

Trinity Church. Organized April 16, 1870

There were nine people who were the first members, and with the help of Rev. William Hollenhead organized Trinity Church, April 16, 1870 George Cromer and wife Sarah Ann had moved to Cromer's Mill from Newberry, S. C. where they were members of Trinity church there. So when deciding a name for the new church they wanted to name it after their church in Newberry, which they did. Rev. Hollenhead preached the first sermon in the school house. He used the 15th Psalm to preach from. The first nine members as mentioned above were as follows:

- 1. George Cromer and wife (2) Sarah Ann Cromer
- 3. Hiram Cromer and wife (4) Sallie Cromer
- 5. David Cromer and wife (6) Susie Cromer
- 7. Russel Fowler and wife (8) Winnie Fowler and (9) Tabitha Smith

Sunday School was organized May 9, 1870 with 13 pupils.

Rev. Benjamin Criss was the first Presiding Elder to hold a quarterly meeting at Trinity which was the third Saturday and Sunday in November. Four preachers attended, namely, Rev. Benjamin Criss, Rev. Y. D. Elington, Rev. Marion Ragedale and Rev. J. Y. Yarborough. The first preacher to serve as pastor was Rev William Hollenhead, who helped organize the church. A few of the early preachers follows: 1871 Rev. Alfred Dormon, 1873 Rev. William E. Tarpley and 1876 Rev. Ira. Woodman.

By October 23rd the membership had grown to 19. The first church building was completed Dec. 1874. They had been having all church services, up until this time, in the school house.

Often found in the diary of Sarah Ann Cromer, "We had a good meeting at Trinity today, only a few were there, but best of all the Lord was with us"

*Carnesville Charge*