

HISTORY
OF
ALTAMA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA

Savannah Presbytery

Savannah Presbytery
Altama Presbyterian Church
Brunswick, Georgia

In the early 1960's the Rev. Robert L. McBath, pastor, and the session of First Presbyterian Church of Brunswick, Georgia, saw the need for another church in this area. Mr. Fred E. Smith gave property on the Jesup Highway for a new church, but later it was determined that the need was greater in the North Brunswick area, so that property was sold. However, the idea and interest grew.

On January 22, 1968, the First Presbyterian Church called a meeting of all persons interested in the development of a new congregation in North Brunswick. The meeting was called to define plans and determine interest in the project before starting services. A local planning committee named by the session was composed of; Vernon Evans, D. R. Rozier, Howard J. Brown, Mrs. James L. Jones, Eric Tiller, Charlie George, Joe Blackstock, Hubert Whiddon, Jr., and the Rev. Ben Moore. Hubert Whiddon, Jr., represented the Jekyll Community Presbyterian Church and Rev. Ben Moore the St. Simons Presbyterian Church.

Plans were completed and the committee set initial services for Sunday February 4, 1968 at 9:45 a.m. at the Gibson-Hart Durden Funeral Home on Altama Avenue, with pre-school care to be provided in the Lanier room of the First Federal Savings and Loan building. Eric Tiller served as temporary treasurer of the new congregation and Roscoe Odum headed the usher corps. The Rev. Dan Thomas, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church agreed to preach at these services

and otherwise counsel with the Chapel until a permanent pastor could be obtained. The temporary name selected was Altama Presbyterian Chapel. These services were a culmination of joint efforts by the First Presbyterian Church and the Church Extension Committee of Savannah Presbytery. These included a survey of the area made three years ago, and the purchase of a building site on Altama Avenue and Cypress Mill Road, as concrete developments of an idea under consideration for several years.

The initial service held on February 4, 1968 was attended by approximately seventy persons, the colonizing group from First Presbyterian Church, and was the culmination of several months of planning by the committee, named by the session of First Church. At this first service the Rev. F. Clyde Pratt, Executive Secretary of Savannah Presbytery, brought greetings to the new congregation, and joined in administering the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, with the Rev. Dan Thomas, pastor of First Church. Hymnals, a baptismal bowl, and a communion set from the recently dissolved Bona Bella Presbyterian Church in Savannah are being used by the new congregation. At this service, Elizabeth Sinkhorn was baptised and became a communing member of the First Church.

On March 9, 1968, church school classes were initiated at 11:00 a.m., held in facilities of the College Place Methodist Church on Altama Avenue. Charged with overseeing the educational program was a committee composed of Charlie George and Hubert Whiddon, Jr. Those persons enlisted to teach in the Altama congregation classes were: Mrs. T. C. Batten, Jack Gehringer, Mrs. Vernon Evans, Mrs. Roscoe Odum,

Mrs. Will Miller, Mrs. Raymond Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. John Sinkhorn. Joe Blackstock was named church school superintendent.

Presbytery called the Rev. Scott Poole as organizing minister and on August 10, 1968, he began his ministry with Altama Chapel, coming here from West New Bern Presbyterian Church in North Carolina, accompanied by his wife, Rosalie, and two sons, Scotty 12, and Peter 9. Rev. Poole is a native of Troy, North Carolina.

When Savannah Presbytery met in Brunswick on April 15, 1969, the Altama congregation petitioned Presbytery for organization into a church. The petitioners consisted of those who wished to be a part of the new church. New members were received as members of First Church until the Chapel was organized into a church.

At a congregational meeting held April 20, 1969, members of Altama Chapel prepared for organization as a new church. An elections committee including Gerald Thompson, Chairman; Mrs. Howard Brown, Mrs. Vernon Evans, Peter George, Miss Dee Rozier, and Grant Gehringer, was named to make recommendations on the number and kinds of officers. This committee was also asked to serve as the nominating committee..

On April 27, 1969, the congregation voted to name the church the Altama Presbyterian Church.

On May 4, 1969, the Altama Presbyterian Church was formally organized with 97 charter members, with nine petitioners waiting to be received. A commission from Savannah Presbytery constituting the church included the Rev. F. Clyde Pratt, Executive Secretary of Savannah Presbytery, presiding; Rev. Edgar Byers, pastor of Hinesville Presbyterian

Church; Rev. Alden T. Cowen, pastor of Douglas Presbyterian Church; Rev. Ben Moore, pastor of St. Simons Presbyterian Church; Rev. Dan Thomas, pastor of Brunswick First Presbyterian Church; and Elders Bowen Jones of Chapel-in-the-Gardens, Savannah; M. T. McGoogan of Waycross.

At a congregational meeting following the organizational meeting the following Elders were elected; Howard J. Brown, D. R. Rozier, Vernon Evans, Joe Blackstock, Edward Colley, and Roscoe Odum. Vernon Evans was named Clerk of the Session. Deacons elected were T. C. Batten, C. P. George, Charlie George, John Sinkhorn, Gerald Thompson, and Eric Tiller. Treasurer elected was Eric Tiller. Trustees elected were Edward Colley, D. R. Rozier, and Eric Tiller.

Following is a list of charter members.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lamar Alexander

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Batten

Mr. and Mrs. Joe N. Blackstock

David Blackstock

Joe N. Blackstock, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Brodmerkel, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Brown

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Colley

Miss Deborah Colley

Harry Colley

Miss Cheryl Colley

Dr. William P. Drew

Mrs. Charles E. Edgy

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Evans

Jack Evans

Miss Pam Evans

Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Gehringer

Grant Gehringer

Miss Susan Gehringer

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie D. George

Mr. and Mrs. Peter George

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Harrison

Mr. and Mrs. Milton W. Higginbotham, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Hunt

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Jones

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Joris

Scott Joris

Peter Joris

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford J. Knowlton

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Manning

Lt. and Mrs. Lynn C. Mayfield

Mr. and Mrs. Will O. Miller, Jr.

