

Atcooga Presbyterian Church
Dalton, Georgia.
Organized August 29, 1947.

The Atcooga Church has been without a pastor since August 1949, but regular services have been held by supply ministers, laymen from the First Presbyterian Church and Dr. Dendy, pastor of the First Church. This church has 68 members, 4 elders, 4 deacons, 6 Sunday school classes, 2 Young People's societies and "Women of the Church". Two evangelistic services have been held this year, totaling three weeks. A Vacation Bible School was conducted with an enrollment of 121 and young people have been sent to three conferences. The Men's Club held supper meetings while they had a pastor. With gifts from the First Church a debt of \$1800 was paid and the church is now free from debt. At a congregational meeting March 12th a budget of \$2500 was adopted and an every member canvass made. A committee was appointed to sell the manse and other arrangements will be made when a new pastor comes.

THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH.

The twenty-three members of the Women of the Church have as far as possible followed the program as prescribed for this organization: the Bible study of John, the book for the general meetings, the Mission study books, reading the church papers, with gifts to the causes and with boxes to Thornwell and to White Cross.

The outstanding work of the women has been their encouragement and help to the large group of young people in this church. Two-thirds of the membership are young people. The women have served refreshments to the P. Y. F., to their parties, every day to the Daily Vacation Bible School and also suppers to the Men's Club.

The women have acted as adult advisers to the young people's societies, have directed the Christmas pageant and Rally Day, taught in Sunday school and Vacation School and directed choir practice every Wednesday night.

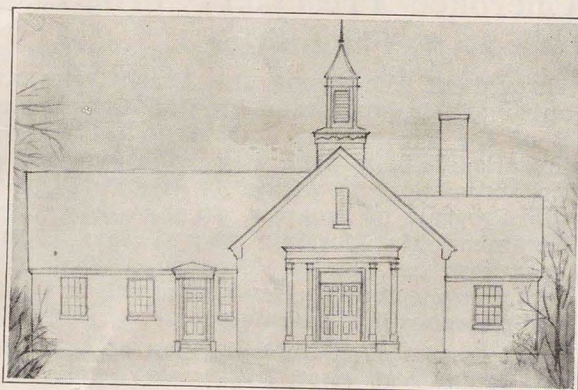
The few women in this group have grown spiritually as shown in increased tithing, Bible study and in faithful attendance on church services. They are "few in number but strong in spirit." At the March meeting an advance step was taken in making a budget and in pledging for the first time. All are praying for a pastor.

Mrs. Lee M. Williams
Historian. 1949-50.

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Atcooga Presbyterian Church,
Dalton, Ga.
Organized Aug. 29, 1947 - Mar: 48



Proposed Building

Atcooga Presbyterian Church

Atcooga Presbyterian Church was organized August 29, 1947, by the Presbytery of Cherokee, with 32 members. Mr. John Holt and Mr. F. H. Howard were elected Elders and Mr. Earle Cohen was elected Deacon. Rev. J. Clyde Plexico, Jr. was elected the Pastor. It was the hope of the building committee to start construction of the new Church building the first of September, but due to the lack of building materials we have not yet erected the building. Contractors have examined the final plans and will submit bids in the next few days. It is hoped that the construction will start around the first of January.

Final plans call for a building with five Sunday School rooms, furnace room, two rest rooms, and sanctuary. It will be located on U.S. Route 41, in South Dalton.

Since organization the membership has increased to 46 members and Mr. John Lord has been elected and installed Deacon. The Sunday School and Church worship services have increased in attendance and interest.

A Christmas play was presented December 21st and the Christmas Party for the Church and Sunday School were held December 22nd.

The Church has a prospective membership list of 400 and believes that as soon as the building is completed many of these people will unite with the Church.

Building will be completed in May: 48

For Montreat

Wm. Lee W. Williams, Historian

ATCOOGA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dalton, Georgia

1947 - 1948

As a result of chapel work carried on for years in the school building of the American Thread Company of Georgia by the Dalton First Church, a new church was organized on August 29, 1947 and named the "Atcooga Presbyterian Church", taking its name from the mill.

A committee from Cherokee Presbytery with the pastor of the First Church, Reverend S.W. Dendy, and four elders, Messrs. H.L. Smith, Will Denton, Walter Jones, and Ogburn Alley, formally organized the new church, and called Reverend Clyde Flexico, Jr. as pastor, and elected Mr. John Holt and Mr. F.A. Howard elders, Mr. Earl Cohen and Mr. John Lord, deacons, and they now have fifty-two members, thirty-five having joined this year with Mr. Flexico, pastor.

Contributions from members of the First Church, interested people in Dalton, and gifts from Presbyteries' Home Mission Committee amount to more than \$16,000.00, and construction of a church building has begun in a lot facing Highway 41 contributed by the mill.

