

HISTORY OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH~ WINDER, GEORGIA

YEAR OF 1990

NORTHEAST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY

The First Presbyterian Church of Winder had a most interesting and successful year under the leadership of Rev. Brock Burnett.

Three new Elders were elected Alleen Churchill, Betty Ann Russell, and Richard Seibert. These were installed in early January.

"Ecumenical Sunday" was observed on January 28, 1990 it was our pleasure to have the Rev. Harry C. Hannah III, from Hartwell, Georgia, as our guest speaker.

A Wednesday Evening Bible Study began in February and continued into the summer. This was a most interesting study in the book of Romans. Rev. Burnett was the leader •

A communion service was observed each quarter. This is always a beautiful and meaningful time in the life of the church.

Our covered dish luncheons and suppers were well attended and enjoyed by all. We had interesting speakers, group singing and good fellowship with one another.

The Men's Share/Prayer Breakfast was held on Wednesday mornings all during the year, meeting at a local restaurant.

The Easter season is always a great time in the "life of the church. An Easter Sunrise Service was held at the home of Betty Ann Russell followed by refreshments and good fellowship. Special music was presented by the choir at the morning worship service. A special offering, was 'taken for One Great Hour of Sharing for the relief of those suffering from hunger worldwide, \$115 was collected.

Two of our young men along with Rev. Burnett, joined the Presbytery on the mission work project in Ciudad Victoria, Mexico. This was made possible by the generous contributions of the members of our church.

Our three "missionaries" reported this trip to be a very meaningful learning experience.

The young people met regularly for their time of study and fellowship throughout the year. Fifteen youth went to Jekyll Island for Fun in the Sun Conference. This was a great opportunity for our youth.

A Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting was begun in the fall. The time was later changed to Wednesday morning.

The Missions Committee sponsored a covered-dish dinner in September to hear the Rev. Robert Johnson, a missionary to Mozambique, South Africa. Mr. Johnson was most interesting and this meeting was the beginning of plans for the Missions Conference to be held in early 1991.

"Kenny Banks Day" was observed on September 2, 1990. Kenny had given much time and work to the church, and would be leaving soon to attend Presbyterian College. The Session approved a one-time scholarship to Kenny in the amount of \$500. We extended our "congratulations" to Kenny on his acceptance at Presbyterian College and expressed our sincere "thanks" for all of his work here among us.

We welcomed Miss Hilary Hitchcock in September to play the organ. She has been a delightful addition to our staff.

The Presbyterian Women had several meetings during the year. This was a time for Bible study and fellowship.

The Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Barrow County Ministerial Association, was held in our church on Wednesday night, November 21, 1990. This most inspiring service was well

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attended by the participating churches. The offering went toward funding the Barrow County Ministerial Association's local benevolence fund.

December was a busy time! The decorating of the Chrismon tree was the beginning of the Christmas season. The Presbyterian Women furnished poinsettias for the sanctuary. The choir presented a Christmas Cantata -- Hope Was Born -- on December 9. Connie Gartman located needy families and children to support during the Christmas season. Various gifts were brought to the church and delivered on Christmas Eve to those people. Gifts were also given for the people living in the Presbyterian Homes. Our offering for the **Joy Gift** was \$115 • 37.

December proved to be a very busy time in serving and doing for others. What a great blessing!

Respectfully,

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