Mr. Harrell G. Myers

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Odum

Miss Carol Ann Odum

Mrs. James H. Perry

Mrs. Scott M. Poole

Scott M. Poole, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Rozier

Miss Dee Rozier

David Rozier

Mrs. Robert Rash

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Sinkhorn

Miss Elizabeth Sinkhorn

John T. Sinkhorn

Mr. Joseph W. Taylor
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Thompson
Mr. and Mrs. Eric Tiller, Jr
Mr. and Mrs. David Walker
Mr. and Mrs. John Wiley
Miss Donna Wiley
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Williams
Harold Williams
Mr. Charles Edgy
Tim Batten
Bobby Alexander
Mr. Wilbur Hopkins
Mrs. Alice T. Langford
Keith Miller
Peter Poole
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Steach
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Sutton
Mrs. Dorothy Thomas
Mr. and Mrs. E. Lamar Thompson, Jr.
Mrs. James Whitted
Terry Whitted
Mrs. Gayle Rogers
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Jordan

On May 4, 1969 the congregation authorized the nominating committee to nominate a pastor, and on May 25, 1969 a motion was made by the nominating committee that the Rev. Scott M. Poole be issued a call to serve as permanent pastor of Altama Presbyterian Church. Motion was carried unanimously. The congregation authorized the nominating committee to sign the call.

On May 25, 1969 the trustees were authorized to purchase a manse, and later the purchase was made. The manse is located at 150 Fairway Oaks Drive, Brunswick, Georgia.

On September 7, 1969 the service of installation of Rev. Scott M. Poole was held at the Gibson-Hart Durden Chapel. The appointed commission members were J. D. Compton, Vernon Evans, Clair Jones, Rev. F. Clyde Pratt, Rev. Dan Thomas, D. R. Rozier, and Rev. Charlie Shedd. Rev. Charlie Shedd, pastor of the Jekyll Community Presbyterian Church preached the sermon.

Following the installation service a reception was held in the Lanier room of the First Federal Savings and Loan building on Altama Avenue.

Officers elected later were Milton Higginbotham, Deacon, on October 19, 1969; Charlie D. George, Elder, on December 14, 1969.

On November 12, 1969 Lamar Alexander was appointed to serve as superintendent of the church school with Vernon Evans, assistant.

In October 1968 the Women of Altama Chapel were organized as a circle apart, but still a part of First Presbyterian Church. Officers of Altama Circle were Mrs. Howard Brown, Chairman; Mrs. Vernon Evans, Co-Chairman; Mrs. James L. Jones, Moderator; Mrs. Joe Blackstock, Social Chairman. Membership included all the women of Altama Chapel.

In October 1969 the Women of Altama Presbyterian Church were organized and officers elected as follows: Mrs. Joe Blackstock, President; Mrs. D. R. Rozier, vice President; Mrs. Scott Poole, Moderator; Mrs. John Wiley, Secretary; Mrs. Roscoe Odum, Treasurer; Mrs. Howard J. Brown, Historian;

Mrs. James L. Jones, Personal Faith and Family Life; Mrs. Norman Stevens, Ecumenical Missions and Relations; Mrs. Vernon Evans, Christian Community Action; Mrs. W. O. Miller, Leadership and Resources; Mrs. John Sinkhorn, Columbia Friendship Circle; Mrs. Lamar Alexander and Mrs. Gerald Thompson, Social Activities.

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In December, 1969 Mrs. Joe Blackstock moved away and Mrs. D. R. Rozier took her place as president, with Mrs. Roscoe Odum as vice president.

Mrs. Howard J. Brown

Mrs. Howard J. Brown, Historian

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January 1, 1971 found Altama Presbyterian Church still having worship services in the chapel of the Gibson Hart Durden funeral home, with church school at the College Place Methodist Church.

During the year, though the money market was such that we could not undertake building, work went forward on plans for a church building. The building plans committee and the architects, Schlosser and Miller, Inc., continued to work on and revise plans. Working drawings were completed and the job opened for bids.

At the end of the year, Altama Church reported to Presbytery a membership of 123 communicant members, with 9 added on profession of faith, 5 added on reaffirmation of faith, and 17 on certificate. Twenty-two were placed on the inactive list. There were 5 infant baptisms.

The Church School enrolment is 162, with an average attendance of 88.

Our benevolent giving for the year was \$ 3,274.

Ruling elders are Milton Higginbotham, Roscoe Odum, Vernon Evans, Randy Rozier, Ed Colley and Howard Brown.

Deacons are Clifford J. Knowlton, Gerald Thompson, Ronald Sutton, John Sinkhorn, Lamar Alexander and Sam McDuffy.

Trustees are Hal Myers, Ed Colley and Randy Rozier.

Summer studies for all members of the church were held at the Shrine Club during July.

At intervals during the year, the pastor, the Rev. Scott Poole, held classes for new and prospective members.

In May, Mrs. James L. Jones attended a workshop in Montreat, as a member of the church council of Savannah Presbytery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Alexander and the pastor participated in the regional church school administration workshop in Montreat in June.

Our Loyalty dinner was held at First Presbyterian Church November 5.

On December 2, 1970 the men of the church were officially organized, and the following officers elected; Leonard Ford, president; Ronald Sutton, vice-president and program chairman; Howard Brown, secretary and treasurer; Committee members named are; Dr. William P. Drew, Randy Rozier, Tom Lee. Meetings are to be held monthly.

The Women of Altama Presbyterian Church are organized as follows; Mrs. Randy Rozier, president; Mrs. Roscoe Odum, vice-president; Mrs. John Wiley, secretary; Mrs. Roscoe Odum, treasurer; Mrs. Howard Brown, historian; Mrs. James L. Jones, personal faith and family life; Mrs. Norman Stevens, ecumenical missions and relations; Mrs. Vernon Evans, christian community action; Mrs. W. O. Miller, leadership and resources; Mrs. John Sinkhorn, columbia friendship circle; Mrs. Howard Brown, social activities;

Mrs. Gerald Thompson, chairman circle 1; Mrs. Arelia
Morrow, chairman circle 2.

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Historian

SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY
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IN 1971 ALTAMA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MOVED AHEAD WITH ITS PURPOSE OF SERVING CHRIST IN ITS COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD.

THE BUILDING PLANS COMMITTEE WORKED DILIGENTLY TO FORMULATE AND CARRY OUT PLANS FOR A NEW BUILDING.

