

HISTORY
OF
DAWES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA

History of the Women of the Church, 1961 - 1962.
Dawes Presbyterian Church.

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An organization of the women, with varying degrees of success and failure, had existed at Dawes for the most part of the twenty years of its existence as a Chapel of the First Presbyterian Church of Thomasville, Georgia. But the unanimous vote to organize the Chapel into a Church seemed to revitalize the ladies and they met on the night of December 5, 1961, to perfect an organization to be known as The Women of the Church. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Talmadge Ferguson, Vice President, Mrs. Robert Turq, Secretary, Mrs. James Fain, Treas. Mrs. L. W. Royal.

Ten meetings have been held since the organization, with good attendance. The meetings were held on the first Tuesday night of each month. The Bible lessons have been taught and after the program and business session, a social hour has been enjoyed.

Among the projects sponsored by the women have been:
Curtains for the Sunday School rooms.

A lovely Communion table for the Church, the women paying for the material and Mr. and Mrs. Shedd giving their work. Material for the new Communion cloths was donated by Mrs. E.A. Dawes and Mrs. Robert Shedd and Mrs. James Sculley made them up.

Money was raised by free will offerings for a new pump and the digging of a deep well as there was no water available on the grounds.

A telephone was installed for the pastor, monthly payments to be kept up by the women.

A most successful Bible School was held in June with the following women serving as teachers: Beginners, Mrs. Harold Butler and Mrs. Parks Weaver, Primaries, Mrs. Talmadge Ferguson and Mrs. James Fain, Juniors, Mrs. Robert Turq. Other women served refreshments at noon each day. About 45 were enrolled.

Six of the ladies attended District Conference at Climax.

The offerings for the year amounted to \$113.00 for Benevolences and \$395.46 for Current Expenses. Total, \$508.46.

Officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. Talmadge Ferguson, Vice presidents, Mrs. Robert Turq and Mrs. Robert Shedd, Secretary, Mrs. Harold Butler, Treasurer, Mrs. L.W. Royal. Cause Chairmen to be appointed.

With the organization of the Chapel in to a Church on February 11, 1961 and the arrival of the young pastor, Rev. Harold Adkins, a new era has dawned and we feel sure the women of the Church will play a large part in the future service and success of the Dawes Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Robert T. Wallace
Historian

History of the Women of the Church, 1962 - 1963. Dawes Presbyterian Church.

In the first full year of service in the newly organized Dawes Church the women have aided and sponsored many useful projects. There were 12 meetings held, with an average attendance of 10, three having a perfect record. The enrollment is twenty-two. The Circle Bible Study was given each month by the women in turn and the Church Causes were presented. A pleasant social hour followed each meeting, with refreshments. Two special speakers were heard during the year. Mrs. B.G. Munro spoke on the Work of the Women at the various Assembly Levels. Mr. Robert Shedd discussed Women as Officers in the Church. Seven women attended the District Conference in Cairo. They were: Mesdames Ferguson, Turq, Butler, Yarbrough, Robert Shedd, John Shedd and Wallace. At Easter, an Egg Hunt was given for the children and in August a Church Family Dinner was held after the morning worship. A Vacation Bible School was conducted by the women in June, with an average attendance of thirty-three. Those teaching were: Beginners, Mrs. Parks Weaver and Mrs. Harold Butler. Primaries, Mrs. Jack Smith and Mrs. James Sculley. Juniors, Mrs. Robert Turq. Young People, Rev. Harold Adkins. The White Cross quota was met in full. Projects sponsored by the women included the painting of the interior of the church, sanding and painting the floors and a beautiful new carpet. The pastor's telephone was also paid for by them. Two generous gifts have added much to the comfort and beauty of the church: Air Conditioning of the sanctuary by Mrs. Ed Dawes and ten lovely Azaleas by Pete Wills. The Treasurer reported gifts as follows: Benevolences, \$94.71 and Current Expenses, \$275.49, Total, \$370.20. Officers for the coming year are: President, Mrs. Blanche Wright. Vice presidents, Mrs. Parks Weaver and Mrs. James Sculley. Secretary, Mrs. Harold Butler. Treasurer, Mrs. L.W. Royal. Historian, Mrs. Robert Wallace. Chairmen: Spiritual Growth, Mrs. Lark Sculley. Christian Education, Mrs. Jack Smith. Stewardship, Mrs. Everette Causey. Church Extension, Mrs. L.W. Royal. World Missions, Mrs. James Fain. Annuities and Relief, Miss Shirley Yarbrough. General Fund, Mrs. J.C. Wills. The addition of a handsome new Bulletin Board on the Church lawn has added greatly to the property and now the little church is a thing of beauty within and without and a joy to the hearts of the loyal members.

*Mrs. R. T. Wallace
Historian*

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History of

Dawes Presbyterian Church

Dawes Memorial Chapel

In July of 1940, a new out-station was organized in a community on the Albany Road. Mrs. Shelby Pope has been Chairman of the Circle with Mrs. R.P. Wimberly Sr. as her co-worker. The Circle meets on fourth Mondays and has an average attendance of ten with a nucleus of eighteen or twenty.

A new Sunday School was organized on the Albany Road with Mr. Leroy Edwards as Superintendent, with an average attendance of twenty five. The School was opened in July and is making good progress.

