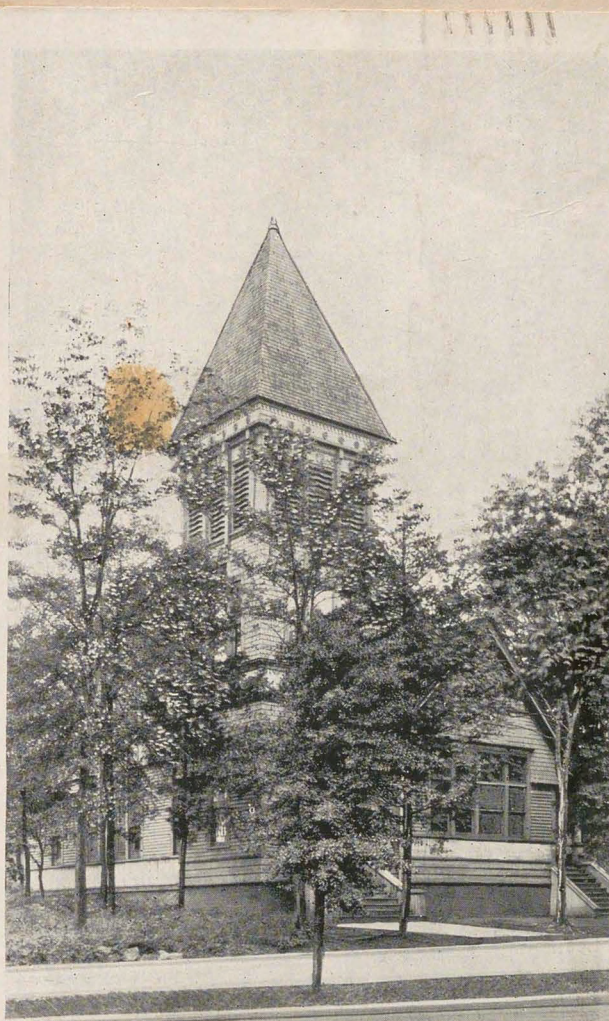


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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EATONTON, GA.

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EATONTON CHURCH HISTORY

By Mrs. R. A. Young and
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We cannot find a written record of the organization of the Eatonton Presbyterian Church.

We know by tradition and by Sherwood's Gazeteer of Georgia published about 1827 that four denominations, Methodist, Baptist, Christian, and Presbyterians united in building the first church in Eatonton seventeen years after the Indians ceded this country to the Whites. We know that the Rising Star Lodge F. A. M. and wealthy citizens subscribed liberally. It was, also, said by Rev. Adiel Sherwood in 1827 that Eatonton had the finest church building in Georgia in the up country out of Augusta in these early days.

The written records of Rising Star Lodge F. A. M. tell us that the lodge laid the corner stone of the new church June 24, 1819. This corner stone is preserved in the new Presbyterian Church built in 1896.

The records of Hopewell, now Athens Presbytery, shows that the Eatonton Church was first mentioned in 1820, reporting with a list of twenty members, and that the fall meeting of the Presbytery was held in Eatonton in 1820, and that Dr. S. S. Beman was S. S.

The sessional records of the Eatonton Church seem to be written

in 1849 from memory by Elder A. C. Mason who became a member in 1846 and was ordained in 1849.

These records are as follows up to 1849:

The Presbyterian Church of Eatonton was, according to best information to be obtained, organized in 1816 by Rev. J. C. Stiles or Rev. F. R. Goulding, and the following members constituted the church, Viz: James A. Meriwether, Chas. P. Gordon, Brice Gaither, Benjamin Chaoer, Mrs. Susan Meriwether, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. E. Gaither. In 1843 William Clark was ordained Ruling Elder. Mrs. Isabella Prudden was received by letter from Old Bethany Church and Mrs. R. C. Meriwether and Miss Susan Meriwether were received on profession by Rev. J. W. Baker and Elder Clark. The following persons were received on profession in 1846 by Rev. J. W. Baker and Elder A. M. Nisbet:

N. S. Prudden, Abigail S. Penniman, Miss Mary Fielder, Wm. T. Young, Mrs. Susan Harwell, and Mrs. Eliza Cobb.

Before the "War Between the States" the church building was often used as a place of assembly, political meetings, etc. being held there. During the war the pews were removed and the building used as a hospital. After the war the pews were replaced and the building was never again used for anything secular. It was held in great veneration by all the people and was spoken of as the "Old Union Church".