A Woman's Auxiliary was organized September 29, and already the small membership has begun contributing to the causes of the church and to special calls.

Though only six months old, the church gave \$25.00 to Home Missions, \$50.00 to Presbyterian College, contributions to the Joy Gift, a generous check to the pastor, and has now adopted a budget and made pledges for the coming year. "The Presbyterian Program of Progress" has been adopted with its committees, and \$100.00 has been contributed for foreign missions.

A Sunday School with six classes and a very enthusiastic "Youth Fellowship" Group are eagerly waiting for the better equipment of the new church building which will be completed in a few months.

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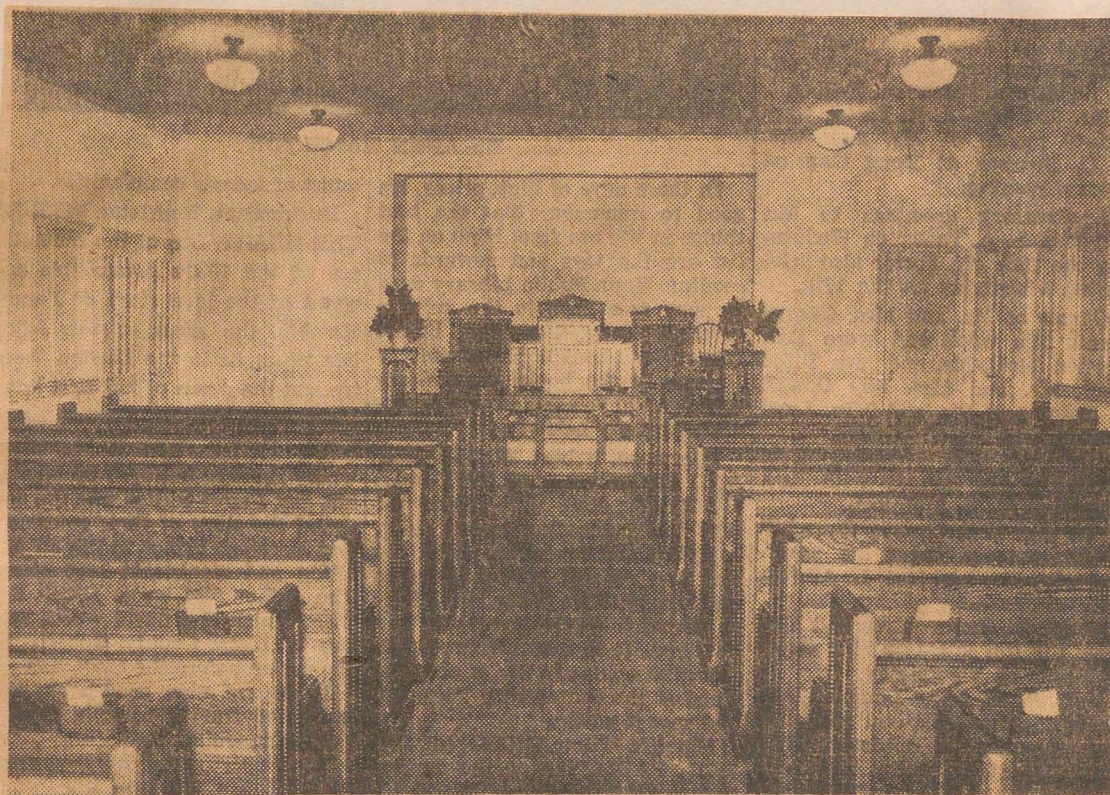
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Ateroga Presbyterian Church
Dalton, Ga

Please place this 1st history of the
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ yr old church in the binder of
the "Mother" church, the 1st Presbyterian
Church of Dalton, for the present.

Mrs. Lee W. Williams
Historian

Atcoog Presbyterian Church
 Dalton, Ga.
 Organized Aug. 29, 1947
 Pastor, Rev. J. Clyde Plexico Jr



The new furnishings at Atcooga Presbyterian Church are shown in the picture above, with the 10 pews on each side of the aisle, the communion set consisting of table and two chairs, and the pulpit set of three chairs. Flower stands are shown at either side of the rostrum. The pews are constructed of oak wood in light finish, with form-fitting backs, and with communion cup holders and book racks. Seating capacity of the new pews is 250.

—Ward Photo Service

Church Building Completed,
 May 30, 1948

New pews
 and pulpit
 Furniture
 Feb, '49

CHURCHES

Beautiful is the large church,
 With stately arch and steeple;
 Neighborly is the small church,
 With groups of friendly people;
 Reverent is the old church,
 With centuries of grace;
 And a wooden church or a stone church
 Can hold an altar place
 And whether it be a rich church
 Or a poor church anywhere,
 Truly it is a great church
 If God is worshipped there.