Dawes Memorial Chapel was built by Mr. W.A. Dawes and Mr. E.A. Dawes in memory of their wife and mother, Mrs. Lillie Craft Dawes. Mrs. Dawes had more than once in her lifetime expressed a desire that the community would at some time in the future be served by our Church. This beautiful Chapel was dedicated December 29, 1940. Much of the labor for the building was contributed by the men of the community.

Mr. Roy Edwards is Superintendent of the Sunday School and Rev. R.T. Gillespie preaches at the Chapel every Sunday Morning.

Beginning the Church Year April 1, 1940, Dawes had twelve members on Profession of Faith and nine by Statment or Letter. Revival services were held at Dawes during the year. Membership from April 1, 1939 to April 1, 1940 was as follows :

Profession of Faith

Esther Fain
Junior Chastain
J.B.Chastain
Doris Chastain
Ray Dollar
Clyde Sculley
Dorothy Butler
Harold Butler
Virginia Wills
Travis Dollar
Fanny Lou Butler
Alma Holland

Letter

Mrs. R.L. Kirkland
Mrs. W.R.White
Mrs. T.N. Fain
Cliette Butler
T.N. Fain
Mrs. J. Cleveland Wills
J. Cleveland Wills
Mrs. G. W. Wills
Ruth Butler

April 1941 :

Rev. William McKay is acting as Pastor. He has held Revival Services and also conducted a one week Daily Vacation Bible School, with an average attendance of twenty-five. New members are as follows :

Profession of Faith

Mr. Jessie Flowers
Mrs. Jessie Flowers

Letter or Statement

Mrs. Cliette Butler
Mrs. R.C. Holland
Mr. Van Dollar
Lois Dollar

Circles 1941 - 1942

Chairman : Mrs. Shelby Pope

Co-Chairman : Mrs. Ralph Smith

Devotional : Mrs. Eunice Wimberly Sr.

April 1943 :

Mrs. Shelby Pope as Circle Chairman and Mrs. Eunice Wimberly as Devotional Leader are continuing the splendid work at Dawes Chapel. The Dawes Circle has a membership of sixteen. New Church members are as follows :

Profession of Faith

Mrs. Madge Reynolds Heald
Martha Singletary
Lila Bass
Frank Richardson Jr.
Grady Powell
Robert White
Mrs. Effie Sculley
Luther W. Royal
Mrs. Viola Colvin
Mrs. Lorraine Dollar
John Thomas Dollar Jr.
Howard Otis White
W.J. Dollar

Letter or Statment

Roscoe C. Holland
Mrs. Van Dollar Sr.
Mrs. Margaret Willis Sharber
Ruby Colvin
Mrs Ruth Lewis
Mrs. R.E. Sculley
Leslie Eugene Powell

Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted by members of the Circles of First Presbyterian Church.

April 1944 - 1945

Leroy B. Edwards is Superintendent of Sunday School and Mrs. Shelby Pope is Chairman of the Dawes Circle.

April 1945 - 1946

Mrs. J.P. Friddle is Chairman of Dawes Circle and Mrs. Shelby Pope is

Devotional Chairman.

April 1946 - 1947

Profession of Faith

James Penn Friddle
James Bruce Friddle
James Melton Fain
Clara Jeanette Ne Smith

William Lawrence Nesmith
Mrs. Agnes Lewis Sharber
Betty Joyce White
Elizabeth Frances White

The week of June 9, Dr. Marshall Woodson assisted Rev. McKay with Special services at Dawes.

April 1947 - 1948

Mrs. Shelby Pope remains as Circle Chairman. Howard Otis White was killed in action in Europe. New members are as follows :

Profession of Faith

Susie Lee Vann Royal
James Sculley
Emory Singletary

April 1948 - 1949

New members of the Church are as follows :

Profession of Faith

John Roscoe Holland
Stacey Henry Colvin
Mrs. Lila Mae Singletary
Norma Jean Heald

Mrs. Jessie Chastain
M^{rs}. Laura Bell Baxter
Mrs. Essie Whigham Dowless
James Randolph Baxter

April 1949 - 1950

This Chapel is an Outpost work of the First Presbyterian Church of Thomasville, Ga. The Session of the above mentioned Church is also the Session of Dawes Memorial Chapel. This Chapel was dedicated in 1940. Rev. William McKay as Assistant Pastor of First Presbyterian Church has been in charge of this Chapel since 1941. The Concillors elected for 1949 - 1950 are : L.W. Royal as Treasurer and James sculley, Jessie Flowers, Robert Guy White.

April 1950

Sunday School Superintendent is Boone Leach with the following teachers :

Mrs. Boone Leach, Miss Billie Powell and Mrs. J.W. Mitchell. Mrs. Mitchell has been a teacher since 1945. The Sunday School sponsored a Daily Vacation Bible School from June 13 - 18. The Young People's Work was organized by Miss Margaret

Mitchell in 1941.

The Women of the Church are a Circle of the First Church. Mrs. Shelby Pope has been Chairman for a number of years and her position is now being filled by Mrs. Doctor Mary Erickson Ferguson and Mrs Ralph McChesney. Treasurer is Miss Josie Heald. Meetings were held each month except January and February. An all day meeting was held July 17, with dinner on the ground. Rev. John A. Haley, Summer Student Pastor of First Church, conducted a Revival August 21-26.