The Baptists sold their interest in it in 1895 to the Presbyterians, the Methodists declared in writing that they had long abandoned all claim they ever had to it, and the presbyterians sold the building to be

taken down to save desecration. They reserved the bell and hung it in their new church built in 1896.

We know that each denomination had the use of the building one Sunday in each month and the Masons had the fifth Sundays when they wished. Later when the denomination called the Christians ceased to exist here, the Methodists, being the stronger, used it two Sundays in each month. This continued until 1857 when the Methodists built a new church and left the old church to the Baptists and Presbyterians.

From 1819 to 1842 we suppose Eatonton was supplied with preaching irregularly. Rev. F. R. Goulding, Rev. Jos. C. Stiles and Rev. John Brown are mentioned. Oglethorpe College was opened in 1835 at Milledgeville and from that time, for a number of years, preachers from that school supplied Eatonton.

Following is a list of supplies and pastors as far as known:

1820-	Rev. S. S. Beman
1842-	Rev. John W. Baker
1849-	Rev. R. M. Baker
1851-	Rev. Samuel K. Talmadge
1857-	Rev. C. W. Lane
1860-	Rev. Prof. James Wooroy, licentiate, who after serving a few months was called to Columbia Seminary.
	Rev. Jos. Stiles, several days, and
	Rev. C. H. Skillman, six months.
1862-	Rev. R. C. Smith
1874-	Rev. Wm. McKay

Rev. Geo. T. Goetchins, pastor at Milledgeville, gave us several days service during 1873 and '74 with results of several additions.

Rev. O. P. Fitzsimmons came as our first installed pastor in Dec. of this year. He served half time.

1880- Rev. J. T. Bruce, licentiate, served one-half time as stated supply for several months.

1881- Rev. A. M. Hassell came in the spring of this year and
1884- was installed as pastor. From this time until 1902 the pastor divided time with Monticello. A manse was built here, so Eatonton became the home of the pastor.

1885- Rev. A. S. Doak,
1886- Half time.

1904- Rev. J. W. Lafferty,
1905- Full time.

1889- Rev. Samuel Scott,
1890- Half time.

1906- Rev. J. S. Montgomery,
1910- Full time. A new manse was built during this pastorate.

1891- Rev. W. T. Palmer,
1892- Half time.

1893- Rev. J. M. Plowden,
1899- Half time.

1911- Rev. B. W. Mebane,
1914- Full time.

1889- Rev. J. P. Anderson,
1902- Half time.

1915- Rev. A. G. Anderson,
1916- Full time.

1917- Rev. James Thomas came on our call in August of this year. He is still with us. Up until 1937, he also served the church at Sandersville. He preached for them on the second Sunday in each month, giving us the balance of his time.

RULING ELDERS INSTALLED

1826-	James A. Meriwether	1882-	R. B. Nisbet
1843-	William Clark	1891-	I. H. Adams
1846-	A. M. Nisbet		E. B. Ezell
1849-	A. C. Mason	1896-	J. W. Preston
1851-	Wm. T. Young	1907-	Dr. D. L. Thomas
	John B. Murphy		W. T. Reid
1858-	J. A. Wingfield	1910-	B. E. Harris
	S. E. Scudder	1916-	P. W. Walton
1866-	Dr. R. H. Nisbet		J. M. Boone, Sr.
1870-	Wm. D. Terrell	1926-	C. F. Whitman
1875-	Robert Young		C. L. Carroll
1880-	Robert Adams		J. W. Adams

DEACONS INSTALLED

1867-	W. D. Seymour	1900-	O. B. Nisbet
1869-	Robert Young	1907-	B. J. Holt
1881-	S. B. Simmons		J. L. Adams
1882-	E. B. Ezell		C. F. Whitman
	Robert A. Reid	1916-	J. R. Tweedy
	I. H. Adams, Jr.	1926-	M. F. Adams
1886-	Dr. D. B. Nisbet		W. S. Hooten
1891-	G. E. Scott		H. A. Young
	J. W. Adams	1934-	Frank Morse