ON FEBRUARY 14 THE CONGREGATION AUTHORIZED A FURNISHINGS COMMITTEE, COMPOSED OF CLIFFORD J. KNOWLTON, VERNON EVANS, RAYMOND HARRISON, ROSCOE ODUM, NORMAN STEVENS, LAMAR ALEXANDER, DOROTHY THOMAS, BILL POPPINEAU, GAYLE LEE, DANNY MORROW, MARTIN REISER, AND EDDIE WATERS, TO LIST AND SPECIFY PRIORITIES FOR FURNISHINGS, SUPPLIES AND GROUNDS, TO RAISE AND APPLY SPECIAL FUNDS TOWARD THESE NEEDS, AND TO COOPERATE WITH DEACONS IN SUPPLYING LABOR GIFTS TO READY THE BUILDING FOR USE.

ON MARCH 28, GROUND WAS BROKEN FOR BRUNSWICK'S NEWEST CHURCH FACILITY FOLLOWING AND AS A PART OF THE REGULAR WORSHIP OF ALTAMA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

THE NEW CONGREGATION, SPONSORED BY THE SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY AND BRUNSWICK'S FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HAS BEEN USING GIBSON-HART-DURDEN CHAPEL FOR ITS REGULAR 9:45 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE. COLLEGE PLACE METHODIST CHURCH HAS BEEN MAKING AVAILABLE ITS EDUCATIONAL WING AT 11:00 A.M., WHILE ITS CONGREGATION HAS ITS REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICE.

THE NEW CHURCH FACILITY WILL HOUSE FACILITIES FOR WORSHIP, EDUCATION, ADMINISTRATION AND RECREATION, AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY USE AS WELL AS FOR THE CONGREGATION.

THE FIRM OF SCHLOSSER AND MILLER, INC., HAS USED AN UPSWEPT ROOF DESIGN SUGGESTIVE OF PRAYING HANDS. GENERAL CONTRACTOR WAS WATSON AND YEARGAN, INC., WITH ELECTRICAL WORK BY MCINNIS ELECTRICAL CO. HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING WAS BY SHEAROUSE HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING, INC., AND PLUMBING BY CREWS PLUMBING AND HEATING CO. B & W CONSTRUCTION CO. WAS IN CHARGE OF FILLING AND GRADING THE CHURCH SITE ON ALTAMA AVENUE.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRADES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK, WHOSE SERVICES THE CONGREGATION IS USING, WERE PRESENT. ALSO ATTENDING THE GROUND BREAKING, WERE THE REV. CLYDE PRATT, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY, MAYOR RALPH CROFT, AND CITY MANAGER J. E. HULSE, JR.

TOM LEE SERVES AS ATTORNEY IN THE MATTERS OF LOANS, ETC.

IN MAY, LAMAR ALEXANDER, LOUISE CHEVES, JANICE JONES, AND JEWEL HIGGINBOTHAM PARTICIPATED IN A DEMONSTRATION WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS AND PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS, HELD IN SAVANNAH.

SUMMER STUDIES WERE HELD EACH TUESDAY EVENING IN JULY AT COLLEGE PLACE METHODIST CHURCH, WITH AN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF SEVENTY.

THE ANNUAL LOYALTY DINNER WAS HELD AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OCTOBER 28.

IN MAY, MARY ROZIER AND ROSALIE POOLE ATTENDED A CHURCH TRAINING SESSION FOR WOMEN OF THE CHURCH, AT ST. SIMONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

ON NOVEMBER 28 AT 3:00 P.M., ALTAMA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CELEBRATED THE CONSECRATION OF ITS NEW FIRST BUILDING UNIT, LOCATED AT 4621 ALTAMA AVENUE. THE FACILITY IS THE FIRST OF THREE UNITS IN A MASTER PLAN DESIGNED BY SCHLOSSER AND MILLER, INC., OF BRUNSWICK. THE FIRST

UNIT GREW OUT OF THREE YEARS OF RESEARCH BY THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH WHO RAISED AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MEANING OF WORSHIP AND THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH'S MISSION IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD.

ELDER HOWARD BROWN SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE, ELDER RANDY ROZIER AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND EDDIE WATERS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FURNISHINGS COMMITTEE.

THE NEW FACILITY HOUSES CHAPEL AND FELLOWSHIP HALL, KITCHEN, CLASSROOMS, RESTROOMS, AND MECHANICAL ROOM, ALL WITH MULTIPLE USE FLEXIBILITY.

THE PROGRAM FOR THE CONSECRATION SERVICE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

INVOCATION.....REV. CLYDE C. PRATT
RESPONSIVE READING.....REV. JACK WARNER
ACTS OF CONSECRATION.....REV. DANIEL R. THOMAS
DECLARATION OF CONSECRATION.....REV. SCOTT POOLE
SERMON "THE CHURCH, A UNIQUE COMMUNITY".....REV. LESLIE THOMPSON
ORGANIST.....RAY McDONALD

REV. THOMPSON IS A FORMER PASTOR OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NOW LIVING IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA.

THE ORGAN WAS GIVEN BY COMMANDER AND MRS. DAVID MORROW, IN MEMORY OF THEIR SON, DAVID, JR.

ON NOVEMBER 28 THROUGH 30, EVANGELISTIC SERVICES WERE HELD IN THE NEW CHURCH, LED BY THE REV. ROBERT L. MCBATH OF EAST POINT, GEORGIA, ANOTHER FORMER PASTOR OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

THE SESSION, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CHURCH, HAS STATED THAT NO ONE WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD AT THE NEW FACILITY,

ON GROUNDS OF RACE, COLOR, CLASS, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

AT THE END OF THE YEAR ALTAMA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH REPORTED TO PRESBYTERY A MEMBERSHIP OF 128 COMMUNICANT MEMBERS, WITH FOUR ADDED ON PROFESSION OF FAITH, NINE ADDED ON CERTIFICATION, AND NINE DISMISSED TO OTHER CHURCHES. THERE WERE TWO ADULT AND THREE INFANT BAPTISMS.

RULING ELDERS AT THE END OF THE YEAR ARE MILTON HIGGINBOTHAM, TOM LEE, VERNON EVANS, RANDY ROZIER, ED COLLEY AND NORMAN W. STEVENS.