A new piano was given the Chapel for use in the Sunday School rooms by Mrs E.A. Dawes. During the summer Mr. E.A. Dawes re-stuccoed the exterior of the Chapel and re-decorated the interior, which was greatly appreciated by all. New Church members are as follows :

Profession of Faith

Mrs. W.M. Royal
Ophelia Royal
Mrs. J.F. Stewart

April 1951 - 1952

Rev. J. Davidson Phillips conducted a Revival August 26 - 31 .

New Church Members are as follows :

Profession of Faith

Mrs. Bill Sangster
Barbara Sangster
Gordon Wesley Wills

April 1953 - 1954

Chairman of Circle : Mrs. Clyde Sculley

April 1954

Rev. James B. Spencer arrived August 1, to assume duties as Pastor of Dawes Chapel and Dillon. Dismissed to Bosyon Presbyterian Church were Mrs. Madge Heald and children, William, Emory, Russell, Eugene and Norma Jean. Rev. Spencer was married to Miss Duchess Williams of Thomasville, Georgia and resigned to accept a position in Macon , Georgia.

In June 1959, Rev. Charles M. Efird assumed duties as Pastor of Dawes. He served through the summer of 1961, when he accepted a call to the Church at

Harrisburg, North Carolina. The Pulpit was filled for the next few months by various ministers in the Presbytery and by Rev. R.T. Wallace, retired Minister of Thomasville, Georgia. Rev. Wallace served continuously from February 1962 until June 1962. Rev. Wallace worked tirelessly with the members in trying to establish Dawes Chapel into a church of its own. With the help of the Lord, this dream was realized as on February 11, 1962, Dawes Chapel became Dawes Church.

At 4:00 P.M. February 11, 1962, Dawes Chapel was Organized into Dawes Presbyterian Church by a Commission representing Southwest Georgia Presbytery. The Commission consisted of Rev. B.G. Munro of Thomasville, Chairman, with Rev. T.L. Llewelyn, Boston, Rev. Marshall Smith, Quitman, Elder W.J. Powell, Thomasville and Elder Roy Hallman of Boston.

Special music was provided by Mrs. Mildred Wise, pianist and Carol Rolt, soloist. Old members of Dawes Chapel and those coming by Letter signified their acceptance of the Organizing Covenant by a show of hands which was unanimous for those present. The Congregation nominated and elected as Elders, Robert Shedd and E.T. Ferguson. The Congregation also nominated and elected as Deacons, James Sculley, L.W. Royal, Robert Turq and James Smith. After answering questions put to them by the Commission, the Elders and Deacons were installed by the Laying On Of Hands, by the Commission with assent from the Congregation.

After the service a fellowship hour was held by the Women of the Church. Charter members joining on this day were as follows :

Letter

Harold N. Butler
 Ruth Butler Causey (Everette)
 Viola Colvin (Samp)
 Annie Lee Butler Fain (T.N.)
 James Newton Fain
 Virginia Wills Ferguson (Talmadge)
 Shirley Jean Joiner
 Joanne Louise Joiner
 Lydia Carolyn Joiner
 Ruth Colvin Lewis (Howard)
 Wayne Lewis

Ophelia Royal Moore (David)
 Fannie Mae Butler Ponder (O'Neal)
 Diane Dorothy Ponder
 Luther Wilburn Royal (L.W.)
 Susie Vann Royal
 Lena Monteal Royal
 Luther Wilburn Royal Jr.
 Wilburn M. Royal
 Nora Wills Royal (W.M.)
 Robert Allen Shedd
 Cornelia Cutts Shedd (Robert)

Marshall Shedd
James Sculley
Lessie Mae Sharber Sculley (James)
Lucille Mathis Sculley (Lark)
Effie Sculley (Troy)
Robert J. Turq
Floy Bradley Turq (Robert)

Paulette Turq
John Cleveland Wills
Katie Heald Wills (John Cleveland)
Bessie Lee Sharber Yarbrough (Earl)
Robert Earl Yarbrough
Shirley Yarbrough
Thomas Joiner

Re - Affirmation of Faith

Eugene Talmadge Ferguson
Florine Allen Butler (Harold)

On May 30 1962, the Session extended a call to Rev Harold Adkins, which was accepted. Rev. Adkins was duly accepted and approved by Presbytery and was duly ordained and installed as minister of Dawes Presbyterian Church on August 5, 1962.

New Members received from February 18, 1962 to January 1963 are as follows:

Profession of Faith

Lester Lewis Allen Jr.
Janet Elaine Sculley
Paula Gail Sculley

Letter or Statment

Lester Lewis Allen Sr.
Johnnie Bettison Allen (Lester)
James Howard Black
Ronald Etherington
Robert Emmett Sculley
Marshall Lee Shedd
Paul Raiford Smith
Jack Eugene Smith
Elizabeth White Smith (Jack)
Elizabeth Dunham Wallace (Robert)

Received from January, 1963 to June, 1964.

Letter or Statement

Elizabeth Wallis Adkins (Harold)
Myrtice Jones Shedd (Marshall)
Parks Weaver
Bonita Weaver (Parks)
Jean Anderson White (W.R., Jr.)
Blanche Baker Wright
William Franklin White Jr.

James Hoyt Smith was dismissed to Sherwood Baptist in Albany, Georgia.

During 1963 a Church Library was started with an initial gift of bookes given by Mr. Gordon W. Wills. Additional books were given by friends and members with the Sunday School purchasing one book a month.