Atcooga Presbyterian Church

Dalton, Georgia

J. Clyde Plexico, Jr., Pastor

SESSION

REX E. BULGER, CLERK
JOHN HOLT
R. B. ATKINS
F. H. HOWARD

DIACONATE

CARLTON WHITFIELD, CHAIRMAN
JOHN LORD
DENNIS KETCHUM
W. E. COHEN

February 22, 1949.

Dear Friends:

This letter is written to you for your information and prayer.

As you know, our Church Year begins Sunday, April 1, 1949, and continues through March 31, 1950. In order that our Church can make the most beneficial progress I want to acquaint you with the Church Budget, the Every Member Canvas, and a Congregational Meeting.

I am enclosing a copy of the budget for 1949-50, which has been worked out by your Diaconate and approved by your Session. You will note that this budget is an increase of \$1,000.00 over last year, but our membership is almost double what it was when the 1948-49 budget was adopted. Last year the budget called for \$2,525.00 and we actually raised around \$5,000.00! This year the total budget will be \$3,680.61, but your Diaconate is confident that we can reach this amount, and more.)

The purpose of a budget for the church is that every member can know what we are spending the money for and in order that we might have a goal to strive for in our work. Every type of business is run on a budget and the church is the greatest business in the world.

In order that we can set our sights toward the completion of this budget, we have the Every Member Canvas. The purpose of this is that each member of the Church can have an opportunity to pledge a certain amount toward the expenses of the local church, as well as benevolences. I am enclosing a pledge card, asking that you consider now your pledge for the new year and on Sunday, March 6, in the Congregational Meeting, to give this card to our Deacons. You may ask, why make a pledge? One reason is that if we all make pledges, then our Diaconate can know about what the Church will be capable of raising during the year. The pledge is a yard-stick for the financial obligations of the church.

The purpose of the Congregational Meeting, March 6, will be to adopt the Church Budget for 1949-50.

THE ATCOOGA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Atcooga church is the outgrowth of chapel services held for six years in the schoolhouse of The American Thread Co. It was organized into a church on August 29, 1947 with thirty-two charter members and Rev. J. Clyde Plexico as pastor. Today, after one and a half years, the church has 83 members, 4 elders and 4 deacons. Twenty-six new members were added this year and there were two infant baptisms.

Following are some of the activities this past year:

Seven departments in the Sunday school.

A teachers' conference each month.

The Sunday school superintendent sent to Montreat last summer.

Revival services held during the summer by Rev. Clyde Plexico, Sr.

A men's club has held regular supper monthly meetings.

The church adopted the Presbyterian Program of Progress.

A manse was bought to be paid for on installments.

The church sponsors a troupe of Boy Scouts and also Brownies.

Handsome church furniture has been installed.

Concrete walks and shrubs add to the grounds, this latter work being done by the men of the church.

The Atcooga church has been active in support of the newly established Youth Mission on East Morris Street. The superintendent of that Mission, a Baptist minister, has with his family united with Atcooga church.

A fine movie projector has brought Bible and Missionary pictures to our young people frequently.

The elders attend all meetings of Presbytery and held monthly conferences at the church.

The most outstanding work of the Atcooga church has been that done by the pastor with out large group of young people in Bible study and in choir singing. More than thirty-five young people are being trained for service by him.

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TODAY
Born on December 27, at Hamilton Memorial Hospital, Master James Clark Plexico, son of Rev. and Mrs. James Clyde Plexico, Jr., is heartily welcomed into our Presbyterian family.

The Pastor would like to meet all the visitors after the service if they will be so kind as to leave the auditorium by the South Door.

It is always a source of great pleasure to this Congregation to have visitors among us, and if you are here as a visitor let us extend to you a warm and cordial "Welcome!"

ATCOOGA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DALTON, GEORGIA

adopted at a Congregational meeting March 6, 1949

CHURCH BUDGET

1949-50

CURRENT EXPENSES

1. Pastor's Salary.....	\$ 900.00 *
2. Lights, Heat, & Water.....	200.00 -
3. Insurance.....	175.00
4. Janitor & Supplies.....	150.00 -
5. Presbytery Tax.....	16.00 *
6. Repairs & Upkeep.....	125.00 *
7. Printing & Postage.....	75.00
8. Minister's Annuity Fund.....	67.50 *
9. Visual Education.....	25.00 -
10. Young People's Work.....	50.00
11. Payments on Manse.....	472.56 *
12. Payments on Pews.....	1,189.55 *
13. Equipment & Supplies.....	15.00 *

Total to Current Exp. \$ 3,460.61

BENEVOLENCE

We are asked by Presbytery to pay
at least \$220.00.-

Total to Benevolence \$ 220.00

Total Budget \$3,680.61 *

* ..Increase in these items over budget last year.

