

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Winder, GA

1991 CHURCH HISTORY

The First Presbyterian Church of Winder, Georgia, continued to grow and serve under the leadership of Rev. Brock Burnett in 1991.

Two new elders of the Class of 1993 were elected to serve. They were Stoy Hogan and Gary Maurer.

Katherine Corese Reich, daughter of Andy and Lazette Reich, was baptised. David Coulter joined by transfer of letter.

Communion services were held quarterly during the year.

In April the First Presbyterian Church participated in a Presbytery-wide pulpit exchange hosted by the Northeast Georgia Presbytery. Dr. Robert Hunt from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Augusta, GA came to Winder to preach.

During the Easter season, Palm Sunday was observed, Maundy Thursday service was held and Easter Sunday service was held. Sunrise service was held jointly with the First Christian Church of Winder on their grounds.

A Mission Weekend Event was held in March. Our church hosted Dr. Ben Mathes of the Medical Benevolence Foundation, Dr. and Mrs. Bob Etheridge, former missionaries to Brazil and Zaire, and Dr. and Mrs. Howatt Mallinson, former missionaries to China.

Wednesday morning prayer group met at the church from time to time.

Doctors Day was observed.

A special Mother's Day Offering was collected and sent to the Presbyterian Homes in Quitman and Austell.

Presbyterian Women met periodically, enjoying fellowship and Bible study.

The children enjoyed fellowship opportunities throughout the year, including an Easter Egg Hunt. The youth enjoyed their own fellowship group throughout the year and looked forward to the "Fun in the Sun" Youth Conference at Jekyll Island.

Adult, Children and Youth Sunday School classes were held. A special fellowship time was observed immediately following the classes before Sunday worship service.

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From time to time different speakers and ministers spoke during the Sunday service. Rev. Edward "Ace" Franz of Reformed Presbyterian Church, Dr. C. B. Skelton on the Gideon Society, Dr. Robert Johnson of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and Rev. Karen Rice.

Several workdays were held throughout the year.

Covered dish luncheons were held periodically after services on Sunday.

A "Fall Festival" was held at the church in October.

Our church continued its mission work throughout the year - locally and internationally. The Mexico Mission was one of its many projects.

A church family directory was compiled.

An Offering was taken up at Thanksgiving for the Thornwell Orphanage.

A "Hymns of Praise" service was held on Sunday July 28th.

During the Christmas season, the advent wreath was lit each Sunday, the congregation helped those less fortunate through the Angel Tree, a Cantata was performed "Noel ~ Jesus Is Born!" and a family advent wreath workshop was held.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Gaw