We are very grateful to First Presbyterian Church of Moultrie, Georgia for the gift of a set of hymnbooks and a Communion Set.

The Women of the Church sponsored a project of Church improvments. In -

cluded in these were :The drilling of a well and the installation of a pump. The men of the Church graciously installed water pipes over the entire grounds. A complete paint job was done on the inside of the Church along with a complete refinishing job on the floors. Carpet was installed down the center aisle and on the pulpit. A new Communion Table was given by the Women of the Church and this was made by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shedd.

The Young People cleaned the grounds and planted azaleas and boxwoods that were given by Gordon W. Wills. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shedd made and gave a handsome new bulletin board which was installed on the front lawn. They also gave new bulletin boards for the Sunday School rooms. The Young People also gave a new bookcase to the Church.

The men doing the work themselves, scraped and repainted the entire outside of the Church. Mrs. E.A.Dawes gave the Church a new air conditioning system.

The Women of the Church together with the Pastor have successfully organized and carried on a Daily Vacation Bible School in 1963 and 1964. There was an average attendance of 38 children and 8 teachers.

Church officers are :

Elders	Deacons
James Sculley	Parks Weaver
E.T. Ferguson	Robert Turq
L.W. Royal	Jack Smith
Robert Shedd	Paul R. Smith

Sunday School Superintendent is Robert Shedd. Teachers are : Shirley Yarbrough, Bonita Weaver, Frances Fain, Lessie Mae Sculley, E.T. Ferguson and Rev. Harold Adkins.

In April of 1964, Mr. E.A. Dawes passed away and the entire congregation mourned the passing of this loyal friend and truly great Christian.

History of the Women of the Church---- 1963--1964
Dawes Presbyterian Church

Officers;

President--Mrs Blanche Wright
Vice President--Mrs Parks Weaver--Mrs James Sculley
Secretary--Mrs Bill White
Treasurer--Mrs Robert Turq
Historian--Mrs Talmadge Ferguson
Chairmen:
Personal Faith and Family Life--Mrs Harold Adkins
Ecumenical Missions and Relations--Mrs James Fain
Christian Community Actions--Mrs Jack Smith
Leadership and Resources--Mrs Harold Butler

There were twelve meetings held with an average attendance of ten.

In October the women sponsored a special Church Extension Meeting with Miss Mary Smart as speaker. Women were also responsible for the regular family night supper.

The women gave a bridal shower for Miss Betsy Wallis who became the bride of Rev. Harold Adkins on December 7, 1963. We also assisted the young people in their project to renovate a small house loaned to them by Mr. and Mrs Robert Turq for the purpose of having their meetings and also their social activities. The women gave the young people a housewarming in December.

The annual Christmas tree party for the children was held in December with the special emphasise on annuties and relief.

The women sent their White Cross Quota in full.

Mrs Blanche Wright and Mrs Harold Adkins attended the District Conference in Bainbridge.

A benefit barbeque was held with proceeds going into Church Building Fund.

A rummage sale was held with the proceeds going to purchase a refrigerator for the Church.

Mrs Harold Adkins presented a special program on Home and Family Life at the family night supper in September.

Expenses amounted to \$85.25 for Benovolences and \$256.23 for current

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expenses. Total \$341.47

Special Birthday offering \$6.25.

Mrs. Lalmadge Ferguson
March 11, 1965

Dawes Presbyterian Church 1964 and 1965

Pastor- Rev. Harold Adkins

Elders

James Sculley
Jack Smith
L. W. Royal
Robert Shedd

Deacons

Parks Weaver
William F. White
W. R. White
Wayne T. Lewis

Church Treasure- Mrs. Ruth Causey

Clerk of Session- Mr. L. W. Royal

Organist- Miss Angela Copeland, Miss Cheryl Giles

Choir Members- Mrs. Jack Smith, Mrs. Ruth Causey, Mrs. Harold Butler,
Mrs. Annie Lee Fain, Mr. William F. White, Miss Monteal Royal

Visiting Ministers, Elders, Layman- Rev. Robert Wallace, Elder E. T. Ferguson, Elder Hugh Mitchell, Layman Harry Butler, Layman John Weaver, Elders Randolph Malone, Rev. McElroy

Elder E. T. Ferguson moved to help build a new Church in Thomasville. He and his family will be missed greatly in our Church.

Deacon Paul Smith moved his letter to Dawson St. Meth. Church, Thomasville, Ga.

Deacon Robert Turq had to move to Dublin Ga. because of his work but he has not moved his letter. The Church has missed them. God bless them and see fit for them to return to our Church.

Rev. Harold Adkins left our Church in March 28, 1965 to take a Church in La Fayette, Ga.

Elder Hugh Mitchell of Albany, Ga. came after Rev. Adkins left to fill in for us. Because of bad health he is temporary not with us. He plans to return to our Church on December 26, 1965.

New Members

Timothy Mark Weaver	Baptism
Trais Micheal Weaver	Baptism
Mrs. Francis Fain	Letter
Mr. Harold Schwarty	Baptism
Harold Allen Butler	Baptism
Patricia Ann Butler	Baptism
Fred L. Colvin	Letter
Mrs. Alma Butler White	Letter
Mrs. Alam Miller Lewis	Letter

Willie R. White
Micheal Wayne Lewis

Baptism
Baptism

Members dismissed to other Churches: Mrs. Elizabeth Wallis Adkins, La Fayette,
Paul Raiford Smith, Dawson Methodist Church Thomasville, Ga.

