BARNESVILLE CHURCH

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### HISTORY OF

## BARNESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On Dec. 8th, 1890, Dr. J. B. Mack, Synodical Evangelist, visited Barnesville, and as a result of this visit, the Presbytery of Atlanta, was petitioned to allow the organization of a church. The petition was signed by the following names: Dr. J. P Thurmond, Mrs Ella J. Thurmond, James W. Thurmond, James O. Walker Mrs. Maggie M. Walker. Mr. George L. Summers, Prof. J. C. Woodward Miss Sallie S. Candler, Miss Laura Spence, Mr. George Miller.

The petition was granted and Dr. J. B. Mack and Capt. C. H. Sharp of the Forsyth church, were appointed to organize the church.

On Jan. 23rd 1891 the committee met in Barnesville. Dr. Mack preached in the Methodist church. In the afternoon of the 23rd the Presbyterian church of Barnesville was organized in the parlour of the residence of Dr. J. P. Thurmond. Dr. Thurmond and Prof. J. C. Woodward were elected Ruling Elders and James O. Walker was elected Deacon. Monday evening, Jan, 26th 1891, these officers were ordained and installed. The services were conducted in the Methodist church.

Later church services were held in the Odd Fellow's Hall and the first reported session was held in the Odd Fellow's Hall, Sept 13th 1891. Rev. John P. Anderson was moderator.

After this the session met at regular intervals, and at each meeting some name or names were presented for church membership.

From the records it is impossible to tell who the charter members were. The names of those who signed the petition have already been given and those were undoubtedly charter members, and

and the following names were added to the church roll, early in i its history. It is quite possible many of these were charter members; Miss Willa W. Candler, Norton S. Perry, Miss Mary E. and Master Merritt Thurmond, Miss Rebecca Manley, Miss Alice Bloodworth, H. L. Themaun, Mrs. Mary E. Themaun. John F. Dorsey, Mrs. S. E. Sanbor. Mrs. E. M. Powell. Prof. Henry M. Fletcher. Miss Mary Pritchard. Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Campbell, Miss Alice Campbell. Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Ripley, Mrs Rubie Stafford. Mrs Maggie W. Watts, Mrs. E. M. Hoffman. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bate. Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Smith. M. A. Dixon. Mrs. W. T. Respress. J. G. Harris. Miss Minnie Respress. Miss Lizzie Thurmong. Mrs. Emma J. Stonewll Mary E. Nettingham. J. J. Nottingham, Miss Amelia C. Bruce. Mrs. A. P. Kemp, Mrs F. R. Graves. Mrs. Sarah W. Graves, Miss Mary Wooten. Mr. Dexter Blount. Mr. and Mrs Robert Holmes, Judge W. S Oliphant. Mrs W. S. Oliphant, Miss Jennie Oliphant. Miss Josie Oliphant.

The church building was erected RexxXRth, 1897. On Dece 12th, 1897 Presbytery raised by voluntary contributions \$208.00 to help complete the church. The date on the corner stone is 1897. This building, an attractive red brick structure, cost \$3,000.00 when building material was at a low cost

Presbytery met in Barnesville on Oct. 27th, 1900. This was helpful to the church, adding new interest.

Rey John P. Anderson was the first pastor andn served from 1890 to 1891. Rev. S. W Waddell was supply from 1891 to 1892.

The next minister was Rev. M. F. Duncan, who was with the church from March 8th 1894 to sometime in 1896.

Rev. W.M. Hunter served the church from 1896 to '99.

The next minister was Rev F. R. Graves, who served the church

until 1902. Under Mr. Graves' ministry the church experienced a sustained growth in membership and spirituality. The Sunday School enrollment reached sixty five and the church was fifty one During his pastorate Mr. Graves was given a three months leave of absence to visit Europe and the Holy Land.

Rev.R. H. Morris supplied the church from Oct. 1902 to Sept. 1903. At that time Rev Albert Griggs became supply for a few months. Also Mr.W. W. McMorries supplied the church for a few months during these years, however, no record can be found of his ministry.

n Dr. H. S. Yerger was the next regular pastor. He was installed in August 1904 and served during 1904 and 1905. He at that time retired from the ministry. Later he bought a home in Barnesville where he lived until his death. He and his charming family were always loved and honored by all the little town. Both Mrs. Yerger and their two daughters have since Dr. Yerger's death left Barnesville.

The church was without a pastor for some time after Dr. Yerger's retirement. Rw. Albert W. Grigg again supplied the church a few months.

Rev. James P. Smith Jr. followed and was installed and served as pastor during 1909. After Mr. Smith's resignation the church was without a pastor for five years.

The history of this church as all as other small churchs would have been different had it not ben for the frequent and ofter long periods of time when there was no pastor.

In the fall of 1914 Dr. John R. McMullen was called and

served until his death in 1917. He did a great work in the church and under his leadership the church grew more than eve before in its history. There were more than fifty members and the Sunday School reached an enrollment of seventy nine.

Since Dr. Mcullen's death his family has made their home here and have unfailingly worked for this church. His daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Ashley is now Superintendent of the Sundy School, which under her guidance is increasing in good works and members. It is larger than it has ever been. Mrs McMullen has for many years been teacher of the women's Bible class and President of the Woman's Auxiliary. The youngest daughter, Margaret, has blessed the church with her music, and is now a student in our General Assembly's Training School at Richmond and will give full time service to some branch of the work of her father's church

The church was without a pastor again for three years when Rev.T.M. Stevenson was called. He served two years and was an ideal pastor. He was installed in 1920 and served until 1922. During his ministry the largest amount of money that was ever contributed was given.

After Mr. Steenson's resignation no regular pastor was called until the present pastor, Rev. A. Julian Warner came.

During those seven itervening years the hhurch was served at irregular intervals by the following ministers none of whom were installed, Rev. J. H. Clark of Forsyth Rev. M. A. Alexander, Rev. L.E. Polk and Rev Harry Holland

Rev. A. Julian Warner came to the church in July of 1930 and is still its beloved and efficient pastor. The church Sunday School and Woman's Auxiliary are growing and contribut



ing to all benevolent Causes

This history would not be complete it some of the faithful members were not mentioned, among them the Summers family.

Mr. George L. Summers was a charter member, and in a few year years his wife and daughter—in—law joined with him and they a all served the church loyally until called to higher service Mr. C. O. Summers was a church Trustee and was always most liberal in gifts. Miss Kathrine Summers, now Mrs. Henry Birdsong of Thomaston, was from her early childhood an indefatigheable worker in the Sunday School and church, until she left to make her home in Thomaston. Mr. Riley Summers has been mr a deacon for many years and both he and his wife are faithful workers a in church and Sunday School.

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Mr W. T. Bate was for twenty five years, and was until his death, an Elder in the church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bate were faithful to the little church which they both loved. Mr. Bate was the only Elder for many years. Mrs. Bate gave unselfishly of her time in training the little children in song and recitation/

There are others too whom we must mentionMiss. Josephine Oliphant, daughter of one of our first Elders, Judge W. S. Cliphant, Miss Mary Wooten. Mrs. W. C. Stafford Mrs. J. J. Gunn Mr and Mrs. G. S. Klugh. Mr. Klugh is now an Elder and has been for many years, Mrs. Charles Wadsworth, then the Thurmond family, which has been menioned, but of whom too much cannot be said in this church history. It was in their home the church was organized. All of the family were members and Dr. Thurmond was Superintendent of the Sunday School as well as Elder for many years.

The church has taken a forward step during the past year. Fifteen members were added on Proffession of Faith and Seven by letter. Two new Elders were installed, Mr. A. F. Plunkett and Mr. J. H. Meharg. Also three new Deacons were installed, Mr. E. E. Fitch, Mr. Robert Hawkins and Mr. H. W. Smith

In the Barnesville church there has always been a Sabbath School and a Woman's Society, though, sometimes both could count only a few members active, however, if it had been possible to have kept a pastor there would have been a steady growth instead of a decline in membership and interest.

While the church has given to all Benevolent Causes during the past, still it is now, and has always been, aided by Presbyter'y's Home Mission Beard. Had it not been for this help it could not have existed.

Particularly in the new officers coming into the church and taking up its responsibilities of its maintainance, does the membership feel there is the dawn of a new day for this church.

# MINISTERS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARNESVILLE GEORGIA

Rev. John P Anderson 1890-91

Rev. S W. Waddell 1891-1892

Rev. M. F. Duncan 1894-1896

Rev. W. M. Hunder 1896-1899

Rev. F. R. Graves 1899-1902

Rev. R. H. Morris 1902-1903

Dr. H. S. Yerger 1903-1905

Rev. Albert Grigg 4 months

Rev. James P. Smith Jr 1909-1910

Dr. J. R. McMullen 1914-1917

Rev. T. M. Stevenson 1920-1922

Rev. J. H. Clark

Rev. M. A. Alexander

Rev. L. E. Polk

Rev. Harry Holland. The four above mentioned ministers served at irregular intervals from 1922 to 1930

Rev. A. Julian Warner July 6 1930 to--- March 1,1933
Rev Richard F. Simpson (Supply for six months) Oct.15,1933--

# ELDERS OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARNESVILLE

Dr J. P. Thurmond, Prof. J. C. Woodward, Prof. H. M. Fletcher N. S. Perry, Judge W. S. Oliphant, George L. Summers, W. T. Bate W. H. Hancock, Prof. W. H. Donaldson. George S. Klugh, W. H. Hahr J. H. Meharg, A. F. Plunkett.

