

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Winder, Georgia

1997 CHURCH HISTORY

The First Presbyterian Church of Winder, GA continued throughout 1997 its growth in Christ's name. The minister was Rev. Brock Burnett.

Two elders for the Class of 1999 were elected and installed. They were Carol Cole and Perry Cushman. The 1997 budget was presented and the minister's call was approved by the congregation.

Communion services were held throughout the year. The Session met once a month and when called.

During the Easter season, Palm Sunday was observed, Maundy Thursday Service was held, Easter Sunrise Service was held and Easter Sunday Service was observed.

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

The Presbyterian Women met throughout the year. They enjoyed fellowship, Bible study, hosted a baby shower for Lisa Scroggs, bought a vacuum cleaner for the church, and other projects.

Saltshakers met in homes once a month for supper and good times.

The Presbyterian Men continued to meet each month on Saturday at a local cafe for breakfast and discussions.

A church directory was compiled and the monthly newsletter was continued.

The First Presbyterian Church offered various Sunday School classes for all ages. A money management workshop/Bible study was offered.

The youth and children were provided different fellowship opportunities throughout the year, which included an Easter Egg Hunt, Wonderful Wednesdays in June, and a fall festival cookout.

Several workdays were held during the year.

A church family outing to Stone Mountain to see the laser show was in August.

Covered dish luncheons after church were held. Hours for summer were changed to 9:00 a.m. for Sunday School and 10:00 a.m. for church service.

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During Sunday worship hours a children's sermon was held in the sanctuary.

Our Mission Committee continued to guide the congregation in helping others through Project ADAM, Come Alive Ministries, hosting a Missions Weekend with the Cody Watson family as our guests, Operation Christmas Child, the Children's Medical Center of the Philippines, hosting Dr. Ben Mathes of Rivers of the World, prison ministries participating in Christmas International House (hosting two ladies from Malaysia that are college students in the U.S.), local food pantry, and other missions.

Under the leadership of Karen Bernard, our choir continued to provide the congregation with wonderful music. New hymnals were purchased and placed in the sanctuary.

Thornwell Offering was collected for the orphanage in Clinton, SC

Advent was filled with activities. The Presbyterian Women provided the sanctuary flowers. Some went caroling. Special music abounded. The Adult Choir presented the Cantata, "The Thrill of Hope". We kept the tradition of the Angel tree, Chrismon tree and the lighting of the Advent Wreath. We bought gifts for the Operation Christmas Child project.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Gaw