DEACONS AT THE END OF THE YEAR ARE RONALD SUTTON, GERALD THOMPSON, JOHN SINKHORN, LAMAR ALEXANDER, CLIFFORD J. KNOWLTON AND RAY HARRISON.

TRUSTEES ARE HAL MYERS, ED COLLEY AND RANDY ROZIER.

PERSONNEL REPORT FOR 1971

PASTOR: SCOTT M. POOLE

CHURCH TREASURER: SAM MCDUFFIE

CLERK OF THE SESSION: VERNON EVANS

CHMN., BOARD OF DEACONS: RONALD SUTTON

PRESIDENT, MEN OF THE CHURCH: TOM LEE

PRESIDENT, WOMEN OF THE CHURCH: MRS. LAMAR ALEXANDER

CHMN., YOUTH COUNCIL: SCOTTY POOLE

CHMN., WORSHIP COMMITTEE: NORMAN W. STEVENS

KEY PERSON IN MUSIC: RAY McDONALD

CHMN., COMMITMENT: ED COLLEY

VOCATIONAL AIDE: ROSCOE ODUM

CHMN., STEWARDSHIP: JOHN L. SINKHORN

CHMN., WITNESS: MILTON HIGGINBOTHAM

CHMN., SERVICE: TOM LEE

CHMN., STRENGTHENING: RANDY ROZIER

CHMN., HOME AND FAMILY NURTURE: MRS. TOM LEE

CHMN., LEADERSHIP TRAINING: RANDY ROZIER

CHURCH SCHOOL SUPT.: LAMAR ALEXANDER

THE OFFICERS OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRESIDENT.....MRS. LAMAR ALEXANDER

VICE PRESIDENT.....MRS. GERALD THOMPSON

SECRETARY.....MRS. JANICE P. JONES

TREASURER.....MISS LOUISE CHEVES

HISTORIAN.....MRS. HOWARD J. BROWN

CIRCLE CHMN.,MRS. ROSCOE ODUM

PERSONAL FAITH AND FAMILY LIFE.....MRS. TOM LEE

ECUMENICAL MISSIONS AND RELATIONS.....MRS. SCOTT POOLE

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ACTION.....MRS. RANDY ROZIER

LEADERSHIP AND RESOURCES.....MRS. JOHN WILEY

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.....MRS. GEORGE HOLT

COLUMBIA FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE.....MRS. JANICE P. JONES

BESIDES PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES AND GROWTH OF THE CHURCH,

THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH HAVE MET ALL ASSIGNED QUOTOS.

Mrs. Howard J. Brown

MRS. HOWARD J. BROWN

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In 1972 Altama Presbyterian Church continued to move forward with it's covenant purpose of serving Christ in it's community and the world. Membership in the church is open to all who wish to serve Christ by beginning or continuing the Christian life with God's help.

Some significant accomplishments during 1972:

Helped sponsor the release and rehabilitation of a prisoner from Chino State Penitentiary, California. He had not seen his daughter who lives in Brunswick for twenty years. He got a job locally.

Increased benevolences by 20% over the prior year.

Sponsored a Senior Girl Scout Troop led by Mrs. Ed Colley of the church.

Set a goal of becomming self-sufficient by January 1, 1975.

The Session instituted a monthly evening worship service for those who can't worship in the morning.

The congregation had a part in budget study and planning for 1973. At the Loyalty Dinner during stewardship season, small groups discussed the 1972 budget. stewardship ideas, and envisioned needs for 1973. The budget committee used ideas from the small groups.

Participated in Community Christmas, a co-operative program by local churches to help the underpriviledged at Christmas.

Began an evening youth program for Junior High Pioneers and Senior High Fellowship.

During the Stewardship Season in November the every member

canvass was held. The Council members were:

Chairman: George Holt

Chairman Literature and Public Relations: Mrs. Janice Jones

Chairman Training and Visitation: Milton Higginbotham

Chairman Loyalty Dinner: Howard J. Brown

The Theme of the program was "Walk Together" In Joy, In Concern, In Sharing, In Training.

In January we were fortunate in having Clarence Durham visit our church. He does Evangelistic work in Soonchun, Korea, is Director of the Rehabilitation Hospital and Wilson Leprosy Center there. His personal visit helped us to visualize the vast team work being done by the people of God faithful to His command, "Go, make disciples of all nations".

The annual Summer Studies program was held on the four Wednesdays in July. There was an average attendance of 60.

Those who served as leaders were:

Director: Lamar Alexander

Music and crafts: Sharon Waters

Audio Visual: James L. Jones

Refreshments: Women of the Church

Adult Teachers: Mrs. Scott Poole, Randy Rozier, and
Vernon Evans

Senior High Teachers: Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs.
Tom Lee

Junior High Teachers: Jerry Knowlton, John Sinkhorn, Mr.
and Mrs. Ragsdale

Grades four to six: Mr. and Mrs. George Holt

Grades one to three: Elizabeth Sinkhorn, Mr. and Mrs. Brad
Simpson

Four and five year olds: Deborah Colley and Mrs. Gerald Thompson

One to three year olds: Mrs. Chilson, Mrs. Rozier, Dee Rozier, and Mrs. T. J. Hart

There was an average attendance of 60.

In September a nominating Committee was elected to serve for one year, composed of one Elder: Ed Colley, one deacon: Ray Harrison, One Woman of the Church: Mrs. Lamar Alexander, one youth: Laurie Hill, one member at large: Mrs. Scott Poole.

Church Officers for 1973:

The Session:

Scott M. Poole, Moderator

Church Treasurer: Mrs. Roscoe Odum

Clerk: Vernon Evans

Commitment Chairman: W. Lamar Alexander

Service Chairman: Tom Lee

Worship Chairman: Norman W. Stevens

Witness Chairman: Milton Higginbotham

Strengthening the Church Chairman: Charlie George

The Diaconate:

Board Chairman: W. Ron Sutton

Board Vice Chairman: Ray Harrison

Secretary: Mrs. T. J. Hart

Chairman of Offering collections and accounting, and Ushering:

Eddie Waters

Gerald Thompson

At the end of the year Altama Presbyterian Church reported

to Presbytery a membership of 160 communicant member.