It is impossible to tell from the records the dates telling the length of service of these Elders.

The present Elders are; George S. Klugh,
A. F. Plunkett and J. H. Meharg

DEACONS OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Listed in the order of their installation

James O. Walker

W. T. Bate

George P. Summers

Dr.E. C. Ripley

John Holmes

Dr. J. A. Corry

Roy Blount

Riley Summers

William Summers

Charles Cpllier

W. H. Hahr

George S. Klugh

F. M. Murphey

W. S. Hooten

E. E. Fitch

Robert Hawkins

H. W. Smith

It is impossible from the records to give the dates of service of these officers. The present Deacns are; Riley Summers, William Summers, E. E. Fitch, Robert Hawkins and H. W. Smith

With the exception of these present Deacons, George S. Klugh, who is an Elder, Dr. J. A. Corry, who is a member of the Methodist church, all the above mentioned Deacons have either moved away or are deceased.

# HISTORY OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL of the

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. J P Thurmond was the first superintendent of the Sunday School for about fourteen years? He was assisted by W. H. Hancock. Dr. Thurmond was superintendent until 1904. During this tie the average attendance ranged from twenty five to sixty.

Prof W. H. Donaldson was superintendent during the / ministry of Dr. McMullen- 1914 to 1917.

Baxter Schaub joined the church Nov. 22 1914 and soon after was made superintendent. He left in 1918 to serve his country and lost his life while in training at Camp Harris near Macon Ga.

Mrs. John M. Anderson became superintendent in 1918 and served until April 1931. During most of this time the church was without a regular pastor. The attendance varied greatly, but nuer less than twenty nor more than seventy. Though so small the Sunday School was made a departmental school as soon as this was requested by our Assembly.

In April of 1931 Mrs. Charlotte Ashley was elected superintendent. Since then as a result of hear her Christian labor there has been an increase both in membership and interest.

John M.Anderson succeeded Mrs Ashley as superintendet early in the year 1933.



## FULL LIST OF MEMBERS

Names	Date of admission	How received
James P. Thurmond	Jan. 25, 1891	By letter
Mrs. Ella J. Thurmond	11 11 11	11
James W. Thurmond	10 60 10	11 11
James O. Walker	11 11	и
Mrs. Maggie M. Walker	11 11 11	11 11
J. C. Woodward	11 11 11	11 11
Miss Sallie Candler	10 11 11	11 11
Miss Laura Spense	11 11 11	" "
Miss Willie Cander	19 19 19	ON profession of Faith
Norton S. Perry	March 1892	By letter
George L. Summers	11	11 11
Miss Mary E. Thurmond	April 1892	11 11
Merritt Thurmond	10 11	11 11
Miss Rebecca Manley	May 6, 1892	On profession of faith
Miss Alice Bloodworth	" 10, 1892	On profession of Faith
Henry L. Neimans	" 13, 1892	By letter
Mrs. Mary E. Neimans	и и и	11 11
John T. Dorsey	H H H	11 11
D. E. Dunbar	Sept. 11, 1892	On profession of
Mrs. E. M. Powell Henry M. Fletcher	Dec. 4, 1892	faith By letter
Miss Amelia G. Bruce	Jan. 12, 1894	11 10
G. E. Campbell	May 1896	11 11
Mrs. G. E. Campbell	" "	11 11

	Names	Date of admission	How received
	Miss Alice Campbell	May 1896	By letter
	Miss Mary Pritchard	11 11	On profession of
	Dr. E. C. Ripley	Feb. 14, 1897	faith By letter
	Mrs. E. C. Ripley	H 11 H	10 11
	Mrs. Maggie W. Watts	Apr. 1, 1897	
	Mrs. J. W. Gardner	Sept. 7, 1897	On profession of
	Mrs. Spence	July 1897	faith
	W. T; Bate	Dec. 12, 1897	By letter
	F. O. Smith	Jan. 8, 1898	11
	Mrs. F. G. Smith	11 11 11	11 11
	M. A. Dixon	Feb. 9, 1898	
	Mrs. W. T. Respress	11 11 11	11
1	Mrs. W. T. Bate	" 13, 1898	п. п.
	J. G. Harris	Mar. 13, 1898	
	Miss Minnie Respress	Apr. 12, 1898	On prosession of faith
	Miss Lizzie Thurmond	July 14, 1898	On profession of faith
	Mrs. Emma Nottingham	Oct. 3, 1898	By letter
	Mr. Stonewall J. Nottingham	11 11 11	II II
	Miss Mary E. Nottingham	10 11 11	n mylessien af
	J. J. Nottingham	11 01 10	00 00
	Mrs. A. P. Kemp	Dec. 17, 1898	90 99
	Mrs. Sara W. Graves	Sept. 20, 1899	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1
	F. R. Graves	00 19 00	10 10
	Miss Mary Wooten	Apr. 4, 1900	On profession of faith
	Mrs. Rubie Stafford	July 28, 1900	By letter
1	Decter Blount	88 88 8F	11 11
	Robert Holmes .	Nov. 11, 1900	11 11

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	Mrs. G. L. Summers	Jar	a.	13.	, 1901	By letter
	Mrs. C. O. Summers	11		11	"	<b>11</b> 11
	John Holmes	11 11		11	10	11 11
	Judge W. S. Oliphant	•		11		11 11
	Mrs. W. S. Oliphant	"		11	10	11 11
	Miss Jennie Oliphant	"		**	n	11 11
	Miss Josie Oliphant	11		11	11	11 11
	Mrs. O. S. Lane	Mar		27,	1901	W W
	Miss Janie May Lane	10		11	**	и и
	Mrs. E. A. Stephens	Jul	У	28,	**	n n
	Miss Bessie Middlemas	11		11	11	On profession of
	Miss Katherine Lane	Oct		13.	16	faith By letter
	Eugene McIlvaine	11 "		11 11	11	11 11
	W. R. Autrey	Mar		9.	1902	On profession of
	B. Matt	"		13,	11	faith On profession of
	F. J. Minhinnett	11		20,	00	faith By letter
	Dr. J. A. Corry	Mar				By letter
	William H. Hancock	Apr		11,	1902	
	W. T. Respress	Feb.		22,	1903	
	Dr. J. H. Phillips					faith
	Roy Blount					
	Miss Catherine Grigg	Apr.	5.	, 1	1908	By letter
	Mrs. Estelle Donalson Anderson	"			"	11 11
	Mrs. Dana Moore Stephens	11			"	11 11
ALE .	Miss Katherine Summers	Oct.	25	i,	** (	On profession of
	Mass Kathrine Woodburn	n	00		10	faith
	Miss Roslind Gardner	**	***		11	10

Name	Hate of admiss	ion How received
William Gardner	Oct. 25, 1908	On Oprofession of
William Bate	11 11 11	faith
Frank Bate	10 10 11	II .
Graves Gardner	11 11 11	
Mrs. Graves Gardner	11 11 11	H
Mrs. A. A. Murphey	0 0 0	By letter
Mrs. C. Gainer Turner	Apr. 7, 1909	" "
Mrs. A. J. Stephens	11 11 11	" "
Mrs. James P. Smith	Mar. 20, 1910	11 11
Miss Carrie Corbin	11 11 11	11 11
William Cunningham	Oct. 10, "	10 00
Miss Susan Simonton	Jan. 1, 1911	10 10
Miss Katherine Greer	Mar. 19, "	11 11
E. P. Shook	H H H	11 11 11 11
E. Sandlân	Sept. "	10 10
Charles Collier	Mar. 24, 1912	0 10 10
Mrs. Charles Collier	11 11 11	H H
Charles Collier, Jr.	11 11 11	On profession of
Mrs. R. E. L. Hawkins	11 11 11	faith
Riley Summers	April 7, "	W.
William Summers	и и	2
Benton Woodburn	n n n	· ·
John Thurmond		11
Harry Simmons	11 11 11	By M. Stay
George Augustus Hawkins	1 28, 11	On property same and
Miss Kathrine Greer	May 20, 1913	By letter
W. S. Hooten	Oct. 1914	H H

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Mrs. Jno. R. McMullen	Nov. 22, 1914	By letter
Charlotte McMullen(now Mrs. Charlotte Ashle		11 11
Baxter Schaub	" 15, "	11 11
Mrs. Jennie Lou Hunter Jackson	Feb. 1, 1915	
Mrs. Wallace W. Bankston	Apr. 25, 1915	11 11
Mrs. George S. Klugh	Sept. 12, 1915	11 11
George S. Klugh	11 11 11	On profession of
Marcus Johnson	" 26, "	faith By letter
Emma Mitchell Martin	18 11 11	On profession of
Ethel Capps (Mrs. Chas. Wads-		faith
worth)	10 10 10	11
Maud Capps	10 10 10	11
Mrs. J. J. Gunn	Nov. 14, "	Bylletter
Martha Wooten Collier	11 11 11	On profession of faith
W. H. Hahr	" 29, "	10 1011
William H. Donaldson	10 19 10	By letter
Mrs. A. C. Padgett	Jan. 9, 1916	H H
E. C. Page	" 23, "	H H
Agner Graves Anderson	Feb. 27, "	On profession of
Ruth Gunn	11	faith
Miss Cora Wilson	Mar. 31, "	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Dudley Saul Rose	Nov. 29,	n * *
Mrs. Winston H. Evans	Oct. 17, "	n **
Mrs. Marton P. Stephens	Dec. 10, "	By letter
Marg t McMullen	July 19, 1919	On profession of
F. rphey	Aug. 8, 1920	faith By letter
Mrs. F. M. Murphey	11 11 11	n n