Marriage in Church

Mr. and Mrs. E. Etherengton

Deaths

Mr. J. C. Wills Date- April 18, 1965

Members of the Church gave a dinner for Elder and Mrs. Hugh Mitchell and family
on his last Sunday with us. He had to have some rest on the kind of condition
his health was in.

Mrs. Robert Wallace sent \$25 for this Church to help Hurricane Besty. The Church
Has payed the First Presbyterian Church in full \$235 for money we owed them,
for annuity.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shedd gave the Church Bulletin holder for the door. Which
has proven most convenience for us.

The ladies and Young People have finished paying for the carpet in the Church.
As money making project ladies had a very sucessful bake sale to Help the Church
Treasure.

*Mrs L. W. Royal Sr.
Historian*

History Of The Women Of The Church - 1964 - 1965

Dawes Presbyterian Church

Officers-

President- Mrs Blanche Wright

Vic- President- Mrs Park Weaver - Mrs James Sculley

Secretary- Mrs Bill White

Treasurer- Mrs Robert Turq

Historian- Mrs L. W. Royal Sr.

Personal Faith And Family Life - Mrs Harold Adkins

Ecumenical Missions And Relations- Mrs Jimmie Fain

Christian Community Actions - Mrs Jack Smith

Leadership And Resources- Mrs Harold Butler

There were twelve meetings held with an average attendance of 12.

The Women of the church have organized and carried on a Daily Vacation Bible School in 1964- 1965. There was an average attendance of 40 children and 7 teachers. Had a program at the end of the week to show what the kids learn and did. Was a large crowd attended.

In October Mrs Blanche Wright and Mrs Harold Adkins attended a meeting in Moultrie, Ga. on church Extension.

Rev. Harold Adkins was guest speaker and talked to us about Church Extension in November.

The Annual Christmas tree party for the children was held December with the special Christmas program by Mrs Jack Smith. This is the first time we have had real people and live animals to act out the birth of Christ. Mrs Smith used members and friends of the church.

The Ladies have started a special saving for a bathroom by having a bake sale November 24, 1964 and then Oct. 1965.

We help pay part of the back retirement bill for Rev. Harold Adkins.

Ladies had a bake sale May 16, 1965 to raise money for the church.

The Ladies helped the young people finish paying for the rug in the church.

The women sent their White Cross Quota in full, it was successful this was done by Mrs Harold Butler, Mrs Bob Braswell, Mrs L.W. Royal Sr.

Women of the church help the young people finish selling favors and paper to pay for the flags in the church.

We lost two of our members this year they were Mrs Harold Adkins who moved to La Fayette, Ga. and Mrs Robert Turq and she went to Dublin, Ga.

Mrs. L. W. Royal Sr.
Historian

History Of The Women Of The Church

1965 - 1966

Dawes Presbyterian Church

Thomasville ; Ga ,

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY

HISTORY OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH
1965-1966
DAWES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OFFICERS-

PRESIDENT- Mrs. Parks Weaver
Vice- President- Mrs. W. R. White
Secretary- Mrs. Bill White
Historian- Mrs. L. W. Royal
Ecumenical Mission and Relations- Mrs. Jimmie Fain
Christian Community Actions- Mrs. Jack Smith
Leadership and Resources- Mrs. Harold Butler
Treasurer- Mrs. Bob Braswell

12 meetings where held with average attendance of 10.

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Bible School was held June 7 for five days. Kindergarten Class teachers where Mrs. Parks Weaver and Mrs. Bob Braswell. Primary by Mrs. Jack Smith and Mrs. Bill White. Juniors by Mrs. Harold Butler and Mrs. Jimmie Fain. Refreshments where served daily by women of the Church.

Our President Mrs. Parks Weaver has been real sick and absence and our Vice-President, Mrs. W. R. White has done a wonderful job in her absence.

We are still saving for inside restrooms, we have had bake sales and rummage sales and sold favoring and pepper and cleaners.

We have been hostesses to three bridal showers. Honoring Mrs. Luther W. Royal Jr., Mrs. Neal Weathers, Mrs. Rueben Donald Richardson. We also honored Mrs. Bud Brewer and Mrs. Bill White with stork Showers.

We are appointing visitation committee to build up our church attendance. In charge are Mrs. Park Weaver, Mrs. Bill White, Mrs. W. R. White, Mrs. Harold Butler, Mrs. Jimmie Fain, Mrs. Bob Braswell.

Visiting the Old Folk Home in Quitman from our church where Mrs. Harold Butler, Mrs. Blanche Wright, Mrs. W. R. White, Mrs. Parks Weaver, Mrs. Howard Lewis, Mrs. Bill White.

Attended meeting at town church where Mrs. Parks Weaver, Mrs. Bob Braswell, Mrs. Blanche Wright.

The flowers and Church clean up are by the women.

Attending the annual Presbyterian Meeting where Mrs. Parks Weaver Mrs. Bob Braswell, Mrs. Blanche Wright, and Mrs. W. R. White.

For inside restrooms we have saved \$643.50.

In our regular account we have \$79.83 balance and bills are \$130.75.

Historian Mrs. L. W. Royal Jr.

History Of Dawes Presbyterian Church

Thomasville; Georgia

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY

1966

Rev. James H. Hester
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DAWES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1966

Paster- Elder Hugh Mitchell of Albany, Ga. acted as our paster this year.

