

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WINDER, GEORGIA

2001 CHURCH HISTORY

Staff:

Rev. R. Brock Burnett - Pastor  
Dr. Karen Bernard - Director of Music Ministries  
Dee Russell - Organist  
Katrina Wilson - Pianist  
Mary Anne Gaw - Director of Presbyterian Women  
Kathy Woodall - Secretary  
Rodney Broach - Treasurer  
Walter Perry - Trustee  
Richard Russell, III - Trustee  
Jean Withers - Trustee  
(Mr. Withers passed away mid-year)

Office hours: 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon, M-F

The Session Members as of January 1 were elders Randy Bernard, Joe Colosimo, Glenn Thompson, Lauralee Spence, Susan Mullis, Gordon Osley, and Darian Wilson.

On January 14th, Don Perkins and Rick Mechtly were installed as elders of the Class of 2003. They replaced Susan Mullis and Joe Colosimo, rotating off the Session.

The Session met monthly and as needed.

A Congregational Meeting was held on March 4th to present the 2001 Budget and to vote on the pastor's terms of call.

Presbytery meetings and workshops were attended.

A Congregational Meeting was held on December 9th, 2001 to get ideas on future building plans.

Live flowers were placed in the sanctuary each Sunday Worship Service in memory of or in honor of loved ones or To The Glory of God.

World Communion Day was observed and communion was held periodically throughout the year.

Our Daily Bread devotionals were available to the congregation.

A Church-wide yard sale was held.

A Jazzercise class was held at the church.

Pastor Appreciation was observed in October with a special Sunday service.

A Wednesday Prayer Group was attended by some.

Filling in for Rev. Burnett on Sunday while away from the pulpit:

Dr. Harry Phillips

Michael Jarrett

Ed Latham - elder of Madison Presbyterian Church

C. B. Shelton - Gideon International

A Confirmation Class for those youth at least 10 years old was held by Rev. Burnett. The Confirmation Service was held on June 3.

A Children's Sermon was delivered during the Sunday Worship Service by different members of the congregation.

New Members:

Vance Hunter 12/30/01 Reaffirmation of Faith

Susan Hunter 12/30/01 Transfer of Letter

Dub McDougal 4/15/01

Doris McDougal 4/15/01

John Cochran 4/15/01

Donna Cochran 4/15/01

Beth W. Sloan 6/24/01

Sam McGargle 12/09/01

Stephanie McGargle 12/09/01

Walt Hensley 12/09/01

Ruth Hensley 12/09/01

Duke Bruce 12/23/01

Births:

Coleman Douglas Wilson 5/19/01

Parents: Dale and Lori Wilson

Matthew Thomas Colosimo 9/11/01

Parents: Joe and Marian Colosimo

Brittany Madison Edrington 7/18/01

Parents: Jeff and Melinda Edrington

Baptism:

Matthew Thomas Colosimo 11/18/01

Parents: Joe and Marian Colosimo

Gale Goodman 12/10/01

J. W. Goodman 12/09/01

Parent: Gale Goodman

Gus Goodman 12/09/01

Parent: Gale Goodman

Duke Bruce 12/23/01

Deaths:

Pauline Mensenger 9/19/01

Jean Withers 7/19/01

Eleanor Withers 06/02/01

Bill Landress 06/11/01

Pearl Kinney December 2001

Weddings:

Donna Williamson and John Cochran 03/17/01

The choir expanded under the leadership of Dr. Bernard, leading the congregation in the Sunday worship music, performing specials, participating in a community-wide benefit for the local food pantry, etc. Handbells were donated to the church.

Building and grounds were maintained. Computer carts for Sunday School were bought and assembled.

Both children and adult Sunday School classes were held. One of the topics for the adult SS class was "Christian Disciplines" and Rev. Burnett also presented an overview of Islam.

Missions:

Mexico Missions

Mother's Day Offering

Project Adam

Homeless Shelter

Gideon International

Georgia Presbyterian Cursillio

Local Food Pantry

Heifer International

And many others ...

A Vacation Bible School was held in June. "Jesus Comes to the Rescue" was the theme, with the offering going to Heifer International Organization.

The Presbyterian Youth Fellowship(PYF) met for Bible Study and fellowship\_ Mid-year Sam and Stephanie McGargle took over as leaders.

- The PYF activities included lock-ins, movie "Left Behind", attending Youth Abstinence Rally, ski trip, Christmas Party(went to tree farm), sold God's Creation Calendars for fundraising, hosting soup and sandwich lunch following the Christmas Cantata, spaghetti supper, trip to local restaurant "Humble Grounds", etc. The curriculum for the bible Study was Josh McDowell's Friendship 911 and a youth council was formed.

Fellowship Opportunities:

Saltshakers at the Edrington's

Cookout at the Guzman's

Mother's Day Tea

Wise Men and Women Banquet at the church

Valentine's Day Dinner at the church

Scenic Fall Leaf Trip to Young Harris

Covered Dish at Pat Landress

Presbyterian Women met monthly and continued Bible Study, fellowship, mission giving and supporting the church mission. They hosted the PW from the First Presbyterian Church in Monroe for one meeting. They hosted a baby shower for the Edrington's. Also they prepared meals for the homeless shelter.

Special Church Seasons:

Easter Season was observed with an Easter Egg Hunt for the children and the adult choir presented a special cantata.

Christmas Season started with our church serving as the local relay center for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox program. The sanctuary was decorated with the traditional Chrismon tree, live poinsettias and advent wreath. Families lit the Advent wreath each Sunday during the season, members brought gifts for the Angel Tree(Tree House, Peace Place and Come Alive Ministries). The children presented the musical special "The Unfriendly Beast". Special music was provided by the Adult Choir and a Christmas Eve Service was observed.

This history is compiled from the Sunday Worship Service Bulletins and is meant only as an overview of the activities of the church for 2001.

Respectively submitted,  
Mary Anne Gaw