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	Name	Date of admission	How received
	Milledge Murphey	Aug. 8, 1920	By letter
	Campbell Murphey	Aug. 8, 1920	107 H H
	Mrs. T. M. Stevenson	Nov. 28, 1920	n n
	Mildred C. Matt	Feb. 13, 1921	Profession of Fait
	Kathrine Klugh	H H Hi	11 11
	Floyd M. Murphey, Jr.	H H H	11 11 10
	John M. Anderson, Jr.	11 11	11 11 11
	Mrs. W. T. Garrett	June 6, 1920	By letter
	Jack Bate	July 24, 1921	Profession of Faith
	George Earl Klugh	July 19, 1919	Traffic Head II
	Mary Frances Klugh	1111 11 11	11 11 11
	Mrs. Bessie Massey	July 20, 1923	Halan II II
	Martha William Gunn	11 11 11 11 11 11	you w
	Evelyn Marie Matt	<b>W</b> II <b>W</b> II <b>W</b>	II III III
	Mary Sue Burke	191 11 11	HALLS H H
	Sarah Louise Massey	m = n = 10 n, 1931	Transfer of the
	Lanier Gunn	10 11 11	и и и
	Mrs. J. H. Quinn	Oct. 13, 1927	By letter
	Miss Adra Lois Stillman	Oct. 24, 1923	TERRES HOLDER HOE
	Ruth Klugh	Apr. 29, 1927	Profession of Faith
	Charlotte Ashley	July 8, 1928	11 11 11
	James J. Gunn	11 2 11 16 17	Andrew House He H
	Rode O. Sherraff	10 10 10	11 11 11
	A. Roy Baker	July 6, 1930	By letter
	Mrs. A. Roy Baker	10 (5) 10	Contract to the second

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	Name	Date of Admission	How received
	J. H. Meharg	Feb. 15, 1931	Re-statement
	A. F. Plunkett	May 3, 1931	Letter
	Mrs. Ethel Plunkett	May 3, 1931	Hi:
	Homer W. Smith	Aug. 3, 1931	Profession of Faith
	Mrs. Homer W. Smith	Aug. 3, 1931	Letter
	Mrs. F. P. Sloan	June 7, 1931	110
	Esther Sloan	June 7, 1931	me .
	Mrs. W. E. Evans	June 7, 1931	Profession of Faith
	Mrs. D. B. Dickens	June 7, 1931	Profession of Faith
S)	Mrs. M. Fite	June 7, 1931	Profession of Faith
	Mr. E. E. Fitch	Sept. 22, 1931	Profession of Faith
	Mrs. E. E. Fitch	Sept. 22, 1931	Profession of Faith
	H. W. Smith, Jr.	Sept. 22 ,1931	Profession of Faith
	David Plunkett	Sept. 22, 1931	Profession of Faith
	Charles Fitch	Sept. 24, 1931	Profession of Faith
	Caroline Fitch	Sept. 24, 1931	Profession of Faith
	Robert Hawkins	Sept. 24, 1931	Profession of Faith
	Elizabeth Abernathy	Sept. 24, 1931	Profession of Faith
O	Annie Öwens	Sept. 25, 1931	Professioncof Faith
	Eugene Sims	Sept. 25, 1931	Profession of Faith

Name

Thomas Plunkett

H. R. Cecil

Date of Admission How received

Sept. 25, 1931 Profession of Faith

Nov. 1, 1931

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### BARNESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HISTORY

from 1933 to April 1937

Rev. Richard Simpson came to the church in October 1933 as supply, was installed in the fall of 1934 and continues as pastor. The church knows itself as fortunate to have so profound a bible scholar as pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson and their two sons, Richard and John, have a warm place in the hearts of the people. The church feels it a great loss that it is necessary for them to make their home in Thomaston instead of Barnesville. Mr. Simpson, of course, serves the two churches Barnesville and Thomaston.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Crouch, Mr. and Mrs J. H. McCook, Mr. K. D. Colson Mr. and Mrs. Von G. Hampton and Von G. Hampton Jr. united with the church by letter in 1935 In this year Mr. and Mrs. Plunkett and their two sons, David and Thomas took their church letters to tlanta.

Mis Carolyn Dickens, Dexter Britton Dickens, James Riley Dickens and Van Ray Baker joined the church on profession of faith in 1936 Mrs T. A Witcher at this time came into the church by letter.

On January first 1937, for the first time since its organization, the churches of Barnesville and Thomaston, became independent of the Home Mission Board of Atlanta Presbytery Each member is deeply grateful for the help of Presbytery which has meant the existence of the church. This help has been so generously and faithfully given throughout the long years

By Mrs. John M. Anderson Historian

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HISTORY OF WOMEN'SWORK of the PRESBYTERIAN'S CHURCH OF BARNESVILLE? GEORGIA Mrs. John M. Anderson Historian

There are no rocords of the first little society of Presbyterian women, but according to Mrs. W. C. Stafford, who is now our only charter member of the church and society later, organized here; there was such a society organized with Miss Sallie Candler as president, Miss Laura Spence, Sec'y., and Mrs W. C. Stafford, Treas. The other two members were Mrs. J. P. Thurmond and Mrs. James C. Walker.

Unfortunately twice in the history of the women's work of the Presbyterian Church, the records were burned. The following facts are taken from the only secretaries book now in existence save the one now in use, which was begun in 1930.

On Nov. 9, 1896 the Constitution and By-laws of the Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church in Barnesville, were adopted. The charter members were:

Mrs. E. C. Branson, Miss Mary Neiman, Mrs. E. M. Powell, Mrs. J. F. Reynolds, Miss Willie Reynolds, Mrs. Will C. Stafford, Mrs. J. P. Thurmond, Mrs. T. Watts, Miss Laura Spence, Miss Mary Pritchard, Mrs. A. O. Murphey, Mrs. Ed Hoffman, Mrs. E. C. Ripley, Miss Mary Middlemas.

There were two honorary members, Prof. H. M. Fletcher and Rev. W. M. Hunter.

Within the next year the following names were added: Mrs. W. T. Bate, Mrs. F.

O. Smith, Mrs. A. P. Kemp, Mrs. F. M. Brown, Miss E. M. Nottingham, Mrs. W. T.

Respress, Miss Laura Summers, Mrs. Ed Stephens, Mrs. W. W. Lambdin, and Mrs. F. R.

Graves.

This earnest band of women met at the different homes most of the time, sometimes in the church. They held bazaars and dilligently worked with their hands to make money for the church.

They assisted in buying the church furniture, the church windows, carpet and heating plant.

In a few years after their organization they bought the manse lot, which is located on Greenwood street, and did a large part toward paying entirely for the Manse itself. Mr. George L. Summers, Sr. supplied a generous amount of money for the building of the Manse.

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In the now existing records, Mrs. John P. Thurmond was the first president, Miss Willie Reynolds, Recording Secretary, and Miss Annie Howard, Treasurer.

Lectures were held for the benefit of the Society, musicals given, and at that time there was a floral society in Barnesville, which held flower shows and allowed the Presbyterian ladies to sell refreshments at those shows.

The presidents who succeeded Mrs. Thurmond were: Mrs. E. M. Powell, Mrs. W. C. Stafford, and Mrs. C. O. Summers. Miss Willie Reynolds faithfully recorded the minutes. Miss Reynolds was succeeded by Mrs. W. T. Bate whose minutes were spaced with rare wit and humor. Mrs. F. Ol Smith succeeded Mrs. Bate as secretary and within the next year or two the following names were added to the roll: Mrs. Robert Holmes, Mrs. A. A. Murphey, Mrs. Charles O. Summers, Mrs. George L. Summers, Mrs. Will Gardner, Miss Josephine Oliphant, Mrs. A. C. Richardson, and Miss Mary Wooten.

Mrs. E. C. Ripley succeeded Mrs. Stafford as president and she in turn was followed by Mrs. C. O. Summers. Mrs. F. R. Graves, Mrs. Ed Stephens, and Mrs. A. P. Kemp also held offices.

The church was without a pastor for many years, but the Society never disbanded. Often there would be only six members but through the years this faithful hand full of women has carried on.

This Society became a Missionary Society as well as church add society in 1900.

For many years a student was kept at Nacoochee Institute, as Rabun Gap-Nacoo-chee was then known and regularly each year money has been sent to both Home And Foreign Missinns.

During the World War the members of this Society helped in every way possible.

A.French orphan was adopted and Mrs#W. C. Stafford was Director of Women's Work of the Red Cross here, rendering invaluable service and every woman of the Presbyterian Church helped in this work.