Added on profession of Faith....8

Added on reaffirmation.....2

Added by certificate.....26

Dismissed to other churches.....4

There were three adult baptisms and eight infant baptisms.

Church School enrollment is 133.

Minister: Mr. James E. Jones

Treasurer: Mr. Leslie Coleman

Historian: Mr. David J. Brown

Active participation in the activities and growth of the

Church, the work of the Church was all-around good.

Respectfully submitted

Mr. David J. Brown

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Historian

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Officers of the Women of the Church:

President: Mrs. T. J. Hart

Vice President: Mrs. Gerald Thompson

Personal Faith and Family Life: Mrs. Tom Lee

Christian Community Action: Mrs. Randy Rozier

Ecumenical Mission and Relations: Mrs. Scott Poole

Leadership and Resources: Mrs. Ray Harrison

Secretary: Mrs. Janice P. Jones

Treasurer: Mrs. Louise Tostensen

Historian: Mrs. Howard J. Brown

Besides participating in the activities and growth of the church, the Women of the Church met all assigned quotas.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. Howard J. Brown

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Our permanent goal for 1973, as it has been each year, was to serve Christ at home and beyond.

At the end of this year, we sadly acknowledge the passing of one of the leading men and charter members of our Church, Mr. Howard J. Brown.

In the early part of 1973, a great deal of progress was made by various members of the congregation in the area of landscaping and grounds work, with Raymond Harrison in charge. A variety of trees and shrubbery were planted.

On February 4, Altama Presbyterian Church was privileged to hear PCUS missionary, Rev. Charles Alexander of Fortaleza, Brazil.

In helping adults and young adults to avoid a static religious life, and strengthen their Biblical knowledge, Systematic Study was offered at the Church School hour. "Christians in Families" was studied by the Adult Sunday School Class.

In April, 1973, the Session approved plans for a Weekday Kindergarten in the Church. It is now functioning well, with a teaching staff of three and a full enrollment of 54 pupils.

The Women of the Church have rendered service this year by participating with other churches in Key 73 Scripture distribution, providing transportation to camp, by being represented at the Planning & Research Committee, and by making drapes for the Sanctuary.

In the latter part of the year, the hour of worship was changed from 9:45 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. and, consequently, Church School from 11:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M.

In the Session's Annual Statistical Report for the General Assembly, Year Ending Dec. 31, 1973, Altama Presbyterian Church reported a total of 188 communicants.

Added on Profession of Faith. 13

Added on Reaffirmation 9

Added by Certificate 19

Losses (by death, dismissal to another
church, or inactive). 13

Ten adults and four infants were baptized. The total Church School enrollment was 149.

Church Officers for 1974:

The Session:

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Church Treasurer: Mrs. Roscoe Odum

Clerk: Vernon W. Evans

Commitment Chairman: W. Lamar Alexander

Service Chairman: Raymond Harrison

Worship Chairman: Norman W. Stevens

Witness Chairman: Tom Lee

Strengthening the Church Chairman: Charlie George

The Diaconate:

Board Chairman: George Holt

Board Vice Chairman: Eddie Waters

Secretary: Mrs. T. J. Hart

General Committees:

Usher Captain: Jerry Jones

Stewardship & Finance: Gerry Blakeborough

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Building & Grounds: Eddie Waters

Fellowship & Service: Mary Hart

Officers of the Men of the Church:

President: Jim McIntire

Vice President: Bob Standley

Secretary-Treasurer: Carroll Craig

Officers of the Women of the Church:

President: Mary Hart

Vice President: Gail Lee

Secretary-Historian: Patty McIntire

Treasurer: Louise Tostensen

Personal Faith and Family Life: Marg Evans

Christian Community Action: Mary Rozier

Ecumenical Mission and Relations: Mary Standley

Leadership and Resources: Clara Harrison

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. James M. McIntire
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Secretary-Historian

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Our permanent goal for Altama Presbyterian Church continues to be that of serving Christ both at home and beyond. 1974 was an eventful year for our church, and following are a few of the highlights of the year:

The year 1974 was started at Altama Presbyterian Church with the knowledge that Naval Air Station Glynco would be closed by year end. The impact of the base closure was difficult to assess, initially, but as the year wore on, we were able more accurately to determine it. This closing we feel in retrospect is only a temporary set-back to the continued growth of our church.

The church now sponsors a Cub Pack (Leonard Vsetecka, Cubmaster) and a Boy Scout Troop (Scott Dey, Scoutmaster). Mr. Eddie Waters of our congregation was appointed Institutional Representative and was instrumental in getting the church to sponsor these boys. Both organizations are open to all boys of the community who qualify age-wise.

In the early Spring of 1974, at a congregational meeting, a motion was made and seconded that a Building Feasibility Committee be established for the purpose of studying the possibility of constructing a new educational building. Jim McIntire was elected to serve as chairman of the committee and after a series of meetings were held from April through July, it was concluded that such an undertaking was not financially feasible at this time. The committee was, therefore, closed out for the present time.

The Choir has continued to grow and develop under the leadership of Mrs. Frances Shotts as Director. During the year, approximately fifteen choir robes were purchased through donations by members of the choir and congregation. The position of organist for our church was filled by Miss Kim Miller, a member of our congregation.

The Women of the Church have served well this year by providing needed utensils for the kitchen, and, in addition to that, have bought for the Church a complete set of the Layman's Bible Commentary.

The annual Summer Studies program for all ages was held in the second and third weeks of July on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

In November, 1974, a beautiful Memorial Book Repository was given by the Eddie Waters family. It was dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Mollie Waters and in honor of Mrs. Youmans (the mothers of Mr. and Mrs. Waters). Memorial gifts are to be permanently recorded there. Mrs. Lucille Brown is custodian of the Memorial Book and notifies families of those to whom memorials have been given.

In the Fall of 1974, work was begun on the annual Every Member Canvass program. Jim McIntire served as Director for 1974 and the Canvass was concluded the last weekend in November with the Annual Loyalty Dinner. The speaker for the occasion was Dr. Fielding Russell, Professor of English at

Georgia Southern College in Statesboro, Georgia. The collection of pledge cards was accomplished on Sunday afternoon and a progress report made to the congregation on the results of the canvass approximately two weeks later. According to the pledges made, the budget was not met but it is the general consensus that the reason for this was the closing of Glyncio in combination with the permeating effect of national economic conditions, and that through faith and work by the members, the \$4,779 gap would be filled and the budget met by the end of the year.

