

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Winder, Georgia

1999 CHURCH HISTORY

Rev. Brock Burnett continued as our pastor for the upcoming year.

The 1999 budget was presented to the congregation and the Pastor's terms of call was approved during a congregational meeting on 1/9/99. The First Presbyterian Church of Winder, Ga. elected as elders for the Class of 2001 Randy Bernard (Outreach), Joyce Corbin (Church Life) and Gordon Osley (Worship) on Feb. 21, 1999.

In December, 1999, the 2000 budget was presented to the congregation and the Pastor's terms of call for 2000 was approved.

The Session met once a month and at other times deemed necessary. Congregational meetings were called election of elders, presentation of budget, and approval of Pastor's Terms of Call and whenever else deemed necessary.

World Communion Sunday was observed on Sunday, October 3, 1999. Other communion services were held throughout the year.

During the Easter season - Palm Sunday (with the children proceeding in with the palms) was observed, Maundy Thursday Services were held, Easter Sunrise Service at the church with breakfast following, and Easter Sunday Service was observed. The Adult Choir presented an Easter Cantata during that time. Easter Lilies were placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday "in memory/honor of" by members of the congregation, which was coordinated by the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship.

A special Mother's Day offering of \$75.00 was collected and sent to the Presbyterian Homes in Quitman and Austell.

The following were baptized in 1999:

Katie Bernard, daughter of Randy and Karen Bernard
Connor Mullis, son of Kipp and Susan Mullis
Julianna Rose Barnhurst, daughter of David and Jill Barnhurst
Michael Colosimo, son of Joe and Marian Colosimo 11/21/1999

New members were taken in on May 23, 1999

Greg and Kerri Creel
David and Janet Hall
Joe and Melissa Bricker
George Matzner

The Mission Committee met monthly. One Great Hour of Sharing Offering was collected for disaster relief for refugees resettling and for Presbyterian Hunger Program. A breakfast was held before Sunday School followed by a presentation by Richard Guzman on his mission trip to the Philippines and to the Children's Hospital, to which we offer our support. Our church has a recycling bin in parking lot to collect newspapers. The proceeds go to the Come Alive Ministries in Barrow Co.

We also collected items for the Food Pantry and also staffed the distribution center during July. We continued to support the Mexico Mission and other local missions such as The Treehouse, center for abused children, and Peace Place, a battered women's shelter.

The Presbyterian Women continued, with both day and night circles meeting monthly.

They enjoyed fellowship, Bible study and friendship. Meals were coordinated for the sick and for the homeless shelter. The Chrismon decorations were refurbished. Members volunteered to work at the Clothes Closet. As always the PW continued to work and support the mission and work of the church.

The First Presbyterian Church offered Sunday School Classes for all ages.

For the Adult Class, "Life of Christ as Presented in the Gospels" was held. Dr. James Monroe of N.E. Ga. Presbytery taught a class.

The children and youth continued to study each Sunday. A Children's Memorization Program was started and a Rotation Sunday School Oass started for the younger children.

The Presbyterian Youth Fellowship met periodically throughout the year for Bible study and fun. They sponsored a pancake supper at Lent, spaghetti suppers to raise money for a future ski trip, took part in the Souper Bowl of Caring in January, went ice skating, made available 2000 calendars, went to Six Flags and many other activities.

The children also participated in many activities such as bowling.

During Rev. Burnett's vacation time; Rev. Harold Corbin, a member of our church, and Rev. William Mounts preached.

Our Adult Choir continued to grow and share their God-given talents with our church and the community. They provided beautiful music for our church and also participated in a concert to benefit the Food Pantry and participated in Bethlehem First United Methodist Church's revival.

Paraments for the sanctuary were given to the church. The cloth on the flower table was given in memory of Jane Perry by Carolyn Broxton and Eleanor Withers. The cloths on the pulpit and communion table were given in memory of Stoy Hogan.

Dr. C. J. Skelton provided his own brand of music for one of worship services by singing some of his own songs about his faith.

A Church Family Directory was updated and handed out.

Wes King, a Christian recording artist and former member of this church, performed at the First Presbyterian Church in June.

Saltshakers, a group that meets once a month in someone's home for a meal and fellowship continued.

A Chicken-fest picnic at Bill and Pat Landress's in August wound down the Summer which also included a top hat contest. We met at Ft. Vargo in October for a Fall picnic.

Covered dish lunches were enjoyed following worship services occasionally.

A Scenic Mountain Trip was taken in the Fall to Unicoi State Park. Some enjoyed a trip to Lake Lanier in Dec. to see the Festival of Lights.

Newsletters were compiled and sent to inform the congregation of the events of the church.

The Daily Bread Devotionals were provided.
Prayer Request Cards were provided.

Repairs were made to the church occasionally. Trim on the pews in the sanctuary were repaired. A stove and refrigerator were donated.

We were host to the Northeast Georgia Presbytery meeting on July 27, 1999.

Sale of land given to our church was placed in a money market account. A Capital Renovation Fund was begun with \$25,000. The nursery room water seepage problem was addressed, spending approximately \$3,900.

As always Christmas was a joyous time in our church. Our Adult Choir provided music, the youth participated in a Christmas pageant, Christmas Eve Service was provided, members participated in the lighting of the advent wreath and the Chrismon tree was placed in the sanctuary. Weston and Norma Reigel donated a beautiful ceramic nativity scene. We became the relay center for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child for our county and of course our members brought in

boxes filled with items for needy children to send around the world.

We continue to grow in our faith and love of God and Jesus Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Anne Gaw