In 1920 the Aid Society became the Woman's Auxiliary, and in 1930, there passed through its treasury in gifts \$701.00, besides clothing and other gifts to local charities, Thanksgiving boxes sent to Thornwell, Christmas boxes sent to the Williams Home and to Rabun Gap-Nacoochee.

The program of the church is now being followed. Contributions are made to all

causes. The mission Studies are held and in every line this Auxiliary is keeping step with the great band of the women of the church.

The largest amount ever raised in one year and given by this organization was in 1908 when \$751.12 was raised, \$663.25 of this amount was for the Manse. An attrac-

tive Manse was built in that year on the lot already purchased.

The Auxiliary for many years, with Miss Mary Wooten, as Synodical and Presbyterial Sec'y., wom the Blue Blessing Box imaginary banner for the largest collection per capita for these boxes, or for Synodical Home Missions.

The church and Manse have been kept in repair and insurance paid on both by the Auxiliary. However our church has taken a step forward and we now have and excellent board of deacons and at the March meeting, 1932 our women voted to turn the Manse rent over to our board of deacons and hereafter repairs and insurance will be paid by them.

For nine years we have paid the tuition of a student at the Georgia Industrial College here. At present we have two girls but onw will soon graduate.

Among those who have served as president durings these latter years are Mrs. John M. Anderson, Miss Mary Wooten, and our president duringxthesextation now and for several years past is Mrs. M. C. McMullen, who holds holds the auxiliary to a high standard.

Mrs. C. O. Summers was our beloved treasurer for many years until her death.

Both Mrs. C. O. Summers and Mrs. George Summers rendered faithful service. In this

Connection we would mention Mrs. W. C. Stafford, who is the only charter member of

the Auxiliary living here. Most of the women whose names are on the early roll have

passed away. Mrs. Stafford is now, and has always been found faithful.

One of our duaghters, Miss Margaret McMullen, has offered herself for full time servide for her Lord and is now our Training School in Richmond. Another daughter, Miss Agnes Anderson, is doing good work in social service in New York City.

Among those mentioned below, which is the full roll of members both resident and non-resident in 1932, are many who should haves special mention for faithfulness.

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Some of these we have mentioned in our church history. Some of our younger members are promising great things for the future Auxiliary.

#### Full list of members 1932

Mrs. Charlotte Ahley

Mrs. John M. Anderson

Mrs. W. T. Bate

Mrs. C. R. Boesch

Mrs. Roy Baker

Mrs. Homer Bass

Mrs. H. R. Cecil

Mrs. H. W. Coker

Mrs. H. A. R. Dixon

Mrs. D. B. Dickens

Mrs. W. E. Evens

Mrs. M. Fite

Mrs. J. J. Gunn

Mrs. R. E. L. Hawkins

Mrs. M. C. McMullen

Mrs. W. H. Maddox

Mrs. George S. Klugh

Mrs. A. F. Plunkett

Mrs. John Quinn

Mrs. W. C. Stafford

Mrs. H. M. Smith

Mrs. Frank P. Sloan

Mrs. Charles Wadsworth

Miss Mary Wooten

Mrs. E. E. Fitch

Four of the members above mentioned do not live in Barnesville.

In 1933 Mrs. M. C. Memullen continued to be our president, Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Gunn, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Maddox, Mrs. Ashley, Mrs. Stafford, Miss Wooten, Mrs. Klugh all held offices as secretaries of causes or general officers. That year all Causes were contributed to and \$28.00 sent as birthday gift. There were fifteen members. During this year Mrs. Bate, Mrs. Homer Bass, Mrs. H. W. Coker, Mrs. H. A. R. Dixon moved away. Mrs. J. E. Nichels came into the auxiliary.

Only twelve names were on roll in 1934. All Causes were contributed to. We Bought song books for the church. Miss Mary Wooten presented the church with a hand-some bible.

Rev. Richard Simpson came to our church as pastor in October 1933 and was installed in the fall of 1934. We were are fortunate to have him.

Mrs. J. J. Gunn was president in 1935 and the same officers were retained. We lost, by their moving, away, Mrs. E. E. Fitch, Mrs. Charles Wadsworth, Mrs. Frank

Sloan, Mrs H. F. Smith and Mrs. A. F. Plunkett Fortunately we gained Mrs. John W. Crouch, Mrs. J. H. McCook and Mrs. Von G. Hampton.

1936 found us with 16 names on our roll Mrs. George S. Klugh, a noble woman and wife of our only Elder, passed away in this year. In March of 1937 Mrs. C.R.Boesch, who was not a member of our church, but a valued member of the auxiliary was called to her reward. Mrs. T. G. Bell of Milner was president

In 1937 there were fourteen names on roll. This of course includes all the women of the church. Mrs. T. G. Bell was again elected president with Mrs. M. C. McMullen as Vice President.

The Causes of the church have always been presented, Birthday and Joy Gifts made, the study courses followed and regular bible study has been kept up, even though we are so small an organization.

While we reach many of the goals of the Standard, we do not feel we do by any means all we should

april 1937.

55393 HISTORY OF BARNESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1937-1940 for which the church is grateful.

The Rev. Richard Simpson continues to serve as pastor,

Received in the church by letter in 1938 were Mrs. Frank P. Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. Homer W. Smith, and Homer W. Smith, Jr. Mr. R. E. L. Hawkins and Mary Laura Ross came on profession of faith. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Crouch moved to Albany, Ga. and took their letters.

In 1939 Julian Richard Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Harrison joined the church on profession of faith. Mr. and Mrs. R. Powell Cotter and Mrs. L. D. Watson came in by letter. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Cecil requested and were given their letters to put in the church in their Tennessee home.

On May 15, 1939 the church lost by death its only charter member, Mrs. Rubie Blount Stafford. She was faithful unto the end and her loss is keenly felt. By her will she left two hundred dollars to the church. This was used to put in perfect repair the church and Mouse.

There are on the church roll now, thirty six resident members. At present there is only one elder but the pastor has called a congregational meeting for March 24, 1940 for the purpose of electing one elder and two deacons.

A large number of Gordon Cadets form an interested part of the congregation at each service during the school year.

# HISTORY OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE BARNESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1937-1940

Mr. K. D. Colson continues to serve as superintendent. Interest in the Sunday School is sustained. The average attendance is about thirty three. Of these there are only nine children who come from Presbyterian homes.

The teachers are Miss Carolyn Dickens, Mrs. John M. Anderson, Mrs. Frank Sloan, Mrs. Charlotte Ashley, and Mrs. M. C. McMullen. Mr. Simpson, our pastor and Mr. Colson often teach.

Mrs. W. T. Bate, serves now, as she has for many years, as pianist.

Miss Carolyn Dickens is secretary-treasurer.

The children are each given both useful and attractive gifts at the annual Christmas trees. Many of these children would have little cheer at Christmas were it not for this custom of the Sunday School.

Easter egg hunts, picnics, dinners, and parties are given for the children and young people.

Both pupils and teachers join either the Methodists or Baptists in their Daily Vacation Bible Schools as there are too small a membership to have a Presbyterian Daily Vacation Bible School.

# HISTORY OF THE AUXILIARY TO THE BARNESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1932-1940

Mrs. M. C. McMullen from earlier than 1930 through '33.

Mrs. J. J. Gunn was president '34-'35, Mrs. Tom G. Bell of

Milner, Ga. served '36-'37 and '37-'38. Mrs. Frank P. Sloan

was elected in '38 and continues to hold the office.

There are twenty three members, which includes every resident woman member of the church. Mrs. Sloan is organizing a Business Woman's Circle, as several of our women work and have never been able to attend the afternoon meetings.

The passing of Mrs. W. C. Stafford on May 15, 1939 was a great loss to the auxiliary. She was a charter member of the church. A woman of rare charm, ability, and faith.

Gifts to all causes during these eight years have averaged two hundred dollars a year. This year the amount was \$280.00.

The plans of the Woman's Work Committee have been carried out as well as small organizations can. Representatives have attended all Group Conferences and meetings of the Auxiliary to the Presbytery.

A warm Christian atmosphere prevades in the auxiliary and a united desire to do the Father's will.

# HISTORY OF THE BARNESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1940-1941

The Church sustained a great loss this year.

Both Elders have moved away. Mr. George S. Klugh, the senior elder, served the Church faithfully for many years. He left to make his home in Tennessee. Captain K.D. Colson left to enter the Army's service, going directly to Florida, Captain Colson had not served as elder but a few months. He was ordained in the fall and at the same time.

Mr. John C. Boesch and Mr. J. H. McCook were ordained deacons. Mr. Boesch and Mr. McCook are both here, and serving the Church.

The Reverend Richard Simpson continues to serve as the Church's valued Pastor. There have been no accessions this year.