- ..Decrease in these items over budget last year.

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The Sanctuary, Atcooga Chapel, Dalton
Cherokee Presbytery

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THE WOMEN OF ATCOOGA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

When the new church building was completed last May, the women of the church, with joy, got busy! And the outstanding work this year has been for their own church.

They gave a refrigerator, stove, china, cooking utensils and silver, for the kitchen. Curtains for class rooms, a baptismal bowl and collection plates and have made sixteen choir robes, costing \$40.

They have served supper once a month to the Men's Club; also to the Cherokee Young Peoples' Rally and many times to our Youth Fellowship group.

When each member was given \$5 to invest as a "talent", our women baked and sewed, sold candy and cards, and from the \$150 given out \$600 was returned on "Talent Night."

A very elaborate "Harvest Festival" was put on by them at the school house and numbers of suppers which brought in money. So that, with the help of the whole church, \$11,000 was paid on the new church pews which are seen on the outside cover of this history. We still have a debt on them to work for.

The women have met twice each month, using the guide book "Fifty Framed Together" and the Survey for circle programs and "The Christian Home" at Auxiliary. They have observed Home and Foreign Mission weeks and helped put on Rally Day program and an elaborate pageant for the Joy Gift at Christmas, and a Christmas tree and social during Christmas week. A "Family Night" supper was given with fifty in attendance. The social life of the new church has helped greatly in creating goodwill, friendliness and interest among its members.

Several substantial pantry showers and a baby shower were given our pastor and his wife, who are greatly loved by the membership of the church.

Our women were the teachers in the Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 95.

They served on the committee of the Presbyterian Program of Progress and sent a large box of clothing to Europe.

We are members of the Historical Foundation at Montreat and the Dalton Council of Church Women.

(Our membership has increased this year from 11 to 22 and our gifts from \$71 to \$128, which does not include all the money spent on the local church.)

The book of Exodus was taught by the pastor at prayermeeting and during the fall, and Revelation after Christmas. These classes were attended by numbers of women and by large groups of young people.

a week of church activities.

ATCOOGA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
J. Clyde Plexico, Jr., Pastor

March 6 '49

Call to Worship	"Jesus Saves"	The Choir
Invocation		
Hymn of Praise		Page 84
Responsive Reading		Selection No. 551
Silent Prayer		
Hymn of Praise		Page 403
Scripture Lesson		Haggai 1
Evening Prayer and Choral Response		
Offertory	"Saved By Grace"	The Choir
	Soloist: Patsy Bearden	
Hymn of Thanksgiving		The Doxology
Sermon	"IS THE CHURCH NECESSARY?"	
Prayer		
Hymn of Invitation		Page 372
Benediction		

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tonight: Congregational Meeting for the purpose of adopting the Church Budget for 1949-50.

Monday: 3:00	Girl and Brownie Scouts
7:00 P.M.	Women of the Church, meet- at the Church. Mrs. John Lord, hostess.
Tuesday 7:00 P.M.	Diaconate Meeting
Wednesday 5:00	Junior Choir
7:00	Senior Choir
7:30	Prayer Meeting
Sunday, March 12,	Sunday School 10:00
	Morning Worship 11:00
	Young People 7:00
	Evening Worship 8:00

"Women of the Church," continued.

Recently numbers of our members have begun tithing and holding family worship. And copies of Day by Day are being used.

The women of Atcooga church are planning a greater work for the coming year.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH 1949-50

President ----- Mrs. Fred Bagwell
Vice President --- Mrs. Julius Awtrey
Secretary ----- Mrs. Carlton Whitfield
Treasurer ----- Mrs. Rex Bulger
Historian ----- Mrs. Lee Williams

SECRETARIES

Foreign Missions--Mrs. Thurman McGarian
Home Missions ---- Mrs. E. E. Huggins
(Assembly's Home Missions)
(Synod and Presbytery)

C. E. & M. R.-----Mrs. Clyde Plexico
Literature ----- Mrs. Clyde Plexico
Soc. Activities --- Mrs. R. B. Atkins
Pastor's Aid ----- Mrs. Jess Bridges

Spiritual Life "Lee W. Williams"
These officers are being installed during the evening worship service tonight.

REVIVAL SERVICE

Our revival service will begin on Monday night, April 4, with the Rev. LeRoy Obert of Trion as guest minister. Plan to be at every service. Services each night from April 4 to April 17.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The Sunday School Teachers will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 at the Church for their monthly meeting.

PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday night we will close our study of the Book of the Revelation, studying the 21 and 22 chapters of the book. You are invited to attend.