HISTORY
EATONTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CONTINUED
BY
SADIE B. BARKER

- 1939- Rev. James Thomas who was called as pastor of this church in August of 1917, resigned the last of December of this year, after serving this church ably for more than twenty-two years. He was retiring from the ministry, having reached the age of retirement.
- During his pastorate quite a number of persons were received in the church by profession and certificate. A new piano was bought; a new communion service with individual glasses was provided, the old service was given to the Sandersville church; a new furnace was installed and the church building reroofed.
- 1940- In February of this year Curry Davis, a seminary student was called to serve as pastor for one year. A revival was held in September, seven members were added to the church by profession. He was young and enthusiastic, the church building and manse were badly in need of repairs. He worked with the Auxiliary and created much interest among the church members, so all working together plans were made to repair these buildings. Quite a bit of money was raised by contributions, but not enough

to complete this work. A loan was obtained and both buildings were repaired.

Mr. Davis, also, began an outpost mission. He resigned at the end of his year to accept a call to the Waynesboro church.

1941- William T. Mulcay, another seminary student, was called to serve as pastor. He served more than two years. He continued the mission work at the outpost and created so much interest there that our Sunday School was greatly increased, as was the Vacation Bible school. He, also stimulated more interest in church attendance. In May of 1942 Mr. E. A. Wingfield who was holding a note against the church, presented the canceled note, a gift of \$1250.00, to the church. Mr. Mulcay resigned in May of 1943 because he and his wife were going as Missionaries to the Belgian Congo in Africa.

1943- Warren Thuston, still another seminary student, was called in July of this year to serve as pastor. He continues the mission work at the outpost.

EATONTON WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

By Mrs. R. A. Young and
Sadie B. Barker, Historians

The first society for Woman's Work in the Eatonton Presbyterian Church was organized in 1868 or '69 by Mrs. S. M. Young and was called "The Ladies' Aid". Funds were raised by oyster suppers, selling ice cream, etc. for repairing the church and buying a manse; some money being sent from time to time to Foreign Missions.

This society continued its good work for a number of years, when it was merged into a missionary society with Mrs. S. M. Young as president. She continued in office until with advancing age, she could no longer engage in active work, then Mrs. J. M. Boone was elected president.

In 1892 a children's society was formed by Rev. W. T. Palmer, the pastor, with Miss Nona Young as president. He requested the women to disband their society and become honorary members of this society. This was done but continued only a few months, the woman's society being reorganized and the children's society disbanded, forming the Older and the Younger Woman's Societies.

The Augusta Presbyterial was organized here in 1900. The young woman's society joined the presbyterial soon after but the older society did not come in until some years later. These two societies were then merged into one and organized according to a circle plan, and was known as a Woman's Auxiliary. This auxiliary contributed to all causes of the church.

In 1906, again, a Young Woman's Society was organized by Mrs. J. S. Montgomery, wife of the pastor, who was president for several years. This was an active society, good work being done in both Foreign and Home Missions. During this time a new and commodious manse was built.

1911- Mrs. P. W. Walton, President.

1912-

1913- Interest was kept up in all church work, money being raised by entertainments, free will offerings, etc.

1914- Miss Stella Reid, President.

1915-

1916- Mrs. R. A. Young, President.

1920-

1921- Mrs. A. S. Edmondson, President,

1922-

Mrs. Jesse Daniels, Recording Secretary.

During this last year a Junior Auxiliary was organized of girls and boys. Mrs. I. H. Adams was leader of the girls' circle and Mrs. James Thomas, wife of the pastor, was leader of the boys' circle.

1923- Mrs. R. A. Young, President,

1924-

1925- Mrs. James Thomas, Recording Secretary.

1926-

In 1926 the Junior Auxiliary was changed to Christian Endeavor, with Mrs. John W. Adams leader and Miss Florence Morse, President.

1927- Mrs. R. A. Young, President,

Mrs. James Thomas, Recording Secretary.

Lost by death:

Mrs. Mary Thomas

1928- Mrs. R. A. Young, President,

Mrs. James Thomas, Recording Secretary.

In January of this year the two original circles were merged and became Circle No. 1, then a Younger Woman's Circle was organized, known as Circle No. 2. Much good work was done by both circles, much interest was shown in, and contributions made to the dearly loved church's benevolences and its schools. It was during this year that one of the auxiliary's goals was reached, when with the co-operation of the deacons, a new furnace was installed in the church.