Mrs. John M. Anderson Historian

BARNESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL 1940-1941 The usual record of attendance has been maintained, which is from fifteen on bad days in winter to forty-five, - a record attendance in good weather. The usual Christmas tree service was held, At this time warm woolen sweaters as well as fruits, candy, and toys were given the children. Captain K.D. Colson, who has been the appreciated Superintendent for the past several years, was called into the U.S. Army Service the first fot the year. Cadet Van Baker, who has attended the Sunday School since early childhood, was elected Superentendent. His youthful loyalty and efficienty is a valued asset. Mrs. John M. Anderson Historian

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARNESVILLE, GEORGIA 1940-1941 This has been an unusual year in the Auxiliary. The President, Mrs. F.P. Sloan, was called to serve in South Carolina. Mrs. Charlotte Ashly our Vice President, and Mrs. M.C. Mullen were away most of the year, and others usually active were sick, - so the work was retarded. All of Assembly's causes were contributed to. Most of the active members read "This Worlds Goods" and "Sent of God". A valuable box of clothing was sent to Thornwell. Many other requirements of a good Auxiliary were met, though not all. Mrs. Powell Cotter was elected President for 41-42, and with a sustaining executive board, we hope for better things next year. Our sympathy is extended to our dear Miss Mary Wooten, who has sustained two great losses, in the passing of a brother and sister, Mr. Will Wooten and Mrs. Alice Hunt. Mrs. McMullen came near slipping away from us in Meriden, Louisiana where she went to be with her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Townsend. We are grateful the Lord has loaned her to us for a while longer. Mrs. John M. Anderson Historian

Barnesville, Georgia 1940 - 1950

#### The Pastors

Mr. Richard Simpson from 1934 to September 24, 1944. Mr. Pimpson served alternately with the Thomaston Church and resigned to accept full time service in Thomaston, Georgia.

Mr. Robert Hart from January 1945 to 1946. Mr. Hart was a student of Columbia Theological Seminary.

Mr. Eugene Jordan from January 1946 to January 1947. A Student of Columbia Seminary.

Mr. David Martin from January 1947 to July 1948. A Student of Columbia Seminary.

The Church was without a pastor from July 1948 to July 1949. The Fulpit was filled every Sunday, except for the month of August, by Dr. F. C. Talmage, visiting preschere and students of Columbia Seminary.

Mr. George Sheffer came to us as supply pastor July 1949. He serves alternately with Jackson. Mr. Kirk Nesbit, a student of Columbia Seminary, fills the pulpit on the alternate Jundays here. We hope to continue this plan another year.

#### The Elders

Mr. G. S. Klugh from January 1920 until he left town sometimg in 1940. He was dismissed to the First Presbyterian Church, Marietta, Georgia in February 1949.

Ar. K. D. Colson. Ordained and installed April 14, 1940. Left to enter the service of his Country in 1941. His letter was sent to the Jacksonville Presbyterian Church sometime later.

Mr. J. C. Bossch. Ordained and installed Elder June 8, 1941. He served the church faithfully until his death March 16, 1945.

Mr. J. H. McCook. Ordained and installed Elder September 27, 1942. Left Barnesville for Birmingham Alabama the first week in August 1945. He was dismissed to a Birmingham Church.

All of these Elders were loved and respected and greatly missed when they left.

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Barnesville Presbyterian Church 1940 - 1950

The Church was then without a session. On March 2, 1947 Dr. F. C. Talmage, Home Mission Secretary, announced a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing a session. On the following Sunday this meeting took place. The following officers were elected.

Elders: S. A. McHugh, J. H. Downs, B. F. Harrison Deacons: J. C. Holland

On March 6, 1947 Dr. Talmage acting as Moderator and Elders R. B. Gunningham of Decatur, Georgia, R. F. Head of Druid Hills Church, and C. L. Templin of First Church, Atlanta, Georgia, serving as the session and representing the Home Mission Committee and the Presbytery of Atlanta, ordinaed and installed these officers.

On March 14, 1949, Elder J. E. Nichols joined our Church by letter and was installed as Elder. At this time Mr. Jacob Spillers was ordained and installed an Elder.

We now have four Elders.- Mr. B. F. Harrison Mr. S. A. McHugh Mr. J. E. Nichols Mr. Jacob Spillers

#### The Deacons

Mr. J. H. McCook ordained and installed March 24, 1940. He served until he was made an Elder September 27, 1942.

Mr. J. O. Boesch from March 24, 1940 until he was elected Elder June 8 1941

Mr. R. Powell Cotter from June 8, 1941 until he took his letter to the First Methodist Church August 6, 1949.

Mr. J. C. Holland ordained and installed February 16, 1947.

Mr. Glen Zellner ordained and installed November 4, 1948.

We now have two Deacons:- Mr. J. C. Holland Mr. Glenn Zellner

#### The Trustees

On January 15, 1950, the Congregation of the Parnesville Presbyterian Church elected as Trustees the following:- From the Board of Elders,

Mr. J. E. Nichols; from the Board of Deacons, Mr. J. C. Holland; from the Congregation at large, Mrs. F. P. Sloan. To act for the Congregation in matters to determine the boundaries to Church property and authorized speciffically to negotiate with adjoining property owners to fix said boundaries and enter litigation if no other avenue of adjustment is open.

The Communicants
Resident

Ashley, Mrs. Charlotte Batechelor, Mrs. Vivian Sr. Batchelor, Vivian Jr. Corley, Mrs. Pearl Ivey Grane, Mr. Crane, Alton Caldwell, Robert Drake, Mrs. Newton Ennis, Lawrence Ennis, Sylvia Evans, Mr. William Edgar Jr. Evans, Mrs. Winston Gunn, Mrs. J. J. Hall, Mrs. Maud Harrison, Mr. B. F. Harrison, Mrs. B. F. Harrison, Miss Sarah Harrison, Miss Mary Harrison, Mr. Ben F. Jr. Holland, Mr. J. C. Holland, Mrs. J. C. Mathews, Mrs. James McHugh, Mr. S. A. McHugh, Mrs. 3. A. McMullen, Mrs. M. C. Nichols, Mr. J. E. Owens, Mrs. R. W. Quinn, Mrs. John Sloan, Mrs. F. P. Smith, Mr. H. W. Smith Mrs. H. W. Smith, Tony Spillers, Mr. Jacob Spillers, Mrs. Jacob Spillers, Mrs. Mary E. Stallings, Jackson Summers, Mr. W. M. Townsend, Mrs. Margaret

Out of Town Members

Anderson, Miss Agnes
Baker, Mr. Van Roy
Baker, Mr. J. Richard
Dickens, Mr. Riley
Gunn, Mr. Lanier
Johnson, Mr. Bennett
Johnson, Mrs. Bennett
Mitchell, Mr. John Max
Evans, Mrs. W. E.
Owens, Miss Annie
Smith, H. W. Jr.

Zelner, Mr. Glenn Zelner, Mrs. Glenn

Our Church building is badly in need of repair and will very likely have to be rebuilt.

Church School

1940 - 1942

Superintendent: Mr. K. D. Colson

Teachers: Mrs. M. C. McMullen. Adults

Mrs. John M. Anderson, Seniors

Mrs. Charlotte Ashley, Gordon Students

Mrs. F. P. Sloan, Intermediates and Juniors

Miss Carolyn Dickens, Primaries

Average Attendance - Twenty

Average Collection - Two dollars

(I have no record of the Benevolent Gifts)

1942 - 1943

Average Attendance - Twenty-five

Average Collection - Two dollars

When Mr. Colson left, having a dearth of men in our church we elected as Superintendent Van Roy Baker, a student a Gordon Military School. When he left to enter West Point, Dexter Brittain Dickens was chosen in his place. Brittain was also a student and served until he entered the United States Navy.

1943 - 1944

Average Attendance - Ten

Average Collection - One dallar

1944-1945

Avereag Attendance - Twenty

Average Collection - One dollar fifty cents

1945 - 1946

Average Attendance - Twenty

Average Collection - Two dollars fifty cents

Thornwell Offering - Fifteen dollars

Miss Sarah Harrison was elected Church School Secretary in 1945.

January 1945 to 1946 Mr. Robert Hart, Student Pastor, was Superintendent. January 1946 to 1947 Mr. Eugene Jordan, Student Pastor, was Superintendent.

1946 - 1947

Average Collection - Three dollars

Thornwell Offering - Twenty-five dollars

1947-1948

Superindendent Mr. S. A. McHugh

Average Collection - Four dollars

Thornwell Offering - Thirty-five dollars

In June 1947 we had our first Daily V cation Bible School.

Superintendent - Mr. David Martin Teachers - Mrs. F. P. Sloan, Seniors

Mrs. S. A. Mchugh, Intermediates

Mrs. David Martin, Juniors

Mr. David Martin, Primaries

This School ran for two weeks, sixty Certificates were awarded, and the interest and enthusiasm were exceptionally good.

1948 - 1949

Superintendent - Mr. S. A. McHugh

Secretary - Miss Sarah Harrison

Average Collection - Four dollars

Thornwell Offering - Thirty-five dollars

Daily Vacation Bible School July 1948

Superintendent - Mr. David Martin

Teachers - Mrs. May (Gainsville, Fla.) Seniors

Mr. David Martin, Intermediates

Mrs. Jacob Spillers, Juniors

Miss Sarah Harrison, Primaries

1949 - 1950

Superintendent - Mr. S. A. McHugh

Secretary - Miss Sarah Harrison

Average Attendance - Twenty

Average Collection - Three dollars

Thornwell Offering - Fifty dollars

Rally Day Offering - Sixteen Dollars

Program of Progress - Ten dollars

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During these last years the Teachers have been: Mrs. M. C. McMullin, Adults; Mrs. McMullen's health failed her had she had to give up her class after many years of faithfull service. The class was named the Molly McMullen Bible Olass in her honor. This class was then divided, Mrs. F. P. Sloan teaching the women and Mr. J. E. Nichols the men: Mr. Jacob Spillers, Seniors; Mrs. S. A. McHugh, Intermediates; Miss Sarah Harrison, Primaries.

