

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WINDER, GEORGIA

2006 CHURCH HISTORY

Staff:

Rev. R. Brock Burnett - Pastor  
Bradley Peppers - Director of Music Ministries  
Kathy Woodall - Secretary  
Cathy Ashley - Nursery Attendant and Church Janitor

Rodney Broach - Treasurer  
Mary Anne Gaw - Presbyterian Women Director  
Johnie Wendel - Church Greeter

The office hours were 9 a.m. - 12:00 noon M-F and also 1 :00 p.m. - 5 p.m. M-Th.

Regular Sunday Worship Hour was 11 :00 a.m. moving to 10:00 a.m. during the summer months.

The church website, directory and church family picture board were updated and maintained.

A new pictorial directory was established.

A Congregational Meeting was held on 1/15/06 in order to present the 2006 Budget and to vote on the pastor's terms of call.

The Session members as of January 1st were elders Bob Gaw, Rodney Broach, Alan Toliver, Vance Hunter, Rick Mechtly and Glenn Thompson. Mr. Thompson rotated off the session during the year.

The Session met once a month and as needed.

Presbytery meetings and workshops were attended.

Filling in for Rev. Burnett while away from the pulpit:  
Rev. Stan Sizemore - retired Presbyterian Minister  
Dr. Alex Williams - retired Presbyterian Minister  
Dan Bonner - Gideon International

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

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A Camp Meeting/Hymn Sing was held in the summer followed by a lunch.  
Live flowers were placed in the sanctuary each Sunday during worship  
service in memory of or in honor of loved ones or To The Glory of God.

Our Daily Bread devotionals were available to the congregation.

New Members:

Marie Jason 6/04/06

Ken Seibert 6/04/06

George Johnson 3/26/06 Reaffirmation of Faith

Lynn Wilson 9/24/06

JoAnne Van Duren 9/24/06 Transfer of Letter

Pam Matheny 8/13/06

Geoffrey and Kim Ward 2/19/06

Baptisms:

Jaycee LouAnne Herth 6/04/06 Parents: Julia and Rick Herth  
Grandparents: Cathy and Mike Shrage

Landon Gossett 9/24/06 Parents: Randall and Lynn Wilson

Mack Randell Wilson 9/24/06 Parents: Randall and Lynn Wilson

Graduates:

High School - Brandon Burnett

Matthew Gaw

College - Michelle Hannan

Velda King

The First Presbyterian Church participated in the following missions by  
either offerings collecting items needed, time or prayer.

Habitat for Humanity - recycled cans, collecting used bicycles, offering  
Mexico Mission - Sent Geoffrey Parrish, Beau Parrish, Brandon Burnett,  
Jordan Burnett and Rick Mechtly to Mexico to help build houses, fund raiser  
Mexican Fiesta Lunch, offering.

One Great Hour of Sharing - offering to alleviate world hunger.

African Palm Crosses - for families in Tanzania, Africa.

Local Food Pantry - "Souper Bowl" contest among congregation to bring  
canned goods for the pantry, staffed pantry in July, brought items  
throughout year, offering.

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Come Alive Ministries - Hosted benefit concert, supported annual Celebrate  
Life Banquet, participated in "Baby Bottle Boomerang"(change for Come  
Alive), recycled newspapers.

Dr. Koffie Tsogbe - member who serves in war-torn areas of Africa with the  
UN.

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Is on Wheels and the local Adult Day Care Center  
Farmer's market set up in fellowship hall to share garden crops with others.

Building and grounds maintained.

A Workday and bonfire were held in April and October. A lawn mowing schedule was posted on board. A building committee continued to meet.

The Sunday School program continued with Adult Classes and Children's classes. One of the leaders of the Adult Class was Rev. Stan Sizemore. A Sunday School Appreciation banquet was held. "Thirty Days to Understanding the Bible" by Max Anders was one of the studies for the Adult class.

The music department continued under the direction of Bradley Peppers. Adult choir practice was held on Sunday nights. Sunday worship service was enhanced by the choir and Mr. Peppers' leadership of hymns, solos, cantatas, and specials. Piano concerts by Bradley was held. The church gave Bradley a pantry shower, after moving into his first apartment.

Fellowship opportunities included a fall leaf trip to Brasstown Bald, saltshakers at the homes of Ann Parker and Linda Shoaf, a trip to see the Atlanta Braves, trip to Abbeville, S. C. to enjoy the play "Ann of Green Gables", a golf tournament and covered dish luncheons (Mexican Fiesta, potluck, Thanksgiving Feast, chili cook-off and a fish fry.

The Presbyterian Women continued to meet monthly in Sept. - May. The Bible study was Beth Moore's "A Heart Like His, a Study of David". They also continued in prayer, missions and fellowship. A Ladies Afternoon Tea was held for all the ladies of the congregation. The PW continued their support of all mission and other projects of the church.

The Wednesday Ladies Bible Study was held on Wednesday mornings at the church. The first Wednesday morning of each month was craft day. The Bible Study group read and studied Joyce Meyer's "Be Anxious for Nothing".

The Presbyterian Youth Fellowship continued to meet with youth from Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church/Statham and the Jefferson Church. Led by Kim Ward, the group met on Sunday nights for Bible Study and fellowship. God's Creation calendars were sold for a mission fundraiser, the group enjoyed going to laser tag, to the movies and hosted a fundraiser spaghetti lunch.

Terrific Tuesdays were begun during the summer months to have activities

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for the grade school children.

#### Church Special Seasons:

Easter Season was observed with an Easter Egg Hunt for the children, Easter Sunrise Service at the home of Betty Ann Russell, an Easter cantata by the Adult Choir and Easter lilies were provided in the sanctuary in honor of or in memory of loved ones or To The Glory of God.

Christmas Season started with our church becoming the relay center of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. The sanctuary was decorated with the traditional Chrismon Tree, wreaths and live poinsettias. Families lit the Advent wreath each Sunday and members brought gifts for the Angel Tree (for Come Alive Ministries families), and provided a "store" for the residents of Mulberry Grove Assisted Living Home. The Christmas special services were a Hanging of the Greens Service, Adult choir cantata, children's musical special, piano concert by Bradley Peppers and a Christmas Eve Service.

This history is compiled from the Sunday Worship Bulletins and is only an overview of the activities of this church

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Anne Gaw