Lost by death:

Mrs. C. M. Davis

Mrs. J. M. Boone

1929- Mrs. R. A. Young, President,

Mrs. Myrtle A. Young, Recording Secretary.

Lost by death:

Mrs. T. C. Spivey

1930- Mrs. R. A. Young, President,

Mrs. Myrtle A. Young, Recording Secretary.

Lost by death:

Mrs. G. E. Scott

Mrs. W. B. Wingfield

1931- Mrs. R. A. Young, President,

Mrs. John L. Adams, Recording Secretary.

1932- Mrs. R. A. Young, President,

Mrs. John L. Adams, Recording Secretary.

This time without the assistance of the men, but with the ever wide awake president, Mrs. R. A. Young, as leader, the auxiliary put a much needed roof on the church. Money being raised in various ways for this cause.

1933- Mrs. R. A. Young, President,

Miss Sallie Prudden, Recording Secretary.

Lost by death:

Mrs. John L. Adams

Mrs. I. H. Adams

1934- Mrs. J. S. Turner, President,

1935-

Mrs. John W. Adams, Recording Secretary.

1936- Mrs. Myrtle A. Young, President,

Mrs. John W. Adams, Recording Secretary.

Lost by death:

Miss Sallie Prudden

1937- Mrs. Myrtle A. Young, President,

1938-

Mrs. J. M. Poole, Sr., Recording Secretary.

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EATONTON PRESEBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

CONTINUED

BY SADIE B. BARKER

1938- Mrs. M. A. Young, President
Mrs. James Thomas, Recording Secretary

1939- Mrs. M. A. Young, President
Mrs. James Thomas, Recording Secretary

At the end of this year a gift was presented Mrs. Thomas when she resigned as secretary because she and her husband, the Rev. James Thomas who had served this church ably and continuously for more than twenty-two years, were moving to New Bern, N. C.

1940- Mrs. M. A. Young, President
Mrs. J. M. Poole, Sr., Recording Secretary

In the early part of this year Mrs. E. A. Wingfield became an active member, and through her influence and the co-operation of all the members of the auxiliary plans were begun for the repairing of the church building and manse, which had reached an almost dilapidated condition. The auxiliary was able to raise over five hundred dollars to contribute to this cause.

The old chandelier which originally used oil lamps, but later had been made into electric lamps, was restored to its original design and rewired, making a very beautiful lighting fixture.

A bronze memorial plaque was placed in the church vestibule. This is in memory of the departed members and officers of the church.

The auxiliary assisted the church in entertaining the Augusta Presbytery which held its fall meeting here.

A gift was presented Mr. Curry Davis, who had served as supply pastor for one year, and was resigning to accept a call to the Waynesboro Church.

Lost by death in April of this year Mrs. R. A. Young. She had served as president of the auxiliary for many years and was ever working untiringly for the good of the church and auxiliary.

1941- Officers Serving:

President	Mrs. M. A. Young
Vice President	Mrs. E. A. Wingfield
Secty.-Treas.	Mrs. D. D. Veal
Sec. F. & H. Missions	Mrs. W. R. Scott
Sec. Ch. E.&Min. R.	Mrs. Esther Williams
Sec. Religious Ed.	Mrs. Esther Williams
Sec. Literature	Mrs. John M. Poole
Sec. Ch. Social Ser.	Miss Hattie Weaver
Sec. Pastor's Aid	Mrs. E. A. Wingfield
Sec. Social Activities	Miss Julia Adams
Sec. Spir. Life	Mrs. R. C. Jenkins
Program Chairman	Mrs. S. T. Wingfield, Jr.
Historian	Mrs. W. T. Mulcay
Executive Board Members	Miss Margaret Hollingsworth
	Mrs. John Moore
	Miss Sadie B. Barker
	Mrs. John W. Adams
	Mrs. W. R. Scott
	Miss Sadie B. Barker
	Mrs. John W. Adams, Chr.
Nominating Comm.	Mrs. S. T. Wingfield, Sr.
	Miss Margaret Hollingsworth

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EATONTON PRESEBYTERIAN AUXILIARY
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BY
SADIE B. BARKER

1941- Mrs. M. A. Young, President
Mrs. D. D. Veal, Recording Secretary

In early spring of this year the grounds of the church were resolied and grass and shrubbery were planted.