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS

Cottage Prayer Meetings will be held as follows:

March 28 ---- Home of Mrs. Carl James
March 29 -- Home of Mrs. R. B. Atkins
March 30 ---- Home of Mrs. John Lord
March 31 -- Home of Mrs. Jess Bridges

These cottage prayer services are of great importance. Prayer will make our revival services successful, but without prayer the services will be of no avail.

WOMAN'S RALLY

A Woman's Rally for the women of all the Churches of the city of Dalton and Whitfield County, will be conducted at the First Presbyterian Church, Sunday afternoon, March 27, at 3 P. M. The Senior Choir of Atcooga Presbyterian Church will be in charge of the music. It is hoped that all of our ladies will attend this rally.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SPRING RALLY

The Young People of Cherokee Presbytery will meet Sunday afternoon at 2 P. M. at the First Presbyterian Church of Cartersville for their Spring Rally. We know that many of our young people will want to attend. Please make plans now to attend.

Among the Women

11 tithers
2 Family Worship
5 members of Bible Study Class
3 daily Bible readers.

OFFICERS OF YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

President	Estelle Crawford
Vice President	Ann Broom
Secretary	Glenda Isenhower
Treasurer	Janet Harden

Chairmen of Commissions

Christian Faith	Edith Wimpey
Christian Growth	Euth Hodge
Christian Outreach	Frances Brown
Christian Works	Charles Atkins
Christian Comradeship	Jackie James
Sunday School Representative	Dennis Ketchem

Adult Advisor	Mrs. John Holt
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Time of Meeting:	Each Sunday night at 7:00 P.M.
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ATCOOGA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1950-51

As this little church has been without a pastor for eighteen months, the work has been carried on under difficulties.

The Women of the Church, though small in number, have tried to observe all the special seasons - the Birthday Party, Home and Foreign Missions, the Joy Gift, with offerings at each; also the Blessing Boxes twice.

They have used the Bible Study and Mission Study books, have taught in the Sunday-school and in the vacation Bible school, have entertained the many visiting ministers and served refreshments to the young people once a month. Have sent off three valuable boxes of clothing. *sent prescribed quota of White Cross supplies*

They belong to the Historical Foundation.

Recently they began having monthly "family night suppers" at the church which are helping to keep the members together.

A pastor has been called and if he accepts the church will take on new life and more active work.

Mr. Lee M^cWilliams Historian '50-51
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HISTORY OF ATCOOGA CHURCH

Dalton, Ga.
1951-1952

April 1-8, 1951, a week of revival services were conducted by Rev. Mr. James Merrin, of Rockmart, Ga., with 4 additions to the church. He also taught the book of James. During the two years of being without a pastor the members of Atcooga became discouraged after several calls had been declined, but all the time they were praying that God would send to Atcooga the right man to lead them. These prayers were answered, in the acceptance of Rev. Mr. Henry L. Sneed, a man of rich experience, a forceful preacher and a true evangelist. A new manse was bought across from the church - 3 Crescent Street. On May 2d a family night supper was given to selcome Mr. and Mrs. Sneed and his first service as pastor was on May 13.

He is our first full-time pastor and already the church has taken on new life.

The new manse was opened for an "At Home" arranged by the Sneeds, and many members and friends of the Church called during the afternoon and evening.

The church now has two preaching services, prayer-meeting and choir practice each week. The Sunday-school has been reorganized and teachers' meetings are held twice a month, and the P Y F is very alive. Mr. and Mrs. Sneed are visiting in the village and his fine, helpful sermons are drawing back many members who had dropped out during the absence of a pastor.

The outstanding event of the year, and an occasion of great happiness was the dedication of the church.

Atcooga Church, south of Dalton, was formally dedicated on August 26. The church, organized on August 29, 1947, is now free of debt and a special dedicatory service was arranged, including corner-stone-laying ceremonies. Rev. Clyde Plexico, Jr., of Seneca, S. C., first pastor of the church, was special guest and principal speaker. Rev. Henry L. Sneed, pastor, presided. Dr. S. Wilkes Dendy, pastor of the First Church, who was founder of the Atcooga church, gave the history of the new church. Rev. Jim Merrin, of Rockmart, Ga., superintendent of home missions for the Presbytery of Cherokee, brought greetings from the home mission committee. Articles placed in the cornerstone were by Mr. Sneed. Dennis Ketchum, Sunday-school superintendent, placed the articles in a container and put them in the stone. Mrs. Lee McWilliams, church historian, had prepared the history of the church and copies were available at the services. Following these exercises, which were attended by the officers of the First Church and many friends, and by members of the Atcooga church who stood during the roll-call. Members and visiting guests were entertained at the manse at a picnic supper by the Women of the Church. This was a happy occasion in the life of this church of sixty members.

