

## WINDER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### History of Ladies Auxiliary

1940-1948

And Women Of The Church 1949-1970

We have grown spiritually; we have more than doubled our number of Daily Bible Readers; we have organized a Prayer Band; we have enlisted more women in active service, we have done more for the needy around us and we have helped to improve our Church".

Those 18 ladies taught Sunday School, held meetings for the youth, had vacation Bible School for white children and later black children of the community. They organized the women of Bush Chapel and White Oak Baptist Church. They studied the Bible and prayed for guidance. A prayer objective was chosen for each month.

Monthly meetings were held and Bible study plus a guest speaker enjoyed Church suppers and food for the needy were prepared frequently. Flowers, food, cards and visits were given in times of sickness and bereavement.

Cleaning, painting, sewing and decorating was on the agenda, for the ladies services. Pantry showers were given for the new pastor and his family. Yard work and nursery duty done. The Joy Gift-funds for elderly pastors-was a special part of the Christmas season. Also a program, decorations, Tree, gifts and party.

Membership reached 33 and a lot of interest in missions. The women started "Blessing Boxes" for personal saving toward missions. Annual Birthday Party also created interest in mission giving. The White Cross was a good activity for the women. They gathered together to sew hospital gowns, baby blankets, and roll sheet strips for bandages to send overseas. Clothes were gathered, mended and given to the needy of the community, along with boxes of food

In 1966, the W.O.C. membership was 55 with half the members being very active. Always new doors opened for growth.

Thornwell Orphanage and the local schools were helped with clothing and other needs of children. Foreign Missions giving increased A Week of Prayer and Self-Denial became a part of the worship.

Some great joy was in the gifts to graduates, brides, new babies and shut-ins. An Easter Egg hunt became a part of the church activities with the ladies help. Fresh flowers were furnished each Sunday Service, mostly from family gardens. A

girl Scout Troop was sponsored by a circle and led by a member. The girls often helped in nursery duty and other projects.

Prayer was begun for guidance, for land and the building programs.

Names of former presidents are:

Mrs. John R  
Smith  
Mrs. Guy Ouzts  
Mrs. R L. Russell  
Mrs. S. W. Draper  
Mrs. Jim Griffeth,  
Jr.  
Mrs. I. D. Withers  
Mrs. T. C.  
Maginnis  
Mrs. Alex B.  
Russell  
Mrs. John Morris  
Mrs. Walter Perry  
Mrs. Richard Russell,  
III  
Mrs. Garland  
Disharoon  
Mrs. R. F. Graves  
Mrs. David Krueger

"Our prayer is to do more for others and for spiritual advancement within ourselves".

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