

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Winder, Georgia

1992 CHURCH HISTORY

Each year provides a renewed opportunity for the First Presbyterian Church to grow in Christ. The year 1992 was no exception. Our minister, Reverend Brock Burnett, led our congregation through prayers, ministering, fellowship, youth groups, missions, women's groups, worship; and the list continues.

Congregational meetings were held to approve the year's budget and to elect elders. Betty Ann Russell was elected to fill an unexpired term in 1994. Mitch King and Richard Guzman were elected for 1995.

The Session met each month and at any called meetings to conduct business of the church.

Missions was a big emphasis of our church. We supported the Clothes Closet in Winder, Project AD.AM., the Literacy Coalition in Barrow County, and the Food Pantry. We also looked beyond Barrow County and helped victims of Hurricane Andrew in South Florida. During Missions Weekend, we targeted Mexico by celebrating a Mexican Fiesta meal at the church and having Mrs. Anna Holshouser from Builder's for Christ Speak to us on their projects in Mexico. Through this emphasis we donated over \$800 to this project and sent two young people to Mexico during the summer to help build houses. Also Carolyn Nelson's daughter-in-law came to us in August to speak of her recent trip to El Salvador. Later in the year Margery Leach, a volunteer mission interpreter for our denomination, came to speak to our Sunday School about the Christian Witness in the Philippines.

The Presbyterian Women met during the year, usually on Sunday afternoons and organized projects during the year.

The youth were busy. Presbyterian Youth fellowship met on Sundays, went on a winter retreat to Rock Eagle, held two lock-ins where they went bowling one time and had a scavenger hunt, held youth Bible Study, went to Camp Buc and Middle Camp, held a carwash in parking lot of the church, helped with the Clothes Closet and Food Pantry, held a rockathon, congregation could rent-a-youth to help with chores, ice cream social, Six Flags trip, held international meal and donations went to trip to "Fun in Sun". Todd Quintard was hired as a summer youth worker.

Fellowship is important to us whether it be during Sunday School, Bible Studies, after worship hours or during other times. A church picnic was held on the grounds of the church in June, covered dish luncheons were held at other times during the year after worship services in the Fellowship Hall. Different groups surface. Whether it be the

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Lunch Bunch or the Primetimers, they enjoyed meals at local restaurants, trips to the mountains and to the Botanical Garden.

A Fall Festival was held at the Guzman's home. The men got together and played basketball on a church league.

We rejoiced with Frank and Lisa Manning on the birth of their daughter, Ashley Nicole on June 16, 1992.

We held workdays during the year at the church to fix and spruce up our building and grounds.

During the Easter Season, our church celebrated with area churches Easter Sunrise Services at Fort Vargo. Our church participated in our denomination's offering to worldwide hunger called One Great Hour of Sharing.

Walter Baldwin, former missionary to Japan, came to the pulpit on a Sunday in March. Also filling in at times were Reverend Edward Franz, Kathy Carpenter, a senior at Columbia Seminary in Decatur, and Bill Wilson.

The children had fun. An Easter Egg Hunt was held. They went to a petting zoo in Athens and had a pizza party. During the summer Vacation Bible School was held and was a huge success.

An offering was taken on Mother's Day (Mother's Day Offering) to help finance the Presbyterian Homes and on Thanksgiving an offering was taken to help the Thomwell Orphanage in Clinton, S. C.

Christmas was a busy season. The Adult Choir presented a Christmas Cantata, "Worship the King". The children presented the program, "The Littlest Star". A Mother's Morning Out was provided. We collected items to send to the Presbyterian Homes for gifts for the elderly by way of the Santa Claus Express, we went caroling and some went to "Christmas in Dixie" in Crawfordville.

Thanks Be To God.
In Christ's Name

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Mary Anne Gaw