The old custom of a Christmas Tree has been kept up. 'The necessity for servicable gifts has diminished, however, and now only a small toy, candy and fruits are given.

Women of the Church

1940 - 1941
President - Mrs. F. P. Sloan
Collection - One hundred seventy-two dollars and forty-five cents

1941 - 1942 President - Mrs. Powell Ootter Collection - Eighty-seven dollars and eighteen cents

1942 - 1943 President - Mrs. T. A. Witcher Collection - Ninty-one dollars

1943 - 1944 President - Mrs. T. A. Witcher Collection - One hundred forty dollars

1944 - 1945
President - Mrs. Oscar Beavers
Collection - Two hundred ninty-five dollars

1945 - 1946
President - Mrs. Oscar Beavers
Collection - Four hundred twenty-seven dollars

1946 - 1947 President - Mrs. D. B. Dickens Collection - Five hundred forty-two dollars

1947 - 1948

President - Mrs. D. B. Dickens
Collection - Three hundres eighty-five dollars

1948 - 1949 President - Mrs. Glen Zellner Collection - Three hundred sisty-eight dollars Barnesville Presbyterina hurch 1940 - 1950

1949 - 1950 President - Mrs. Glen Zellner Collection - Four hundred fifty-four dollars

The average attendance during these years was around seven.

In the fall of 1942 or 1943 we entertained the Group Conference. Mrs. Hubbell of Griffin, Georgia, was Chairman. Again in October 1947 we entertained the Group Conference.

In July of 1947 with the help of the Church we sent a deligate to Montreat.

We have donated to all the causes of the Church with special offerings to most of the special causes.

The following officers have been elected for 1950 1951.

President - Mrs. J. J. Gunn, Central Avenue

Vice-President - Mrs. Marjory Weaver, Central Avenue

Pecretary-Treasurer - Mrs. T. A. Witcher, Stafford Avenue

The following Chairmen have been appointed.

World Missions - Mrs. J. C. Holland

Spiritual Growth - Mrs. F. P. Sloan

Education and Ministerial Relief - Mrs. Glenn Zellner

Christians Relations - Mrs. Jacob Spillers

Membership

Ashley, Mrs, Charlotte Batchelor, Mrs. Vivian Corley, Mrs. Pearl Ivey Evans, Mrs. Winston Gunn, Mrs. J. J. Ha 11, Mrs. Maud Marrison, Mrs. B. F. Holland, Mrs. J. C. Mathews, Mrs. James McHugh, Mrs. S. A. McMullen, Mrs. M. O. Owens, Mrs. R. W. Quinn, Mrs. John Sloan, Mrs. F. P. Smith, Mrs. H. W. Spillers, Mrs. Jacob Spillers, Mrs. Mary E. Watson, Mrs. L. D. Weaver, Mrs. Marjory Williams, Mrs. Arthur Witcher, Mrs. T. A. Zellner, Mrs. Glenn

Barnesville Presbyterina Church Page Eight 1940 - 1950 In Memoriam On May 3, 1942 Mrs. J. M. Anderson passed away. Her death was a great loss to the Punday School as well as to the other branches of the Church. She was a faithful worker in this church from April 5, 1908 to her demise in 1942, serving as Sunday School Superintendent, Teacher, President of the Auxilliary and many other offices. Mrs. Anderson was historian at the time of her death, and during her lifetime held every office of the women's work, including District Chairman of our Group. The hymn books in present use were given in her honor. Mr. John C. Boesch, our beloved Elder passed away March 16, 1945. He came to us from Charleston, S. C. and was received into our church by letter September 11, 1932. He was installed a deacon March 24, 1940 and served faithfully until June 8, 1941 when he was ordained and installed an elder. His death was a serious loss to our little church. He was

greatly loved and very greatly missed. His son, John C. Boesch, Jr. is

an active member in the Presbyterian hurch of Albany, Georgia.

agno D. Sloan, Historian

First Presbyterian Church Barnesville, Georgia

History of the Church April, 1950 - April, 1951

Pastors: Mr. George W. Sheffer

Mr. Kirk Nisbet, Seminary Student Assistant

Mr. William E. Hotchkiss

On June 18, 1950 (Fathers' Day) Mr. Sheffer went to be with Jesus. He served this Church one year. We were without a pastor for three months, and Dr. Talmage and other visiting preachers filled the pulpit.

On September 17, 1950, Mr. William E. Hotchkiss, a student of Columbia Theological Seminary came to serve as pastor.

Elders: Mr. B. F. Harrison

> Mr. S. A. McHugh Mr. J. E. Nichols Mr. Jacob Spillers

Deacons: Mr. J. C. Holland Mr. Glen Zelner

Trustees: Elder J. E. Nichols Deacon J. C. Holland At Large, Mrs. F. P. Slean

The Communicants:

Received into the Church:

By Letter - Mr. & Mrs. O. J. Beavers By Statement - Mrs. C. D. Angell

By Profession of Faith: Mr. C. D. Angell

Baptisms:

Mr. C. D. Angell Infant Carol Anne Angell

Marriages: (In Dallas, Tex.) Miss Marjorie Weaver to Dr. Lester De Witt Hancock, March 14, 1951.

Deaths: Mr. H. W. Smith - June 5, 1950

The Congregation is gradually increasing. More Interest and enthqiasm are being shown, and the nember of Gordon Military Students attending has increased.

Our Greatest Needs:

To Become Self-Supporting To Repair our Church Building.

(Mrs.7:P.) Camo D. Shown
Historian for Women of the Church

First Presbyterian Church Barnesville, Georgia

History of Wemen of the Church April, 1950 - April, 1951

Officers:

President: Mrs. J. J. Gunn

Vice-Pres. Miss Marjorie Weaver

Secty. &

Treas. Mrs. T. A. Witcher Historian: Mrs. F. P. Sloan

Pastors:

Mr. George W. Sheffer

Assistant: Mr. Kirk Nisbet

Mr. William E. Hotchkiss

The meetings were held monthly in the homes of members. Light refreshments were served. A devotional and a program were presented, with messages from Committee Chairmen, an average of seven members attending. Gross receipts for the year were:

Toward Pastors Salary: 357.06
To General Benevolence: 40.00
To Thornwell: 10.00
Birthday Gift: 10.00
Joy Gift: 10.00

The White Cross quota was filled.

Membership:

New Members: Mrs. Oscar Beavers

Mrs. C. D. Angell

We now have twenty-four (24) Resident Members two of whom are affiliated Members. Miss Marjorie Weaver, Vice-President, left for Dalas, Texas, whose she was married to Dr. Leslie De Witt Hancock.

Social Events:

Mrs. George Hall gave a dinner party inviting the entire church membership. A delightful dinner was served and fellowship enjoyed. The Pastor closed the very pleasant evening with a prayer service.

Officers for coming year:

President: Mrs. J. J. Gunn
Vice-President: Mrs. Glen Zelner
Secty.-Treas. Mrs. T. A. Witcher
Historain: Mrs. F. P. Sloan

Pastor: Mr. William E. Hotchkiss

Mrs. F.P.) Cignis D. Sloan
Historian of Women of the Church

Fisst Presbyterian Church Barnesville, Georgia

History of The Church School April, 1950 - April, 1951

Officers and Teachers:

Superintendent: Mr. S. A. McHugh Secty.-Treas. Miss Sarah Harrison

Teachers: Mrs. F. P. Sloan - Adult Class
Mr. William E. Hotchkiss - Seniors
Miss Sarah Harrison - Primaries

Average Attendance for year: 25
Average Collection: 4.00
To Thornwell: 75.00
Rally Day Collection: 12.00

Sent to Young Peoples Conference at Smyrna, Georgia:
Vivian Batchelor
Jack Stallings

The Daily Vacation Bible School was held jointly the the Methodist Church for two weeks in June. Presbyterian Literature was used.

Leaders: Mrs. J. H. Jackson - Methodist
Mt. Kirk Nisbet - Presbyterian

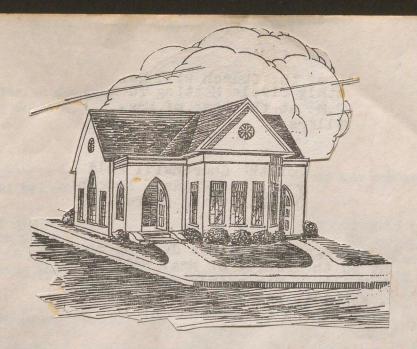
Teachers: Presbyterian - four
Helpers: Presbyterian - four
Pupils: Presbyterian - ten
Pupils Receiving Certificates:
Presbyterian - eight

Texts: Beginners - JESUS OUR FRIEND
Primary - STORIES OF JESUS
Junior - WE WOULD SEE JESUS
Intermediates - JESUS CHRIST, HERO OF HISTORY

At Christmas the usual tree was held with a program by the young people and gifts for the small children.