At the end of December 1974, Vernon Evans, who has served as Clerk of Session since the inception of the church, rotated off the duty of this office. It was to be permanently recorded in the Session Minutes that much thanks and appreciation was to be given to Mr. Evans for his invaluable service in that position. Mr. Charlie George will succeed him, effective January, 1975.

At the end of September 1974, Lamar Alexander, who also had served as Sunday School Superintendent since the beginning of Altama Presbyterian Church, was succeeded by Jim McIntire. Rev. Poole commended Mr. Alexander for his long and faithful service as Sunday School Superintendent.

Altama Presbyterian Kindergarten is in its second year of operation and is progressing well. Mrs. Marge Evans is Kindergarten Director, and Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Eleanor Miller

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and Mrs. Louise Hickox serve as teachers. There is a total enrollment of 60 students with an average of 40 children attending each day. It has been stated that the prime function of the Kindergarten is to serve the community, and to further illustrate this, five scholarships were given by the Kindergarten to children who otherwise might not have been able to participate in the program. Following are a few things which have been done in the past year to improve the Kindergarten:

- (1) Donation by parents of kindergarten students of climbing tower;
- (2) Addition of Peabody Language Kit for language art;
- (3) Addition of new tables, benches and three new cabinets;
- (4) Cleaning and scotchguarding of all carpeted areas in the church.

All of these things are beneficial to our community and church.

In the Session's Annual Statistical Report for the General Assembly, Year Ending Dec. 31, 1974, Altama Presbyterian Church reported a total of 198 communicants.

Added on Profession of Faith.	2
Added on Reaffirmation.	1
Added by Certificate	17
Losses (by death, dismissal to another church, or inactive)	10

Church Officers for 1975:

Church Treasurer: Mrs. Roscoe Odum

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The Session:

Scott M. Poole, Moderator

Clerk: Charlie George

Commitment Chairman: Tom Lee

Service Chairman: Raymond Harrison

Worship Chairman: Norman W. Stevens

Witness Chairman: Ron Sutton

Strengthening the Church Chairman: Lamar Alexander

The Diaconate:

Board Chairman: Robert Standley

Board Vice Chairman: Jim McIntire

Secretary: George Holt

General Committees:

Usher Captain: James Jones

Stewardship & Finance: Jim McIntire

Building & Grounds: Eddie Waters

Fellowship & Service: Hammond Alexander

Officers of the Men of the Church:

President: Jim McIntire

Vice President: Bob Standley

Secretary-Treasurer: Carroll Craig

Officers of the Women of the Church:

President: Gail Lee

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Vice President: Unfilled

Secretary-Historian: Patty McIntire

Treasurer: Elizabeth Fleming

Personal Faith and Family Life: Marge Evans

Christian Community Action: Mary Hart

Ecumenical Mission and Relations: Mary Standley

Leadership and Resources: Kashey Odum

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. James M. McIntire
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Secretary-Historian

Scott M. Poole
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I was born in Troy, Montgomery County, N. C. on 4/3/21.

Influences leading me to the ministry were: a Christian home, Christian friends such as at church conferences and camps, and Christian ministers serving my church or as teachers in seminary. Not the least was my own personal relationship with Jesus Christ in a time of searching for the meaning and purpose of my own life.

My re-birth in the Spirit was a "Timothy" process - gradually. There has never been a conscious time when I did not know Jesus Christ as really as any other member of my family. There have been deep experiences with Him when He directed, called, disciplined, and challenged me. Yet the experience of being "born anew" is a real to me as a Paul type process - sudden and cataclysmic.

What troubles me most in ministry is to see the resistance of some to the call of the Spirit of God. A companion concern is active members who become inactive, as in Galatians Paul asks, "You were running well, who hindered you..?" ~~unintentionally~~ A percentage of members of every congregation lapses into inactivity and a departure from commitment.

What gives me most joy in ministry is to see the response of some to the Gospel by commitment and growing Christian lives.

What I'd like to see in my congregation is an openness to God's leading. Two basic questions asked and answered in a positive way by our people will give me real joy. These basic questions are:

1. What is God calling us to do?
2. How shall we do it?

The interview questions are responded to by recall, without having them before me. I hope that this covers the questions of the interview.

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Altama Presbyterian Church moved forward in its roll of serving Christ in the community and beyond in 1975 with the following events and highlights of the year:

In March Altama sponsored a Lenten Revival, "OUTWARD FOR CHRIST" with evangelist Rev. John N. Miller, East Carolina University Campus minister leading the services. It was a rewarding rededication event in our church and we are grateful to Mr. Miller for sharing with us in message and life of the Good News. A most valuable contribution to the spiritual life of our church.

In the spring it was suggested and approved that Altama be open on Wednesday afternoons for the youth in the community during the summer months. Youth activities, under the direction of Mrs George Holt were held. Tennis instructions were enjoyed during these sessions.

In August Vacation Bible School with the theme, "MY CHURCH", was declared a big success. During the one week, our children were taught church doctrine and the expanded work of the church at home and foreign missions. Mrs George Holt and her staff are to be highly commended for their work. Approximately sixty students attended daily.

During August the Memorial Flags that stand in our sanctuary were dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr and Mrs George Ashmore, Sr. (U. S. flag) and Mr Tom Poole (Christian flag). We are most grateful for these contributions.

As a community service the church sponsors a Kindergarten. We started our third year of operation in September 1975. An average of forty-five children attend five days a week, with a total enrollment of sixty students. This is full capacity for our amount of space. During the past two years, we have given a total of eighteen scholarships. The Kindergarten has been responsible for bringing new members into our church. Mrs Marge Evans, Kindergarten Director, assisted by Mrs Louise Hickox, Mrs W. O. Miller, Jr. and Mrs Earl Brazzell.

In the fall the Women of the Church organized a Morning Prayer Group. This is proving most successful with good attendance and interest.

During the early part of the year, after recommendation from the Session, the congregation authorized a study of the organization of Altama Presbyterian Church for efficiency of its work.