Writing the history of Atcooga Church was my main work for the year, from accounts of her twelve years of existence, found in old church bulletins.

HISTORY OF ATCOOGA CHURCH, DALTON, GA. 1951-52 (continued)

In as small a church as Atcooga, the Women of the Church take a leading part in all of the work.

They taught and served refreshments every day in the two weeks' Vacation Bible School, June 3-17. Miss Lillian Medlin, extension worker for the Synod of Georgia was in charge and 103 were enrolled. Some of the high-lights of the fall and winter months are as follows: The Women of the Church helped in all.

Rally Day, attending Presbyterian and Group Conference, reading study books and church papers, programs and offering for Church Extension, Joy Gift, World Missions, with a visit from Rev. Lachland Vass, of Luebo, Africa. Boxes of clothing were sent to Korea, Africa, Quitman Home, Sarah Murphy Home, and White Cross quota given. Twenty-three childrens' dresses were sent to Luebo hospital. Supper served to many groups, young people and family nights. Three receptions given by the Sneeds. Assembly's Youth Night, College Night and Thornwell programs were given by our young people and a picture showing "The Call". Our young people and others are very active, and with our fine pastor and his wife we look forward to a better year at the Atcooga Church.

Mrs. W. Lee McWilliams,
Historian,
Atcooga Church,
Dalton, Georgia

W. Lee McWilliams (Mrs. W. L.)

HISTORY OF ATCOOGA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dalton, Georgia

1958

Pastor; Rev. T. M. Howze

The Atcooga Church is gaining in attendance and interest in all departments. All pledges paid and offerings at Special Cause programs generous.

Fourteen new members received and one deacon ordained.

A week of revival services held, with Rev. Dennis Ketchem, a son of the church preaching.

Bible school held with daily average of 80. A men's club of ten members organized.

Young people were sent to Pioneer camps and rallies; two of them to Rabun-Gap conference.

During World Mission week, Rev. Paul Long, former pastor at Atcooga, now a missionary in Africa, gave a talk, illustrated with pictures, on Luebo Missions. A liberal offering was received. Members of First Presbyterian Church also attended this meeting.

HISTORY OF WOMEN OF CHURCH, ATCOOGA

Dalton, Georgia

This organization clothed a girl at Thornwell.

Our pastor's wife, Mrs. T. M. Howze, has led the Westminster League; the choir of twelve members; the Joy Gift Christmas service, and has taught a class of Pioneers. She is the inspiration of our advancement in Bible study in the women's circles.

The women bought paint and men and boys of church painted the whole interior of the church they all love.

Rev. Mr. Howze brings messages of faith and devotion to Christ and His church each Sunday. He visits his own people regularly and all others in the village who need comfort.

Atcooga is beginning a new year with high hopes for a great blessing on her work in the coming year.

Nell M. McWilliams
Nell M. McWilliams, Historian

History of
Women of Church:

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ATCOOGA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHEROKEE PRESBYTERY
Dalton, Georgia.
Pastor: Rev. T. M. Howze

Officers:

President	Mrs. John Brock
Vice president	Mrs. Carl James, sr.
Sec. & Treas.	Mrs. James Dotson
White Cross	Mrs. William King
Stewardship	Mrs. Carl James, jr.
Christian Ed.	Mrs. Frances Hedan
General Fund	Mrs. Arthur Brown
Spiritual Life	Mrs. T. M. Howze
Annuities and Relief	Mrs. H. A. Howard
Church Ext.	Mrs. Carlton Whitfield
World Missions	Mrs. Lee McWilliams
Historian	Mrs. Lee McWilliams

These officers will serve until September, 1960.

This group has met regularly in homes of members, using literature prepared for the W.O.C., has observed all spiritual emphases and, as is always the case in a small church, has assumed responsibility of taking the young people to group conferences, entertaining them in their own church, and of teaching and serving refreshments at Vacation Bible School.

Mrs. Howze, our pastor's wife, teaches the senior young people in Sundayschool; holds choir practice and youth fellowship meetings and has also taught the Bible Study in all circle meetings.

At our birthday party last May the women had a supper at the church with a program and offering. They have clothed a little girl at Thornwell, costing \$60. At Christmas our women helped the young people decorate and prepare a pageant depicting the nativity scene when the young people sang from memory many carols. They also filled boxes with food which were taken to families in the American Thread Company village and sent clothing overseas.

The outstanding event of the year was on October 9th when one of our young women who grew up in Atcooga Church went before the World Mission Board in Nashville and was appointed a missionary to Formosa. This was a very happy occasion for our little group and for the city of Dalton. A photograph of her and a story of her life are being given to our historian of Cherokee Presbytery. This young missionary is Miss Ann Broom.

