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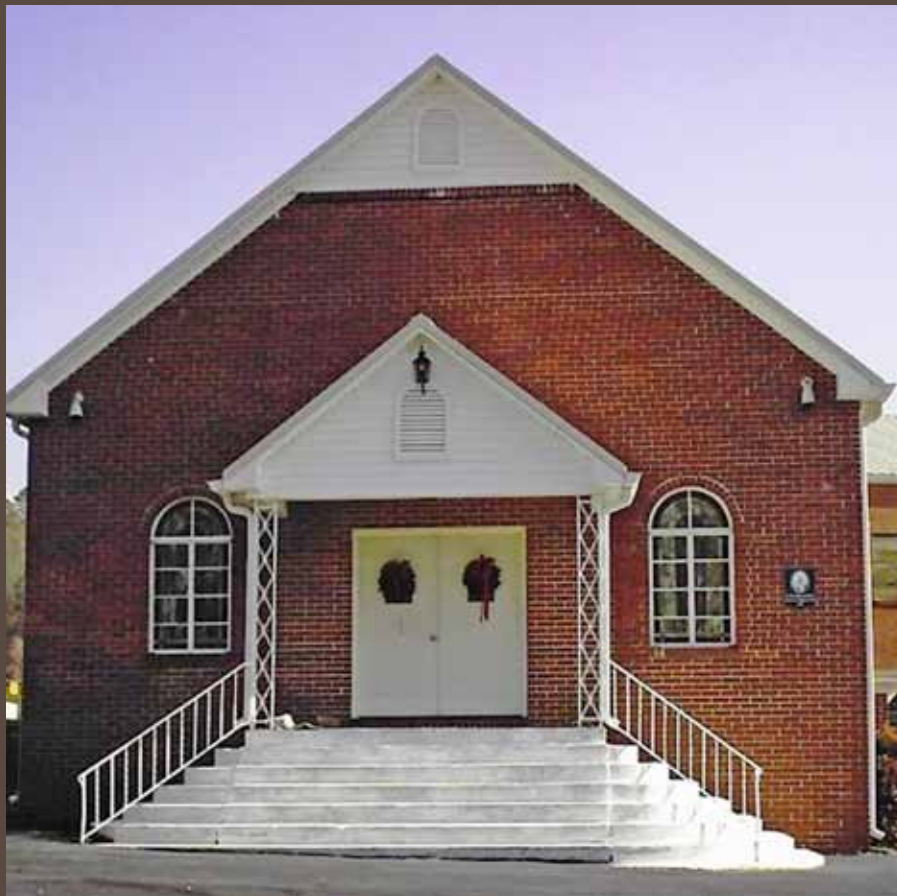
Preserving the Cornerstones of Our Past

A NEWSLETTER OF LEEDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Christmas Party to be Held December 8

Members of the Leeds Historical Society are cordially invited to attend the organization's annual Christmas Party and are encouraged to bring family members, friends and neighbors who are interested in joining the organization.

The festivities will begin at 2 pm on December 8 at the home of Susan Carswell, 2120 Montevallo Road (the old Harry Walker place). Please bring finger food and an item to donate to Leeds Outreach.



Cedar Grove Baptist Church

Carolyn Ryan spoke to attendees at the society's August meeting about the history of Cedar Grove Baptist Church. The meeting was held in the church's historic sanctuary, shown here, which has retained its basic structure. Its original wood exterior has been bricked and a foyer added to the front. Inside are handmade cedar pews crafted from trees cut down on the property.

— ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS, — NEIGHBORS TO JOIN US!

Do you have friends or neighbors who are interested in preserving the history of Leeds? Ask them to join the historical society.

The Leeds Historical Society needs the talents and support of all of its current members as well as new members in order to continue to meet its goals of preserving Leeds' historical legacies and helping to educate the general public about our city's history.

Here are just a few examples of our current needs:

- Maintaining the society's properties, including Rowan Oaks Historic Home, the Jonathan Bass House Museum and Fuller's Mill.
- Updating the society's best-selling cookbook. The cookbooks are a perennial fundraiser for the group. Board Member Michael Dyer is heading a committee to work on a new cookbook.
- Getting involved with the society's other fund-raising activities, such as the annual yard sale.
- Providing refreshments at general meetings and other gatherings.

Please help spread the word about the important work that the Leeds Historical Society is doing and encourage others to join us. A membership form is available on the society's website at leedshistoricalsociety.org or by contacting Sheila Whitfield at (205) 702-4185 or tntsw@aol.com.



— NEWS BRIEFS —

- The Leeds Historical Society welcomes new members Clyde and Jackie Adams.
- Membership Chairman Sheila Whitfield is in the process of sending out dues notices to the membership. Sheila asks that members pay their 2014 dues no later than January 1. If you have a question about your dues, please contact Sheila at (205) 702-4185 or tntsw@aol.com.
- The society has facilities available for events, such as weddings, receptions, parties, teas and reunions. Choose from the Historic Depot in downtown Leeds at 8335 Thornton Avenue and Rowan Oaks Historic Home at 1900 Montevallo Road. Call Margaret Little at (205) 699-1010 to reserve the depot. Call Loretta Veasey at (205) 699-8253 to inquire about renting Rowan Oaks.
- The organization extends its appreciation to Martha Smith, who served as Program Chairman during 2013. Thank you, Martha, for all of your hard work this year.
- Mark your calendar and plan to attend our first meeting of 2014 at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 15. The location of the meeting will be announced.

