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FUMC Chiefland honors Dennis and Junie Burr



Chiefland United Methodist Church Cemetery Corp. President Jeff Hardee makes opening statements about the program.

Information and Photos

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CHIEFLAND – Members of First United Methodist Church honored Dennis and Junie Burr Sunday afternoon (Nov. 18) for their decades of service at First UMC Cemetery.



People gather by gazebo at the cemetery.

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Levy County Sheriff and cemetery corporation board member Bobby McCallum shares the history of the cemetery and the Burrs' contribution of time and talents to it.



The plaque shows the gratitude for the service of the couple.



Junie and Dennis Burr stand by the plaque.



Kary Colson presents a military lap quilt to the Burrs in memory of the late Sonny Goolsby (Junie's brother).

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Junie and Dennis Burr hold up the quilt in memory of the late Sonny Goolsby.

Ellison Hardee gave the opening prayer and Gene Pollock gave the closing prayer at the event.

Bobby McCallum gave a very nice history of the cemetery, which started as a family cemetery. It was part of the Hardee Plantation. It was given to the First United Methodist Church of Chiefland and it is now run by the Chiefland United Methodist Church Cemetery Corp.

The officers are President Jeff Hardee; Vice President and General Manager Don Hardee, Secretary Wihlena Wilson and Treasurer Gerry Jesk. The other Board of Directors members are Bobby McCallum, Gene Pollock (who is also the map keeper) and Reid Granger.

Advisors to board are Dennis and Junie Burr.

The church recognized the Burrs' contribution to the cemetery by presenting a plaque on the site.

The plaque notes "In recognition of over 32 years of service dedicated to the proper management of the Chiefland United Methodist Church Cemetery, the members of the corporation do hereby recognize Mr. Dennis Burr and Mrs. Junie Burr for their outstanding service and commitment through the placement of this plaque."

The plaque notes further that their service and dedication have been, and continues to be, of extreme importance to the cemetery and community.

"We are pleased to express our love and respect for this couple," the plaque's notations conclude. It is dated 2018.

There were about 30 people attending the program to honor the Burrs.

Junie Burr recently lost her brother Sonny Goolsby in September, and some members of the church thought this was the best time to give her a quilt that was made in his memory.

Cookies, cakes and apple cider were served after the ceremony.