Historian

Mrs. Lee (Lee) McWilliams

ANN BROOM BECOMES A MISSIONARY

A little dark eyed girl, age 9, listened intently as the church school teacher of junior girls repeated the words, "Go, because I am to send you out and far away among the nations."

From that day on, Ann Broom wanted to be a Missionary like Paul, and travel to strange places and tell boys and girls about Jesus.

One night, a year later, sitting on the front row in her church, she again listened intently to every word spoken by a real life Missionary from Africa. Learning that many boys and girls did not have the opportunity to go to Sunday School, the real decision came to Ann that this was what she wanted to do with her life.

Later, in her High School days, whenever she would mention the fact that she wanted to be a Missionary her friends thought that she was a "prude". So Ann decided she would say she wanted to be a D.R.E. (now a D.C.E.). In spite of the ridicule of her friends she continued to spend most of her time going to church meetings.

Ann finished High School in Dalton, Georgia, and began working at Montreat, North Carolina, where she entered college in the fall. There she became a member of the College Chorus, Secretary of the Athletic Board. In her senior year, she became President of the Student Christian Association.

During her summers she worked first as a waitress in the dining hall of the Assembly Inn at Montreat, then as Vacation Church School worker in Cherokee Presbytery, then next summer she served as Assistant to Montreat College Registrar, and finally as D.C.E. at First Presbyterian Church, Seneca, S.C.

After graduation she served as D.C.E. for two and a half years at First Presbyterian Church, Cartersville, Georgia. Ann then went to graduate school in Richmond, Virginia, Presbyterian School of Christian Education.

In her junior year she was one of three representatives on Student Council. In her senior year she was President of the Student Body.

In her first year of graduate school, altho she still had not given up the idea of being a Missionary, she began to look back on her life and to ask the question: I have been wanting to be a Missionary so long, is this just my plan of what I want to be, or is God really calling me into this field of service?

There were many times when the thought of being a Missionary grew dim, but through much struggle and only by the guidance and strength received through prayer— only by God's grace did this dimness grow into a radiant light.

Application was made to the Mission Board. Then came the biggest blow of all! "Wait a year."

"Wait? I've done nothing but wait for fifteen years."

Soon, however, Ann began to accept this as part of her testing and came to realize that "waiting time for God is not wasting time."

Meanwhile Ann spent a summer as Vacation Church School Worker in Canoe, Kentucky, with the Home Missionary, Mrs. Patsy Turner.

At present Ann is serving as Director of Youth Work at First Presbyterian Church, Huntington, West Virginia.

Future? Ann has been accepted by the Board of World Missions, Presbyterian Church in the United States, and, God willing, will be commissioned August 3, 1960 in Montreat, and will become an Evangelistic Missionary to Taiwan, with emphasis on Youth Work.

Ann writes: "My heart is running over with joy as I look back to that little Sunday School class of junior girls, and to that dear lady who has been so willing to let God use her in her teaching and in her life to spread His love to others. This gracious 'saint' is still living today, and is still my spiritual backbone as she continues to give me her love and encouragement in my work for Him. I feel that it was God speaking through her and through the life of Paul to me, 'Go, because I am to send you out and far away among the heathen.'" Both the First Presbyterian Church and the Atcooga Church in Dalton rejoice that the seeds sown by them are bringing such an abundant harvest.

God grant that others from our churches may be led to say: "Here am I. Send me!"

HISTORY OF ATCOOGA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Dalton, Georgia 1960

The Atcooga Presbyterian Church, Dalton, has held regular services during this year and has observed all the special causes of the church, making contributions to them and also to the budget of the church.

The Women of the Church used the literature prepared and sent to them, for their meetings and observed World Mission Week. Read Mission Books and letters and entertained the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. James Montgomery, retired missionaries from Taiwan. These missionaries spoke at a service.

The WOC held vacation Bible school which had an average daily attendance of sixty. Our women taught classes and served refreshments.

Our young people attended camps. Our pastor, the Rev. T. M. Howze and Mrs. Howze taught at several of these camps.

The church held a Sunday-night study course on the book of Genesis, for about ten weeks.

The high point of this year for Atcooga Church was on August 3rd, when at Montreat one of her young women, Miss Ann Broom, was commissioned a missionary to serve in Taiwan. This has been the greatest blessing possible to a small church.

Mrs. Nell (W. L.) McWilliams,
Historian

(The following letter was received from Miss Ann Broom last Monday. Her address: Miss Ann Broom, Box 870, Taipei, Taiwan.)

September 7, 1960

Hi Everyone!

