

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINDER, GEORGIA

2007 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 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon M-F and also 1 :00 - 5:00 p.m. M-Th.

Regular worship hour on Sunday was 11 :00 a.m. changing to 10:00 a.m. during the summer months.

The church website, church family picture board and directory were updated and maintained. A new pictorial directory was being finalized.

A Congregational Meeting was held to present the 2007 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, and Rick Mechtly.

A Congregational Meeting was held on March 11 to elect Mary Johnson and Suzanne Webster as elders of the Class of 2009. Rick Mechtly rotated off the session"

The Session met once a month and as needed.

Presbytery meetings and workshops were attended.

Rev. Stan Sizemore, retired Presbyterian minister, filled in for Rev. Burnett during vacation times.

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

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

Our Daily Bread Devotionals were available to the congregation.

The church celebrated special wedding anniversaries with Brock and Fay Burnett and Ed and Marty Laird(60th).

A Camp Meeting/Hymn Sing took place during the summer followed by a luncheon.

A blood drive sponsored by Life Line Medical Screening was held at the church.

A showing of the movie "The Passion of Christ" was held at the church.

New members:

Beth and Brandon Cole

Births:

Anna Elizabeth Adams 4/13/07

Parents: Creighton and Thomas Adams

Stephen Carson Cole 5/14/07

Parents: Beth and Brandon Cole

Heather Marie Meikle 3/18/07

Parents: Samantha and Gary Meikle

Baptisms:

Stephen Carson Cole 7/15/07 Parents: Beth and Brandon Cole

Weddings:

Heidi Johnson and Jeff Borchers 5/5/07

Karen Tripp and Jerry Hood 5/12/07

Graduates:

High School - Bryan Broach

Ashley Thompson

Kristen Woodall

Kyle Domes

Trey Dobson

Other - Jasmine Blackwell

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

Come Alive Ministries - Hosted a benefit concert, supported Celebrate Life Banquet, recycled newspapers, offering, collecting needed items, collected change in "Baby Bottle Boomerang" program.

Local Food Pantry - "Souper Bowl" contest between members to bring in needed food for local food pantry, staffed pantry in July, brought food throughout the year.

Or. Koffi Taogbe - member who serves with the United Nations in war-torn

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areas of Africa.

He shared his experiences with the Adult Sunday School Class.

Recycled pop tops for chemo treatments for children.

Habitat for Humanity - Offering The group met at the church from time to time.

Safe Haven - Offering. The group met at the church from time to time.

Build Our Future - Offering for Presbyterian activities scholarships

Presbyterian Homes - Offering

African Palm Crosses - proceeds to help families in Tanzania, Africa.

Mexico Missions - Fundraiser Luncheon, offering

Peace Place

Highland House

Light Homeless Shelter

Georgia Presbyterian Cursillio - two members went to the retreat in

Clayton, Ga. and there was an alumni meeting at the church.

Farmer's market held in fellowship to share gardens crops with others.

The building and grounds were maintained. The building committee continued to meet. A lawn mowing schedule was posted on the bulletin board. A handicapped bathroom was added and the secretary's office moved into the library room. The bathroom addition was made possible by a donation from Dolores Bell. The addition was dedicated in November.

Sunday School continued with Adult Sunday classes at 11 :00 a.m. and children's at 10:00 a.m.

The music department continued to grow under the direction of Bradley Peppers. The Adult choir membership grew and continued to lead the congregation in the music worship. Concerts, cantatas and specials were enjoyed throughout the year.

Fellowship opportunities:

A Fall Leaf trip, an Atlanta Braves trip, saltshakers at the home of Ann Parker, trip to Abbeville, SC to see the play "Tuesdays with Morrie" and a fall festival at the home of Susan and Raymond Reynolds.

Covered dish luncheons continued with a Mexican Fiesta, chili cook-off, potluck, Thanksgiving Feast, spotlight on church cookbook, soup and sandwich fundraiser for youth, etc.

A Valentine's Party was held at the church.

Presbyterian Women met each month in Sept. - May. The group studied 1 John and Chronicles and enjoyed fellowship and continued prayer time and missions. Baby showers were hosted for Samantha and Gary Meikle, Creighton and Thomas Adams, and Brandon and Beth Cole. A trip to Athens to see members that had moved there. Took on the project of adding Chrisoms to the Chrismon tree. Kits for beaded Chrisoms were

bought and assembled, to be added to the already current felt ones. The PW continued their support of all mission and other projects of the church.

The Presbyterian Youth Fellowship continued to meet with youth from Jefferson church. Led by Kim Ward, they continued to meet on Sunday nights for Bible Study and fellowship. The group went to a Presbytery event at Rock Eagle, sponsored an Italian Lunch to raise money for missions, and participated in Youth Sunday in August.

Wacky Pack started to provide activities for grade school children. That included a field trip to the Reynolds farm, being bell ringers for the Salvation Army, and had brunch with Santa.

Church Special Seasons:

Easter Season began with an Easter Egg Hunt for the children, an Easter Sunrise Service at the home of Betty Arm Russell, Easter Cantata by the choir and director and Easter lilies were provided in honor of or in memory of loved ones or To The Glory of God.

Christmas Season began with the church being the local relay center for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. The sanctuary was decorated with the traditional Christmas Tree, wreaths and live poinsettias. Families lit the Advent Wreath each Sunday, members brought gifts for the Angel Tree (for Come Alive Ministries families), a Christmas "store" was provided to the residents of the Mulberry Grove Assisted Living Adult Choir Christmas Cantata presented, piano concert by Bradley Peppers was held and a Christmas Eve Service held.

This history was compiled from the Sunday Worship Bulletins and is meant to be only as an overview of the activities of this church.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Anne Gaw