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After much study the Organizational Committee recommended to the Session the Unicameral System of Government be adopted. The System under one board (a Session of Elders) was approved by the congregation. Three women will be ordained and installed as Elders, a FIRST for Altama. This change will take effect January 1976.

During the Christmas Season the church choir under the direction of Mrs Frances Shotts presented a Christmas Cantata - Peterson's "LOVE TRANSCENDING". Miss Kim Miller, organist.

In the Session's Annual Statistical Report for the General Assembly, Year Ending Dec. 31, 1975, Altama Presbyterian Church reported a total of 215 communicants.

Added on Profession of Faith	8
Added on Reaffirmation	10
Added by Certificate and Baptism	14
Transfers	14
Restored	2
Losses (by death, dismissal, inactive and removal from roll)	17

CHURCH OFFICERS for 1976:

Church Treasurer: Mrs. Roscoe Odum

The Session:

Scott M. Poole, Moderator

Clerk: Charlie George

Commitment and Witness: Tom Lee

Service Chairman: Raymond Harrison

Worship Chairman: Norman Stevens

Strengthening the Church Chairman: Lamar Alexander

The Diaconate:

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General Committees:

Usher Captain: James Jones

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Building & Grounds: Eddie Waters

Fellowship & Service: Hammond Alexander

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Officers of the Men of the Church:

Chairman: Norman Stevens
Co-Chairman: Ron Sutton

Officers of the Women of the Church:

President: Mrs. Gail Lee
Vice President: Mrs Rosalee Poole
Secretary: Patty McIntire
Treasurer: Elizabeth Fleming
Personal Faith and Family Life: Sue Ellen Berry
Christian Community Action: Mary Hart
Ecumenical Mission and Relations: Katy Lee
Leadership and Resources: Kashay Odum
Historian: Mary Standley

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert Standley
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Historian

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Altama Presbyterian Church continued in 1976 to strive toward their permanent goal of serving Christ, both at home and beyond. The following are some of the highlights of events during the year:

Early in the year, the Planning and Research Committee met to evaluate the work done the previous year and to make plans for the year 1976. This committee was made up of a representative from each organization in the Church and two representatives at large.

In January, the Church adopted the Unicameral System of officers, thus dispensing with the previous Board of Deacons. Nine elders were elected, ordained and installed. This was the first ordination of women elders at Altama Presbyterian Church. We are proud to have the women join the Session. The 1976 Session included: Mrs. Vernon Evans, Mrs. James McIntire, Mrs. Thomas Lee, J. Robert Standley, George I. Holt, Charlie George, Raymond Harrison, Roscoe Odum and Randy Rozier. Charlie George served as Clerk of the Session and Reverend Frank King as Advisor.

The Committees of the Session were formed with chairmen as follows:

Worship - Raymond Harrison
Commitment & Witness - Mrs. James McIntire, George Holt
Strengthening - Mrs. Tom Lee, Robert Standley
Property - Mrs. Vernon Evans, Roscoe Odum
Finance - Randy Rozier

The Feasibility Committee in 1976 continued the work of the 1974 Feasibility Committee and after due study recommended to the Session that the Church proceed with the construction of the second unit of the planned three for Altama Presbyterian Church. This unit will allow for six additional large rooms, storage, annex foyer between existing building, with a covered walkway for dry entry and exit during wet weather. Included in the work also will be the setting up of administrative offices

and the paving of the parking lot and driveway. This was presented at a Congregational Meeting on October 10, 1976 and approved by the Congregation.

Groundbreaking was held following the service of praise and thanksgiving on November 21, 1976. The following participated in the groundbreaking ceremony: Rev. Scott Poole, Rev. Clyde Pratt, Executive Secretary of Savannah Presbytery, Charlie George, Clerk of Session, Mrs. George Holt, Sunday School Superintendent, Randy Rozier, Building Committee Chairman, Mrs. Vernon Evans, Kindergarten Director, John Cowan, Contractor, Mrs. Lucille Brown, President, Women of the Church, Thomas Lee, Men of the Church Representative, Allen Lea, Youth Representative, and Lonnie Stalvey, Scout Institutional Representative.

Commitment Season was shared with other churches in the area by the exchange of pulpits among our ministers.

The Every Member Canvass moved smoothly under the direction of Thomas Lee and Steve Stevens, with Frank King and William Custer as assistants.

The Women of the Church are increasing their mission in the church and in the community, striving continuously to help more people in and out of the church.

The prayer group organized last year has grown in number and in interest and has now been officially declared the Morning Circle of the Women of the Church with Mrs. Frank King elected as Chairman.

The women function in coordinating family night suppers held at frequent intervals throughout the year for worship, fellowship and entertainment. They are now serving as church officers, aid and comfort to bereaved families and in many other ways as needed. They were represented at the District Conference in September.

The Men of the Church held regular meetings. They assist in ushering and maintenance functions as needed.

Music continues to be an important part of worship in our church and though our adult choir is all volunteer, with a dedicated choir director, Mrs. Frances Shotts and other very dedicated persons, we keep the music going.

Two other choirs also have a place in our worship. The Youth Choir, headed by Eleanor Miller, presented a bi-centennial program, "I Like the Sound of America". They also sang during some other programs. The Rosebud Choir ~~which~~ is the children who are pre-schoolers through second grade. They are directed by Mrs. Faye Ryfun and also have their chance to sing during worship services.

Sunday School has progressed smoothly under the able supervision of Mrs. George Holt and J. Robert Standley. Sunday School strives to have an area of interest for all ages and to this end there is an effort being made to organize a young adult's class.

The Sunday School sponsored two very successful all church school picnics for fun and fellowship.

During the summer, a week of Bible School was held August 2-6 with Mrs. Andy Brazell as director.

We try to put emphasis on the youth in the church. They plan their own programs under supervision.

Youth activities also include five Scout troops under our sponsorship:

- Brownies
- Jr. Girl Scouts
- Two Cub Scout Dens
- Boy Scout Troop

Our Kindergarten, under the supervision of Mrs. Vernon Evans,

continues to grow and be a worthwhile service to the community.

In the Session's Annual Statistical Report for the General Assembly, year ending Dec. 31, 1976, Altama Presbyterian Church reported a total of communicants of 217.