ELDERS

Jack Smith
James Sculley
L. W. Royal Sr.
W. F. White
Robert Shedd

DEACONS

W. R. White
Luther W. Royal Jr.
Wayne T. Lewis
Parks Weaver

CHURCH TREASURER- Mrs. Ruth Causey

CLERK OF SESSION- Mr. L. W. Royal Sr.

Organist- Miss Cheryl Giles Miss Jean Harrison

Choir Members- Mrs. Jack Smith, Mrs. Ruth Causey, Mrs. Harold Butler, Mrs. Frances Fain, Mrs. Eleanor Braswell, Mrs. T. N. Fain, Mr. W. F. White, Mr. Leo Gainous.

VISITING MINISTERS, ELDERS, LAYMAN

Rev. Robert Wallace
Elders Hugh Mitchell
Rev. Marshall Woodson
Elder Gene Driver
Rev. B. G. Munro

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Pamela Shiver Royal- letter
Debbie Sue Royal- Baptism
Nyland Terry Butler- Baptism
Bobby Fain- Baptism

MEMBERS DISMISSED TO OTHER CHURCHS

E. T. Ferguson- to Friendship Presbyterian Church, Thomasville
Mrs. E. T. Ferguson- to Friendship Presbyterian Church, Thomasville

MARRIAGES

Miss Paulette Turq to Aruther Neal Weathers on March 26, 1966 by Rev. Harold Atkins.
Miss Lena Monteal Royal to Ruebun Donald Richardson on Nov. 24, 1966 by Elder Hugh Mitchell.

DEATHS

James Howard Black July 7, 1966

Dawes Presbyterian Church
Southwest Georgia Presbytery
1966

Mrs. Ruth Causey gave the Church a new Water pump.

Our roof was repaired and the walls fixed and the Church was painted inside. The yard upkeep is by Mr. Bill White. The heat and air-conditioning are looked after by Mr. L.W. Royal

Mr. Marshall Woodson held Revival from Oct. 13 until Oct. 17. By the crowd each night he was a blessing.

Elder Robert Shedd had to stop serving as an active Elder due to his bad health.

Rev. Robert Wallace gave the Church members Day By Day books to read. Mr. Hugh Mitchell gave the members the Presbyterian Journal.

The women of the Church had Daily Vacation Bible School with a good attendance from June 7 to 11.

Our Annual Christmas Party was held at the Church with a Program by Mrs. Jack Smith. The title was The Life of Christ until his Death.

Ladies are saving for inside rest rooms and have had bake sales, rummage sales, and sold vanilla and pepper, pot cleaners to obtain the money.

We are proud and Happy that our choir has a special song each Sunday. They have also sang for Monteal Royal's wedding.

Historian
Mrs. L. W. Royal Jr.

DAWES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1967

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THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA

Paster- Elder Bill Anderson

ELDERS

Jack Smith
James Sculley
L. W. Royal, Sr.
W. F. White
Robert Shedd

DEACONS

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Luther W. Royal, Jr.
Wayne T. Lewis
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CHURCH TREASURER- Mrs. Ruth Causey

CLERK OF SESSION- Mr. L. W. Royal, Sr.

Organist- Miss Cheryl Giles

Choir Members- Mrs. Jack Smith, Leader, Mrs. Ruth Causey, Mrs. Harold Butler, Mrs. Frances Fain, Mrs. T. N. Fain, Mrs. O'Neal Ponder, Mrs. Marshall Shedd, Mrs. Yuwl Aldridge, Mr. W. F. White, and Mr. Leo Gainous.

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Robert Wallace
Rev. B. G. Munro
Elder Bill Anderson
Missionary Franklin Watt

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Inez Aldridge - Methodist Church, Clanton, Ala.
Mrs. Pat Benton - Baptist Church, Ochlocknee, Ga.
Mrs. Margie Brewer - Baptist Church, Ochlocknee, Ga.
Mr. George Brewer

BAPTISMS

PARENTS

Leslie Carol Brewer - Mr. and Mrs. George Brewer
Donna Lynn White - Mr. and Mrs. W. F. White
La Dale Earl Aldridge - Mr. and Mrs. Yuwl Aldridge
Gary Len Aldridge - Mr. and Mrs. Yuwl Aldridge

The church has new inside bathrooms now. We have worked hard to get them. Thanks for the help we have gotten from the Presbytery and the ladies of the church and other gifts.

New song books have been bought for the church. Thanks to Mrs. Bill Anderson for the money the Sunday School gave on the books.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith for the water purifier which was put on our well pump.

The church gave Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wallace a love gift for being so loved by everyone of us.

HISTORY OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH
1967
DAWES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OFFICERS-

PRESIDENT- Mrs. W. R. White
Vice- President- Mrs. Pat Benton
Secretary- Mrs. Harold Butler
Historian- Mrs. L. W. Royal, Sr.
Ecumenical Mission and Relations- Mrs. Jimmie Fain
Christian Community Actions- Mrs. Jack Smith
Leadership and Resources- Mrs. Harold Butler
Treasurer- Mrs. Bob Braswell

12 meetings were held with average attendance of 10.

