

Thomasville Landmarks, Inc. Most Endangered Properties 2006

Midway CME Church - 55 Midway Road, Thomas County

History: The Midway Christian Methodist Episcopal Church is one of the oldest congregations in Thomas County. The marker on the church reads 1897, but the congregation dates to 1849. The Midway community has all but disappeared and Midway Road was diverted years ago so that the church no longer addresses the road. There is also a historic cemetery on the church grounds.

Threat: It is in poor physical shape. The steeple sits in the yard while the roof leaks water into the structure. The adult congregation is very small. As the county develops, encroaching development could threaten small churches like these that serve a dwindling population. An apartment complex is being built mere yards away from the church property.

Solution: A preservation plan should be created. This plan would define needed repairs and upgrades and help identify funding sources. Local support is necessary to supplement the congregation's own efforts.



Left: The Midway CME Church in need of repairs. Its bell tower sits on the ground.



Left: A plaque gives a date of 1897 and founders.