Gains - Profession of faith	20	Losses - Certificate	3
Reaffirmation	0	Inactive roll	26
Restored	0	Removed from roll	2
Certificate	15	Deaths	2
TOTAL	35	TOTAL	33
Female communicants	114		
Baptisms (adult)	14		
(infant)	1		
Church School enrollment			
Pupils	127		
Teachers	14		
TOTAL	141		

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 1977:

Church Treasurer - Mrs. Roscoe Odum

THE SESSION:

Scott M. Poole, Moderator
 George Holt, Clerk of Session
 Ron Sutton and Patty McIntire, Commitment & Witness
 Bill Custer, Finance Chairman
 Gail Lee and Bob Standley, Strengthening the Church
 Albert Day, Worship Chairman
 Marge Evans and Ray Harrison, Property
 Rev. Frank King, Session Advisor

OFFICERS OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH:

President - Mrs. Lucille Brown
 Vice President
 Secretary
 Treasurer - Mrs. Elizabeth Fleming
 Personal Faith & Life - Suellen Berry
 Christian Community Action - Helen Scoville
 Ecumenical Mission & Relations - Roberta Custer
 Leadership and Resources - Mary Rozier
 Historian - Mary Hart

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Altama Presbyterian Church continued in 1977 to strive toward its permanent goal of serving Christ both at home and beyond.

The year started with installation and ordination of new officers.

Serving as elders for 1977 were the following:

Mrs. Gail Lee - Assistant Moderator
Mr. Ron Sutton
Mrs. Marge Evans
Mr. Albert Day
Mr. George Holt, Clerk of Session
Mr. Raymond Harrison
Mr. Robert Standley
Mrs. Patty McIntire

The committees of the Session were as follows:

Worship - Mr. Albert Day
Commitment & Witness - Mrs. Patty McIntire & Mr. Ron Sutton
Strengthening - Mr. Robert Standley & Mrs. Gail Lee
Finance Chairman - Mr. William Custer
Property - Mr. Raymond Harrison & Mrs. Marge Evans

Again, the Planning & Research Committee met to evaluate the work done the previous year and to make plans for 1978.

The building of the educational wing was completed. Much work was done by many members in finishing and furnishing the building. It was a happy Easter Sunday when the new wing was consecrated on April 10, 1977.

Commitment Season was shared with other Presbyterian churches in the area by the exchange of pulpits among the ministers.

Holy Week services were also shared with other churches.

Every Member Canvass moved toward completion under the direction of Mr. Jim Parish and Mr. Frank Hill. Under the direction of Rev. Frank King, the Presbyterian College program was presented and the Session voted to participate in the Second Century Fund.

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We are fortunate to have Mr. Frank King, a retired Presbyterian minister in our congregation, who acts as advisor and serves in many ways among which is pulpit relief. The pulpit was also filled on special occasions by laymen and youth groups.

The Session decided to recognize members who contributed unusual amounts of service by designating them as member of the month. Among those so honored are: Mr. Hal Myers, Mr. James Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Max Fleming and Mrs. Frances Shotts.

Music of the church is under the Worship Committee and the able direction of Mrs. Frances Shotts as director of the choir and Miss Kim Miller as church organist.

The Rosebud Choir sings at intervals under the direction of Faye Ryfun.

The Session's Annual Report for the General Assembly for the year ending December 31, 1977 reported that Altama Presbyterian Church had a total active membership of 219.

	Female communicants.	121
<u>Gains</u> -	Profession of faith.	3
	Certificate.	15
	Total gains.	18
<u>Losses</u> -		
	Baptisms: infant.	3
	adult.	2

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Women of the Church
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The Women of the Church are increasing their mission in the church and in the community. They are striving continuously to help more people in and out of the church.

The number of women working actively in W.O.C. work has increased considerably. What started as a prayer group and became a morning circle has now grown so that plans are being made to start a second morning circle. An evening circle functions for the working women.

The women function to coordinate family night suppers which are held frequently for worship, fellowship and entertainment for the entire congregation and friends of the church.

We are proud to have some of our women on the Session and serving in every capacity of the church. The women serve greatly to aid and comfort the families of our sick and those who are bereaved or in trouble.

Included in the new educational wing is space for a church library. The women are working to get this started under the leadership of Mrs. Lucille Brown and Mrs. Nancy Parish.

The officers of the W.O.C. for the 1977-78 season were:

President - Mrs. Frank King
Vice-President - Mrs. Lawrence Scoville
Secretary-Historian - Mrs. Mary Hart
Treasurer - Mrs. Max Fleming
Personal Faith & Family Life Chairman - Mrs. Tom Lee
Christian Community Action - Mrs. Jim Parish
Ecumenical Missions - Mrs. William Custer
Leadership & Resources - Mrs. Randy Rozier
Morning Circle Chairman - Mrs. Ron Sutton
Evening Circle Chairman - Mrs. Jake Welch

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Sunday School

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Sunday School is a very important part of our church program with classes for all ages from nursery age and including three adult classes. Under the direction of the Strengthening Committee, a class was organized for young adults. There are 182 enrolled in Sunday School including 25 teachers and 2 officers.

The Sunday School sponsors Vacation Bible School for children age 3 through the 8th grade. Mrs. Andy Brazell served as director. The theme was "Reach Out".

The Sunday School also sponsored an all-congregation picnic for fellowship.

Studies have been undertaken by the Strengthening Committee to determine the goals and needs of the Sunday School. A pilot program study under Mr. Richard Bass from Presbytery was done.

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Youth
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Special interest and concern is focused on the youth of our church and community.

Junior High Fellowship under Mr. & Mrs. Jake Welch and Senior High Fellowship under Mr. & Mrs. John Ross meet regularly.

Junior Worship service for children up to age 12 has been started under the direction of Mrs. Jim Parish and Mrs. Ron Sutton.

An active Scouting program is being carried out. The church sponsors and furnishes a meeting place for two cub dens, a Boy Scout Troop, a Brownie Troop and a Jr. Girl Scout Troop. Goodly representatives of these troops attended church on Scout Sundays.

The High School group held youth prayer groups weekly during the spring semester.

High School graduates (13 of them) were recognized and presented Bibles by the church.

The church continues to sponsor and hold kindergarten for children age 3 through 5. Enrolled the fall of 1977 were:

30 - five year olds
24 - four year olds
14 - three year olds

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