What an exciting trip I am having! We are now sailing down and through the Inland Sea between the main Island of Japan and the two smaller islands of Shikoku and Kusu. So far, I have visited Yokohama, Tokyo--which was just fabulous-- Kobe and Osaka. The next stop will be Moji on the island of Kyushu. One other stop at a smaller port in Japan and then we sail for Korea-- Pusan and Inchon Harbor, where I hope to see my sister Jeannette and her family. Tho I am quite anxious to get to the beautiful island of Taiwan, I am very happy to have this wonderful opportunity of seeing so much of the Orient. Right now, we can see land on both sides of the ship and believe me, it is perfectly beautiful!

Let me tell you about a wonderful experience I had in Kobe. As you know, this is one of our mission stations in Japan. One of my friends, Katherine Womeldorf, who is a missionary on the island of Shikoku, came to Kobe to meet the ship. After visiting with Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin in the morning, Katherine, another friend, Barbara Yontek, and I went to a Japanese restaurant for supper. Yes, we took off our shoes and sat on the floor and ate with chopsticks! After supper we went shopping-- I can't say window shopping because these little stores did not have windows-- but really that is what we did. It was so interesting and exciting just walking up and down the little streets and the big streets watching the people and looking at all the beautiful things. It sure was a help to have someone with me who could speak Japanese! For those of you who like to sew-- you should see the wool and silk material here-- just scrumptious (not in the dictionary probably)! Well, after sitting on my legs all during supper and walking all that time, I was beginning to fold up, so we headed toward home. Home for the night was at Barbara's which is the upper part in a Japanese home. Barbara lives with two Japanese ladies and lives completely Japanese style. I have heard of finding beauty in simplicity-- well, this is it! This was all quite an experience for me-- especially the bath in Japanese style. You can ask someone about this-- probably Mr. Fitts. Barbara and Katherine really enjoyed watching me do everything, and I always forgot to remove my shoes. It was a little strange eating waffles from beautiful china, lovely silver, and sitting on the floor in an almost completely empty room. Oh yes, and we slept on the straw mat floor with very thin cottonpads. Really, it was quite comfortable! We had such a wonderful visit and I was so glad to have time for this experience.

I forgot to tell you about one exciting thing, and that is shopping (window again) in Tokyo. Believe me, we think New York is something-- you should come to Tokyo. Really, I could hardly believe I was in Japan. The department stores are just fabulous!

However, within all these beautiful and exciting structures, one is never able to forget the strong impact of Buddhism and Communism in this country. We saw a communist high school in Kobe that is larger and more beautiful and more modern in its structure than any I have ever seen anywhere. Then, too, the lady with whom Barbara lives is a devout Buddhist though a lovely and lovable lady. She has had three of our missionaries to live with her over the years but is still a Buddhist. This is a task that only prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit can do. Wont you join us in our prayers for her?

It was a real joy to me to have some of you at my commissioning service- thank you so much for coming!

In just another eight days I will arrive in Taiwan, an island smaller than the state of Georgia with a population of 11,000,000 people, most of whom are without Christ! I ask that you will pray that I will be able, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to love these people as Christ loves them, that they, too, might accept Him as their personal Saviour. Also, I ask that you pray for me that I will have the self-discipline which I lack and which I so greatly need for my language study! All this can only be done by the work of the Spirit, so my real request is that you pray that I might be willing for the Holy Spirit to work in me, through me, and in spite of me. I know that you will do this because I have felt your prayers all through my life as I have been so richly blessed!

May "the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all". (11 Cor. 13:14) Isn't it wonderful that we have the fellowship of the Holy Spirit who is not limited by distance?

Love to you all

(Signed) Ann Broom

Note to visitors:

Miss Ann Broom is a Dalton girl, of whom we are quite proud. She was commissioned as a Missionary this summer, for the Presbyterian Church in the U.S., and was sent to Taiwan to begin her work.

Many of our people will want to send Ann some air-mail letters.

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The report for 1961 cannot be filled with the active work of the church in the past. In May our pastor, T.M. Howze resigned to accept a call to a church in Kentucky, after devoted service at Atcooga. Presbytery supplied the pulpit each Sunday morning during the summer, but we missed leadership of our fine group of young people and visitation among the members. In the Fall we called for temporary pastorate, Rev. Otto Kay, who was serving as pastor of Calhoun church. He held services at Atcooga in the evening.

The Women of the Church have continued their regular meetings and have observed all the special seasons with offerings for Birthday, Church Extension, World Missions, Joy Gift and Thornwell Orphanage. The men of the church have contributed to our causes and carried on in a loyal way to keep the church true to her pledges. The men also painted the manse. But we are earnestly hoping and praying the door will open for Atcooga to have a full time pastor in order to carry on the evangelistic work that is so needed here. May next year's history show that this has happened.

Officers for 1961 :

President	- Mrs. Frances Hedden
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Historian	- Mrs. Lee McWilliams