tables and chairs**
- * Stage with lighting and hi-tech sound system**
- * Approximately two acres of outdoor space for other activities**