At Easter the small children were given an Easter Egg Hunt.

(Mrs. 7, P.) agns D. Sloan
Historian for Wemen of the Church



HISTORY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Barnesville, Georgia

April 1 - Dec.31,

1953

Page #1. First Presbyterian Church Barnesville, Georgia Since our Church is small and so completely a unit, we are combining the history of its several branches in one. On Sunday May 31st, 1953 we met for the first time in our newly renovated Church Building. The beaming faces of the congregation proved its joy, as well as its appreciation of the work done by the men of the Church and all concerned. We are now enjoying the beauty of the Church as well as the feeling of safety within her walls. The attendance in each branch has increased as has the interest of the members. On March 31st Mr.B. G. Monroe, our student pastor, preached his farewell sermon. It was with sincere regret that we saw him go. He was greatly loved and appreciated. Our Pulpit was filled by Dr. F.C. Talmage and visiting preachers until May 17th. when Mr. Geo. Dameron came to us and was called to be our Student Pastor. In September 1952 Mr. Vivian Batchelor was ordained a deacon in our Church. He left us early in March of 1953 to reside in Cayce, S. C. and on October 31st, 1953 he was received in Congaree Presbyterian Church. We regret very much losing Vivian and his family. He has been faithful to his Church since babyhood. The officers at this time are: Mr. Ben Harrison ELDERS Mr. S. A. McHugh Mr. J. E. Nichols Mr. Jacob Spillers Mr. Glen Zelner DEACONS Dr. Robt. Dickson Mr. E. I. Woodfin Mr. J. E. Nichols TRUSTEES Mr. Glen Zelner Mrs. F. P. Sloan THE MEMBERSHIP: Loss by Death -Mrs. H. W. Smith, Died April 23, 1953 Mrs. Mary Spillers, Died June 13, 1953 Mrs. Mollie C. McMullen, Died Nov. 4, 1953 Loss by Change of Residence - Mr. Vivian Batchelor Mr. C. T. B. Harris, April 12, 1953 Received by Letter -Mrs. E. I. Woodfin, September 27, 1953 Mr. E. I. Woodfin, September 27, 1953 James S. W. Harris, September 27, 1953

Page #2. First Presbyterian Church Barnesville, Georgia Julia Williams, July 12, 1953 Received on Profession of Faith -Mrs. Ruth B. Uhl, September 27, 1953 Elizabeth Lee Woodfin, September 27, 1953 Susan Alice Woodfin Patricia Muriel Batchelor " James Noland Williams " Harriet Elaine Spillers Stanley A. McHugh, Jr. Glenda Carol Zelner Donalson Sloan McHugh, September 23, 1951 Ronda Gale Batchelor, July 1952 James Malone Williams, September 27, 1953 Patricia Muriel Batchelor " " Elizabeth Lee Woodfin " Susan Alice Woodfin Mrs. Ruth B. Uhl A Communicants Class was conducted by Mr. Geo. Dameron during the month of August. Mr. E. I. Woodfin was unanimously elected to serve as Deacon in our Church on December 20th, and was ordained December 27th Dr. F. C. Talmage officiating. In a congregational meeting December 27th Mr. Hugh McClure was called to serve as Pastor of our congregation. If Mr. McClure accepts we will for the first time have a resident pastor with only our church to serve.

CHURCH SCHOOL - The Officers and teachers are as follows:

Mr. S.A. McHugh, Superintendent Dr. Robert Dickson, Asst. Superintendent Miss Sarah Harrison, Secy. & Treasurer Miss Betty Vecsey, Pianist

Dr. Robt. Dickson, Teacher Mens! Class Mrs. F.P.Sloan, Teacher Molly McMullen Bible Class Mrs. S. A. McHugh, Young Peoples' Class Mrs. Arthur Williams, Intermediates & Juniors Miss Lynn Witcher, Beginners and Primaries

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -

On June 22, 1953 the Presbyterian-Methodist Bible School began. It was held in the Methodist Church and lasted one week. Mr. Geo. Dameron, our pastor, served as Superintendent. The teaching was divided between women of both churches. The attendance was good, the children enthusiastic, and the work productive for all concerned.

The Presbyterian Teachers were -

Mrs. Robt. Dickson Mrs. Arthur Williams Mrs. Stanley McHugh

Mrs. Frank Sloan - Bible Story Teller

122 Children were registered and 96 certificates were awarded.

Page #3. First Presbyterian Church Barnesville, Georgia On November 1st, 1953 the Young People of the Church organized a Young Peoples Forum under the leadership of Mrs. E. I. Woodfin. They meet on Sunday at 6 P.M. in the Church. Sunday November 15th, twenty young people attended a Youth Rally at the Decatur Presbyterian Church. Before leaving, the women of the Church served them a picnic lunch on the Church Lawn. They reported an inspirational and delightful time. On December 20th the Church School Christmas celebration was held - planned by the Young People. Slides picturing the nativity were shown as the Bible Story was read by Miss Lynn Witcher, Interspersed with carols singly Miss Witcher, Dr. Dickson and the congregation. The young children were given toys and stockings filled with fruit and candies. The Young People gave a basket of food to a very needy couple and sang carols at selected homes. The Women of the Church under the leadership of Mrs. Robt. Dickson, President, had a hand in most of the activities of the Church, serving refreshments for Daily Vacation Bible School, lunch for Young People and Weiner Roasts for Young People, Intermediates and Juniors. Miss Julia Williams and Miss Harriet Spillers were sent as delegates to Smyrna Conference June 21, to 26th. Flowers were placed in the sanctuary each Sunday. We met as usual in the homes of the members monthly. Portraits of the Master was studied and the work of the organization at large was brought before the Women. A larger number than ever before subscribed to the Presbyterian Survey, The Presbyterian Women and the workbook for the coming year. The attendance has increased. The inactive list is rapidly decreasing At the December meeting a special offering was taken for the Joy Gift in memory of Mrs. McMullen. The collection was \$30.00. In the evening of September 20th in the home of Mrs. E. I. Woodfin the women sponsored a reception given for the Gordon Military School Faculty and Students. Approximately 140 attended. This was the highlight in our social calendar during the year and was a delightful occasion. On March 28th the Women gave Mrs. George Dameron a shower anticipating the coming of the Stork. This was given in the Woodfin Home. On December 23td little Miss Karen Suzanne Dameron arrived to live in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Dameron bringing with her a world of joy and happiness. The following officers were elected for the coming year -Mrs. S. A. McHugh, President Mrs. E. I. Woodfin, Vice President Mrs. T. A. Witcher, Secretary & Treasurer Mrs. F. P. Sloan (Agnes D) Historian

Page #4 First Presbyterian Church Barnesville, Georgia IN MEMORIAN On Wednesday November 4th early in the morning Mrs. Mollie Courson McMullen passed to be with Jesus. She was a native of Birmingham, Alabama and came to make her home in Barnesville in 1914 when her husband, the late Dr. John R. McMullen, was called to fill the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church here. Mrs. McMullen was active in every branch of her Church reaching out also to the other churches in the community with her beautiful devotionals and bible lessons. Her greatest work, other than giving her children a firm foundation of belief in Jesus Christ, was her faithful teaching of the bible class in our Church School. When she became too infirm to teach, the class honored her by taking her name -The Mollie McMullen Bible Class. Her daughters and granddaughters live to carry on her good work. Mrs. Pearl McMullen Howard, El Monte, California, Mrs. Charlotte McMullen Ashley, Barnesville, Mrs. Mary McMullen Griffin, Ocean Side, California and Mrs. Margaret McMullen Townsend, Barnesville, Georgia, Her daughters and her granddaughters Charlotte Ashley Beavers, Mary Ann Leby, Virginia Gregory, Frances Godwin and Jean Townsend. Dr. F. C. Talmage officiated at the impressive funeral service assisted by her former pastor Rev. Richard Simpson and our student pastor, Mr. George Dameron. Her influence will long be felt in her church and community. Our Church also suffered the losses of Mrs. Clemmie B. Smith and Mrs. Mary Spillers. Mrs. Smith was for years a faithful member of our church. She left us on Thursday April 23, 1953 in the 59th year of her age. She was buried April 25th. Rev. Richard Simpson officiating. Mrs. Smith is greatly missed by her many firends and co-workers in the Church. Mrs. Mary Spillers went to her rest June 13, 1953 in the 74th year of her age. Her Christian influence was felt in her home during her long illness. Mrs. Spillers is the mother of our elder Mr. Jacob Spillers and the mother-in-law of Elder Benmamin Harrison. Rev. William Hotchkiss, a former pastor of our Church, officiated at the funeral. Others of our church and women of the church have sustained losses through death during the year. Mrs. Kate Gunns' daughter, Mrs. H.F. Bass of Milner, Ga. passed away August 6,1953. Mrs. R.W. Owens and Mrs. D.V. Batchelor, faithful members of our church, lost a brother Mr. Ralph Batchelor in November. Mrs. B. L. Bridges, a member of the women of the church, suffered the loss of her son Scott Williams, Ft. Valley, Georgia. Our sympathy is extended to each of them. agnes & Shoan
Historian Mss. T.P.