Vacation Bible School was held in June with 30 children attending daily. Teachers were Mrs. W. R. White, Mrs. Pat Benton, Mrs. Robert Turq, Mrs. Blanche Wright, Mrs. Harold Butler, Mrs. Jimmie Fain, Miss Dianne Ponder, Miss Annette Colvin and Miss Vickey Robinson. A picnic was held at the church on Saturday. Refreshments were served daily by the women of the church.

Mrs. W. R. White, Mrs. Harold Butler, and Mrs. Robert Turq went to the First Church to the presbyterial annual meeting in Thomasville, Georgia.

The ladies bought and made 34 pairs of curtains for South Western Hospital. The ladies went to Mrs. Harold Butler's house and spent the day and fixed the curtains. Mrs. Jack Smith fixed and carried dinner for the ladies.

Five ladies went to the hospital and hung the curtains; they were Mrs. Harold Butler, Mrs. Miles Herring, Mrs. W. R. White, Mrs. Robert Turq, and Mrs. L. W. Royal, Sr. Mrs. George Clark from the hospital showed the ladies around.

The ladies planned a Halloween Party at the church. The first one we ever had, and everybody had a wonderful time.

We ladies had our Christmas Party December 16th, and it was enjoyed by all. We fixed the Christmas tree for the church party.

The ladies have had bake sales and sold black pepper, flavoring, salt and black pepper shakers, pot cleaners and chili powder to help raise money for inside bathrooms which the church has now. The ladies gave \$600.00 to the church.

We have been hostess to two bridal showers, Miss Janet Sculley and Miss Cheryl Bullington.

Ladies all payed our contengince fee which was 40 cents each.

Ladies of the church clean and put flowers in the church.

In our regular account, we have \$87.76 and in our saving account \$352.74.

Mrs. L. W. Royal Sr. Historian

Dawes Presbyterian Church
Thomasville, Ga.
1967

The ladies put curtains in one room for South Western Hospital for the mental patients in Thomasville, Georgia. They made and fixed 34 pairs of curtains and went to the hospital and put them up. Mrs. George Clark from the hospital helped us with the curtains and showed the ladies around.

Mrs. W. R. White and Mr. L. W. Royal, Sr. went to the Stewardship Rally at the First Presbyterian Church in Thomasville, Ga.

The ladies clean and put flowers in the church. Mr. W. F. White keeps the grass cut, Mr. L. W. Royal, Sr. keeps the heat and air condition turned on. Mrs. Shirley Mathis types the church bulletin and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shedd finish fixing them and get them to the church every Sunday.

The church has a water cooler which was a gift from Mr. Hugh Mitchell.

We had dinner on the ground and a sing afterwards, and it was enjoyed by everyone.

Historian
Mrs. L. W. Royal Sr.

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DAWES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1968

THOMASVILLE, GEORGIA

Pastor - Rev. Gilbert Gragg, Jr.

ELDERS

Jack Smith
James Sculley
L. W. Royal, Sr.
W. F. White
Robert Shedd

DEACONS

W. R. White
Wayne T. Lewis
Robert Turq
Parks Weaver

CHURCH TREASURER - Mrs. Ruth Causey

CLERK OF SESSION - Mr. L. W. Royal, Sr.

ORGANIST - Mrs. R. H. Sadler

CHOIR MEMBERS - Mrs. Jack Smith, Leader, Mrs. Ruth Causey, Mrs. Harold Butler, Mrs. Frances Fain, Mrs. T. N. Fain, Mrs. O'Neal Ponder, Mrs. Marshall Shedd, Mrs. Yuwl Aldridge and Mr. W. F. White.

VISITING MINISTERS

Evangelist Ben Wilkinson
Rev. Gudger Nichols
Elder Bill Anderson

Rev. Marshall Woodson
Rev. B. G. Munro
Dr. Archie Smith

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Everett Causey - By Letter
Mr. O'Neal Ponder - Profession of Faith
Mr. Lloyd Mathis - Profession of Faith

Revival was held at the church in January 1968 by Evangelist Ben Wilkinson from the Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship. We had a wonderful message every night. Mr. Wilkinson is a wonderful person.

Elder Bill Anderson left us to go to seminary to become a minister. We had dinner on the ground for Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and family before they left. The members gave the Anderson Family a silver tray as a going away present.

The church started Bible Study on Sunday nights. The Elders of the church are the teachers.

The ladies help furnish Easter eggs for mental patients in Thomasville, Georgia. We also, hemmed diapers for the children who are patients there.

The ladies still clean and put flowers in the church. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mathis publish our church bulletins. Mr. L. W. Royal keeps the heat and air condition turned on. Mr. W. F. White keeps the grass cut.

A Halloween Party was held at the church and was enjoyed very much by the grown ups and children too.

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Our Christmas party was enjoyed by everyone who was there. Mrs. Jack Smith planned our program. Many thanks to her.

A Presbyterian Youth Fellowship was started on Sunday afternoons. Mr. and Mrs. Yuwl Aldridge and Mr. and Mrs. George Brewer were the leaders.

Elder L. W. Royal went to the Presbytery Meeting in Thomasville, Georgia at the second presbyterial church in July.

*Mrs. L. W. Royal Sr.
Historian*

HISTORY OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

1968

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Christian Community Actions - Mrs. Frances Fain

Leadership and Resources - Mrs. Jack Smith

Treasurer - Mrs. Blanche Wright

Twelve Meetings were held with an average attendance of twelve.

We did not have Vacation Bible School this year.

