

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WINDER, GEORGIA

2009 CHURCH HISTORY

Staff:

Rev. R. Brock Burnett - Pastor  
Bradley Peppers - Director of Music Ministries  
Kathy Woodall - Secretary  
Cathy Ashley - Nursery Attendant and Janitor  
Johnie Wendel - Church Greeter  
Rodney Broach - Treasurer  
Mary Anne Gaw - Presbyterian Women Director

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

A church website was maintained, the directory and church family picture board was updated.

A bulletin board displaying loved ones in the military was established.

A Congregational Meeting was held on *1/11/09* to present the 2009 budget and vote on the pastor's terms of call.

The Session Members as January 1 were elders Vance Hunter, Mary Johson. Suzanne Webster. Alan Toliver and Rick Mechtly.

A Congregational Meeting was held on *4/26/09* to elect Cathy Schrage and Vance Hunter to fill expired terms of elders. Mary Johnson rotated off the session.

The Session met once a month and as needed.

Presbytery meetings and workshops were attended.

Filling in for Rev. Burnett during vacation times:

Rev. Stan Sizemore - retired Presbyterian minister

Michael DeLoach - Gideon International

Also the NE Ga. Presbytery requested that our church be used twice by candidates that were being interviewed for calling to specific churches.

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

A Communion Set was donated to Kimberly and Aaron Reignier, missionaries to Uganda. Kimberly is the daughter of Mary Johnson. The congregation was shown a film of conditions in Uganda.

• A Camp Meeting/Hymn Sing was held in the summer followed by a cookout,

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.

A community-wide "Every Women's Bible Study" was held at our church on Thursday mornings.

New members:

Sid and Shelby Griffin 3/29/09  
Steven and Cheryl Maples 3/29/09  
Dale and Ruth Vetrovsky 3/29/09  
Tom and Jesse Siegrist 3/29/09  
Shirley Casey by transfer of letter

Births:

Ava Makenzie Cole 2/14/09 Parents: Nathan and Beth Cole

Baptisms:

Mily Siegrist 3/29/09  
Shae Siegrist 3/29/09  
Gene Chambers 10/11/09  
Jordan Maher Magness - Infant 9/11/09 Parents: Garth and Danielle Magness

Deaths:

Charles Mensenger - February, 2009  
Dirjke Oortman - December, 2009

Graduates:

High School - Brandon Hunter  
Katie Mechtly  
Beau Parrish  
Rob Russell  
College - Will Broach  
Bradley Peppers  
Rachel Deal  
Other - Kristen Woodall  
Darlene Shireman

The First Presbyterian Church participates in the following missions by either offerings, donation of needed items, time and prayer:

- Habitat for Humanity - recycled cans
- Local Food Pantry - "Sou per Bowl" Contest between congregation to bring needed food in for the pantry, staffed pantry in July, collected food throughout the year, change jar in narthex to be donated to the food pantry
- Samaritan's Purse - served as relay center for the Operational Christmas Child program, offerings
- Tree House
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Georgia Presbyterian Cursillo
- School supplies collected for needy children in Barrow County
- Gideon International
- Build a wheel chair ramp at member's residence
- Money donated to local family after losing home in flood
- Money donated to purchase solar cooking kits to be sent to Darfur, Africa
- Local Homeless Shelter
- Clothes Closet
- Ronald McDonald House - recycled pop tabs
- Come Alive Ministries - recycled newspapers, hosted benefit concert, supported the Celebrate Life Banquet, collect change for the "Baby Bottle Boomerang" program, donated items
- Farmer's Market set up in fellowship hall to share garden crops with others

Our Sunday School program continued with an Adult class at 10:00 a.m. and a children's class at 11 :00. Some of the topics for the Adult Class were "Biblical Israel, Contemporary Israel, Are They are the Same?", a Mayberry film and discussion series, and "The Anatomy of Salvation"(taught by Paul Innechen.

Bradley Peppers continued to lead the music of our church by directing the adult choir, handbell choir, performing solos and concerts, leading special music which included cantatas. A children's choir was formed and a children's summer music camp was held during July.

The building and grounds were maintained.  
Lawn mowing schedule posted on board. A motion detector/light was installed at the church entrance,

Fellowship Opportunities:  
Men's Breakfast was held from time to time.

Covered Dish luncheons were held which included potluck, church cookbook spotlight, Thanksgiving Feast. A Fall Leaf trtp, church picnic at the Parrish farm and saltshakers at the home of Mary and George Johnson were some of the activities enjoyed.

The Presbyterian Women continued to meet each month for Bible Study,

prayer, projects and fellowship. A baby shower for Daniene and Garth Magness was held at church. A night meeting for the ladies was held several months. The PW continued their support of an mission and other projects of the church.

A Wednesday Ladies Bible Study/Craft day was held each Wednesday at the church. The first Wednesday was craft day and the Bible Study was "What's So Amazing about Grace?" by Philip Yancey.

Wacky Pack met from time to time allowing activities for grade school children. They hosted the Mother's Day Brunch, participated in Sou per Sub sale, trick or treat for can goods for local food pantry, corn maze trip and brunch with Santa.

The Presbyterian Youth met for Bible study and fellowship. They provided baby sitting services, enjoyed lock-ins, participated in trick or treat for can food for food pantry and Jekyll Island Youth Conference.

#### Church Seasons:

Easter season was observed with an Easter Egg hunt for the children, a Sunrise Service at the home of Betty Ann Russell, an Adult Easter Cantata, a Good Friday Service held and Easter lilies placed in sanctuary in memory of or in honor of loved ones or To The Glory of God.

Christmas began with serving as the relay center for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. A Christmas "mailbox" was started for members to send cards to each other stamp free. The church sanctuary was decorated with the traditional Chrismon Tree, wreaths and live poinsettias. Families lit the Advent wreath each Sunday, members brought gifts for the Angel Tree (for local families), a Christmas Store for the residents of Mulberry Grove Assisted Living was by our church, an Adult Christmas Cantata program was held, a children's special presented and a Christmas Eve Service was held.

This history was compiled using the Sunday worship bulletins and is only an overview of the activities of this church.

Respectively submitted:

Mary Anne Gaw