On June 17, 1954 Mr. George Dameron preached his farewell sermon, having accepted a call to Stockbridge and Kellytown. He served eight successful months as supply pastor for this church.

For the next few months the pulpit was filled by Mr. Edsel Huffstetler--student at Columbia Seminary and other visiting ministers.

On March 21st the session issued a call to Mr. Edsel M.

Huffstetler to serve us as supply pastor for one year, starting
from the time he and his family moved into the manse of this church.

The session charged itself with the responsibility of working
slosely with Mr. Huffstetler in planning a progressive program,
and to pray with him and for him for continued success. The
session also charged the congregation to continue their prayers
for the growth of this church. This plan was presented to the
congregation and they voted unaminously NO OBJECTION to the
plan.

The Huffstetlers moved in the manse June 5th, making glad the hearts of the congregation. The manse has been rented for many years.

# Additions to the Church

By Profession of Faith

Frank Huntley - May 2d

Robert Cole - Nov. 21st

By Letter ·

Miss Emily Bell - Sep. 19th

Col. & Mrs. J. E. McCarthy - Sep. 19th

Mr. & Mrs. M. A. Tate - Nov. 19th

### Dismissals

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Dixon - to Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta Nov. 21st

Mrs. L. D. Watson - to Barnesville Methodist Church
Oct. 24th

#### Marriages

Mrs. Margaret McMullen Townsend to Mr. William Lester Yarbrough

July 28th. The ceremony took place in St. Marks Methodist Church,

Atlanta, Dr. John Tate officiating.

Miss Jean Townsend to Mr. George Watley, Jr. Aug. 7th. The Ceremony took place in Columbia, South Carolina.

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Dr. Robert Strong of Augusta conducted a series of services

August 8th to 13th. It was preceded by a week of daily prayer

meetings in the momes of members. The attendance was good and

the cooperation received from our sister churches was heart warming.

A reception welcoming the Gordon Cadets, given by the Baptist, Mehtodist and Presbyterian Churches combined was an enjoyable event on the evening of Sep. 12th. This took place at Gordon Football Stadium.

Dr. Strong gave us thought inducing messages in each of which the

Godpel of Christ was preeminent.

The Family Supper off Nov. 11th at the Chub House was another pleasurable event of interest. At that time the budget for 1955 was presented by elder McHugh and Dr. Robert Dixon who came down from Atlanta for the occasion. We regret exceedingly to lose Dr. and Mrs. Dixon who have moved to Atlanta, taking their places in Central Presbyterian Church.

The Daily Vacation Bible School was held in the Presbyterian Church beginning June 7th. The Methodist School was in session at the same time. Therefore the attendance seemed small in comparison to other years. The average attendance was twenty. The school was followed by a picnic on Saturday and commencement exercises took place Sunday evening, June 13th. Miss Mary Pritchard of Atlanta assisted in the teaching.

# The Young People

The Pioneer Conference held a Smyrna June 20-27 was attended by Miss Muriel Batchelor. The Senior Young Peoples Conference, July 5-10 was attended by Miss Julia Williams. Both delegates reported a helpful and happy time.

On March 14th a group of young people from Atlanta conducted the regular evening meeting.

The Bioneer Group meets Sunday evening at 6:45 - Mr.

Huffstetler leading. The Senior High Fellowship meets Sunday

evening at 7 oclock - Mrs. Sa A. McHugh leading.

On October 10th a delegation of eight young people attended the Fall Rally at Timberridge.

The Church School

Officers

Supt. Mr. S. A. McHugh

Asst. Supt. Mr. Jacob Spillers

Secy. & Treas. Miss Sarah Harrison

Teachers

Mens Bible Class (until Sep.) Dr. Robert Dixon

Womens Bible Class - Mrs. Frank Sloan

Young Peoples Class - Mrs. S. A. McHuch Asst. Mrs. T. A. Withher

Pioneers - Mrs. Arthur Williams

Primaries & Beginners (until Sep.) Miss Lynn Witcher

Beginners (Sep. on) Mrs. Edsel Huffstetler

Primaries (Sep. on) Miss Carol Witcher

The average attendance was around forty-five. Rally Day was observed by a special program. The usual donations to special causes were made. Gifts of books were presented to the Pioneers, Primaries and Beginners at Christmas.

The Women of the Church

The women met monthly in the homes of the members. Light refreshments were served. The average attendance was good.

During the presidency of Mrs. Robert Dixon (1953) our women were devided into groups, each group having certain duties assigned such as flowers for meetings, letters to servicemen, ec. We hope that in time these groups will grow into circles, meeting separately and giving our women two meetings a month. The groups change each year and new chairmen are appointed.

Year Books, containing the list of the groups and their leaders with their assigned duties were given out this year.

The circle Bible study book of ACTS was followed. The leaders were selected from the three gourps alternately. A short program of events of the church a large was given by the President. The book OUR CITIES FOR CHRIST was read by the members and a review given by Mrs. Arthur Williams.

The World Day of Prayer was observed in the Mrthodist Church, a number of our women attending.

We had the pleasure of entertaining the annual conference of District Four on Jan. 15th. The day was one to be remembere drethe warm fellowship and the inspirational and instructive addresses.

Mrs. Robert Dixon welcomed the women. Mrs. Ed Linder of Thomaston led us in the worship period with a beautiful devotional Bible Study. Dr. Oscar Gardner, Supt. of Goodman Indain Orphanage at Hugo, Oklahoma, the guest speaker gave an interesting talk, bringing Goodman Orphanage closer to us. The Presbyterial President, Mrs. Fancher closed the delightful day with an impressive address, LOOKING AHEAD - THE WORLD CHURCH

## Officers - 1954

Mrs. S. A. McHugh - President

Mrs. E. I. Woodfin - Vice-President

Mrs. T. A. Witcher - Secy. & Treas.

Mrs. F. P. Sloan - Historian

Officers - 1955

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Group Chairmen - 1955

- 1. Mrs. Arthur Williams
- 2. Mrs. Edsel Huffstetler
- 3. Mrs. Jacob Spillers

Group Chairmen 1954

- 1. Miss Sarah Harrison
- 2. Mrs. Glen Ze lner
- 3. Mrs. Ruth Uhl
- 4. Mrs. Robert Dixon

(Mrs. F. P.) Agnes D. Sloan, Historian

85325 Atlanta Presbytery Barnesville Presbyterian Church History of the Women of the Church Barnesville, Georgia President Mrs. S.A. McHugh Vice-President Miss Sara Harrison Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. T.A. Witcher Mrs. Frank Sloan Historian Committee Chairmen Spiritual Growth Mrs. Robert Dickson World Missions Mrs. John Quinn Church Extension Mrs. Arthur Williams Annuities and Relief Mrs. J.J. Gunn Stewardship Mrs. T.A. Witcher The Barnesville Presbyterian Women of the Church meet every second Tuesday in the evening. The Circle has a membership of twenty-one. The average attendance is ten. The monthly contribution is twentyfive dollars. The programs have followed the monthly study of Romans as outlined in Presbyterian Woman's Workbook and Leaders' Guide. One member died and three moved away, but the Circle gained four new mwmbers, so there was no change in the number of members. The total money contributed during the year was \$352:00. Of this amount, \$67:00 was given to Benevelences, \$255:00 to local Church work and \$30:00 to the Church organ fund. A shower was given for Mrs. Hooks' new baby. The Presbyterian women joined the other Church women of Barnesville in a reception for the Gordon Wilitary College faculty and students, in September. Mrs. Elizabeth H. (John H.) quinn

## THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BARNESVILLE, GEORGIA ATLANTA PRESBYTERY 1956

The year 1956 was year of praise worthy effort for the First Presbyterian Church of Barnesville, Georgia.

The ministers, officers and committees working together achieved success in the Church's long dreamed of goal. A full time minister living in the manse was for the first time in the history of this Church a reality. Mr. Mummert accepted the Church's call and his ordaination July 1, 1956, was near the beginning of his service which he continues as a consecrated, helpful leader.

On January 9, 1956, Col Harris and his committee purchased a Hammond organ and had it installed. This organ was paid for within the year and its music is an inspiration. The quick success of the committee is proof of their ability and devotion to the Church.

The revival in October was a high light of the year. Rev. Kirk Nesbitt, of Atlanta, preached each evening. The Church was full for each service and the Church members and visitors were refreshed and inspired to be more devoted Christians.

The Christmas party was an occasion of great pleasure. The gifts to the children brought joy to the givers as well as to the boys and girls.

The Sunday School has increased in attendance and interest. The Women of the Church have met regularly in the homes of the members and they have helped in every field of the Church's endeavor.

The Church received by profession of Faith three new members. Eight new members were received by transfer of letter. Four members were lost by transfer of letter to other Churches and two were lost by death. Mrs. Esther Sloan McHugh and Col. John E. McCarthy were taken from the pain of this world to heavenly peace. The entire membership of the Church is thankful for their friendship and example.

The officers have been faithful and efficient. The combined efforts of the membership have made 1956 an outstanding year in the history of the Church.

Mrs. John H. quinn Historian