The ladies hemmed 40 dozen diapers for Southwestern Mental Hospital in July.
We furnished 25 dozen colored eggs for Southwestern in April.

We had two bridal showers this year: Mrs. Robert Earl Yarbrough and Miss Sarah Belaney.

The ladies had several money making projects during the year such as bake sales, rummage sales, sale from salt and pepper shakers, vanilla flavoring, black pepper and Danny Duzit pot cleaners.

Mrs. Jack Smith planned our Christmas Program again this year and it was enjoyed by everyone. The kids had Santa Clause to come to see them.

The ladies still clean and furnish flowers for the church.

In our regular account, we have \$46.45 and in our savings account \$466.84.

*Mrs. L. W. Royal Sr.
Historian*

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SOUTHWEST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY

DAWES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THOMASVILLE, GA.

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Dawes Presbyterian Church 1969
Thomasville, Georgia

Pastor - Rev. Gilbert Gragg, Jr.

Elders

Jack Smith
James Sculley
L. W. Royal, Sr.
W. F. White

Deacons

W. R. White
Wayne T. Lewis
Robert Turq

Church Treasurer - Mrs. Ruth Causey
Clerk of Session - Mr. L. W. Royal, Sr.
Organist - Mrs. R. H. Sadler
Choir Members - Mrs. Jack Smith, Leader
Mrs. Ruth Causey, Mrs. Harold Butler, Mrs. Jimmie Fain,
Mrs. T. N. Fain, Mrs. O'Neal Ponder, Mrs. Marshall Shedd

New Members - Mrs. Lois Jones - By Letter

Deaths - Mr. Wilburn M. Royal - September 30, 1969

We had Bible Study for a while at night but have regular church service now by our Pastor Gilbert Gragg, Jr.

The ladies still furnish flowers for our church. The Elders hired a couple to keep the church clean and the yards.

Ladies helped fix nine dozen eggs for Easter for Southwestern Hospital. We fixed Christmas presents for the tree.

Halloween Party was planned by the ladies of the church for October 29, 1969. It was enjoyed very much by everyone who attended. Mrs. Harold Butler and Mrs. Jimmie Fain planned it.

Members of the church have visited Mr. Ronald Etherington in the Presbyterian Home in Quitman, Georgia

The Christmas Program was wonderful again this year. Mrs. Jack Smith planned our program.

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History of The Women of the Church 1969
Dawes Presbyterian Church

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Ecumenical Mission and Relations
Christian Community Actions - Mrs. Jimmie Fain
Leadership and Resources - Mrs. Jack Smith
Treasurer - Mrs. Blanche Wright

Twelve Meetings were held with an average attendance of twelve.

We did not have Vacation Bible School this year.

The Ladies again, have had several money making projects during the year; such as bake sales, Rummage sales, sale from salt and vanilla flavoring.

The ladies again helped fix 9 dozen eggs for Easter for Southwestern Hospital and each lady sent a Christmas gift from our church so that the patients could receive a gift from under the tree at the hospital.

One of the ladies' projects was that we adopted a patient from Southwestern Mental Hospital for a year. Her name is Sheryl Hogg. We gave her money to spend on little things that she would like to have. We also gave her gifts all along.

For White Cross, we purchased 212 gauze pads and rolled 36 rolls of gauze bandages made from old sheets. We received a letter from Brasil wrote by Mr. Bill Moseley thanking us for them.

Halloween Party was planned by the ladies of the church for October 29, 1969. It was enjoyed very much by everyone who attended. Mrs. Harold Butler and Mrs. Jimmie Fain were responsible for the planning of the party and they did a wonderful job.

Ladies gave a nativity scene to the church for Christmas. Mrs. Jack Smith planned our Christmas Program and it was enjoyed by all.

We have a member of our church, Mr. Ronald Etherington, who is now living at the Presbyterian Home in Quitman, Georgia. The ladies of our church have visited him and fixed Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes for him.

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L.W. Royal
W.F. White
Robert Turq

Deacons

W.R. White
Wayne T. Lewis

Church Treasurer - Mrs. Ruth Causey

Clerk of Session - Mr. L.W. Royal, Sr.

Pianist - Mrs. R.H. Sadler

Choir Members - Mrs Jack Smith, Director

Mrs. Ruth Causey, Mrs Harold Butler,

Mrs. Jimmie Fain, Mrs. T,N, Fain, Pat and

Allen Butler and Bobby Fain

New Members - Mrs. R.H. Sadler - by Letter

Deaths - Mrs. Robert Wallace

The ladies of the church still work keeping the church clean and also furnishing fresh flowers for the Sunday Morning Worship Hour.

As done each year the ladies again fixed Easter eggs for the patients at Southwestern Hospital, another project for the year was hemming diapers for use at the Hospital.

The ladies met one day at the home of Mrs. Pat Benton and made White Cross bandages and blankets for overseas use.

Again this year we had our Halloween Party, we all enjoyed the fellowship and roasting hot dogs.

The Christmas Program as always was an inspiration. The choir and young people joined together to make a wonderful program. Mrs. Jack Smith is director. Also during the Christmas Season gifts were taken to Ronald Etherington, a member of the church who is in the Quitman Home.

A highlight of our year was the completion of our beautiful Fellowship Hall. Through many prayers and much hard work from everyone we were able to make a dream come true. Cleaning the grounds and furnishing the inside of the Hall took several weeks of hard work and shopping. A big dedication is planned for February, 1971.