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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Winder, Georgia

2000 CHURCH HISTORY

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

The 2000 budget was presented to the congregation and the Pastor's terms of call was approved during a congregational meeting on 11/9/99.

The First Presbyterian Church of Winder, Ga. elected as elders for the Oass of 2002
Glenn Thompson and Laura Lee Spence

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 1, 2000. 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.

Lenten and Pentecost banners were constructed by the youth and presented to the congregation.

Also the youth of the church presented a Passover/Seder Dinner Theatre.

The following were baptized in 2000:

Daniel Allen Parrish, son of Monika and Geoffry Parrish

Mollie Rose Wilson, daughter of Darian and Katie Wilson

Thomas David Hall and John James Hall, sons of David and Janet Hall

The Mission Committee met periodically. 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.

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They enjoyed fellowship, Bible study and friendship. Meals were coordinated for the sick and for the homeless shelter. As always the PW continued to work and support the mission and work of the church.

The First Presbyterian Church offered Sunday School Gasses for all ages. For the Adult Class, a study on Understanding Grief and one on Living by the Spirit was offered. The children and youth classes continued each Sunday.

The Presbyterian Youth Fellowship met periodically throughout the year for Bible study and fun. Some of their activities included a ski trip to Gatlinburg, cookouts, scavenger hunt at the Mall of Georgia, etc.

The children participated in the summer's Vacation Bible School, "The King is Coming."

Those filling the pulpit during Rev. Burnett's vacation time was Dr. Emily Ching, Assist. Professor of New Testament at the University of Georgia; Rev. Stan Sizemore, retired from NE Georgia Presbytery; and Joe Hind, recent graduate from Columbia Seminary.

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 Carter Hill Christian Church's revival.

A Church Family Directory was updated and handed out.

A Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting was started.

The First Presbyterian Church provided a booth at the Barrow County Exposition. A church website was formed. The library was refurbished. Shelves built, chairs, table and desk were placed within.

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. A pool party was held at Geoffry and Monika Parrish's.

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Covered dish lunches were enjoyed following worship services occasionally.

A Scenic Mountain Trip was taken in the Fall.

Other activities throughout the year included a fish fry, a low country boil, a church-wide yard sale, a Mother's Day Tea, a Bake-off contest, etc.

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. The parking lot was sealed and repainted.

A Men's Breakfast was held on certain Saturday's. Some of the men participated in a community Basketball Church League.

As always Christmas was a joyous time in our church. Our Adult Choir provided music, members participated in the lighting of the advent wreath and the Chrismon tree was placed in the sanctuary. We continued to be a 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.

A Nominating Committee was elected to nominate elders for the Class of 2003 to be installed early 2001. The committee members were Susan Reynolds, Richard Russell, Jr., Richard Guzman, Mary Anne Gaw. Gordon Osley was chairman. The congregation elected Don Perkins and Rick Mechtly for Class of 2003

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Anne Gaw

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