Five girls were sent to the Young Peoples' Conference at Camp Stephens with the assistance of the auxiliary.

The local auxiliary was hostess to the fall Group Conference.

Over sixty dollars was contributed to the retirement of the church debt.

Lost by death in May of this year Mrs. C. F. Whitman who had been a long and faithful member.

HISTORY
EATONTON PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY
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BY
SADIE B. BARKER

1942- Mrs. E. A. Wingfield, President
Miss Mary Frances Morse, Recording Secretary

In May of this year the President announced that her husband, Mr. E. A. Wingfield, who was holding a note for \$1250.00 against the church, was presenting to the church through the auxiliary, the canceled note.

A Bible school was sponsored by the auxiliary at the Mission outpost. It was conducted by Miss Margaret Hollingsworth.

The auxiliary distributed religious literature to the Negro school children, gave a program on Negro Home Missions, and sponsored a Bible school for the Negroes which was conducted by Mrs. W. T. Mulcay, the pastor's wife, and Miss Eppie Adams.

Greeting cards were sent to all our boys in the armed forces on all special occasions.

1943-

Mrs. D. D. Veal, President

Mrs. Myrtle A. Young, Recording Secretary

The auxiliary was active in all the regular work of the organization and contributed to all the causes, the money being raised by free will offerings.

The latter part of May the auxiliary entertained with an ice cream party honoring Rev. and Mrs. Mulcay, who had served our church and auxiliary for more than two years and were leaving to become missionaries in the Belgian Congo in Africa, Mrs Mulcay being the only member of our auxiliary to become a missionary in a foreign country.

Special programs were given on Christian Education, Home and Foreign Missions, and "1943 in the Light of 1643"? (Our Debt to the Westminster Assembly).

Lost by death Mrs. Paul Atkinson who had been an invalid for many years, but continued to serve her Master by doing spiritual work from her bedside.

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EATONTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CONTINUED

BY

SADIE B. BARKER

1944- Mr. Warren Thuston served as stated suppl pastor until he graduated from Columbia Seminary. He then accepted a call to a church in Spartanburg S. C. While he was here four members were added to our church: W. D. Stribling, III and Frank H. Spivey by profession and by letter, Mrs. R. R. Spivey and Mrs. Corinne B. Morris. He continued the work with the young people and aroused much interest.

In 1945 we lost by death two of our young men. Both were killed in action in World War II. W. Sidney Griffin who was in the Field Artillery of the famous Seventy-seventh Division was killed April 20th in the fight for Okinawa - the last big battle of this war. J. W. Poole who was in the Air Corps was killed in May of this same year. He went down in a plane crash over Burma.

1946- In March of this year Mr. George A. Anderson, a student of Columbia Seminary, was invited to serve as stated supply. He was a real Bible student and a true servant of the Lord. While he was here Mr. E. A. Wingfield and Mrs. Henry D. Bizzell, Jr. were united with the church by profession. The inside wall of the church were redecorated.

Mr. Anderson resigned in August of 1947 to accept a position as teacher of Bible in Presbyterian Collge, Clinton, S. C.

Lost by death in September of 1947 M. F. Adams, Sr.

After Mr. Anderson resigned we were priviledged to have for three Sundays Rev. William T. Mulcay, a former supply pastor, who was on furlough from the mission fields of Belgian Congo, Africa. He brought us interesting and inspiring messages pertaining to his work on the mission fields. For the remainder of 1947 our pulpit was supplied by students from Columbia Seminary.

In January of 1948 Dr. E. R. Leyburn, a retired minister, came to supply for a few months. His sermons are real messages from God; inspiring and soul lifting.

HISTORY
EATONTON PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY
CONTINUED

BY

SADIE B. BARKER

1944- Mrs. D. D. Veal, President
Mrs. J. M. Poole, Recording Secretary

During this period with our country involved in World War II so many of our women were busy with war work or Red Cross that it was hard to get them together for the auxiliary meetings, therefore, because so few - only about three - being able to attend, it was decided to abandon the Auxiliary until such time when more interest could be shown.

1947- Mrs. D. D. Veal, President
Mrs. J. M. Poole, Recording Secretary

In April of this year a number of our women met in the church after the morning worship hour and reorganized the Auxiliary with twelve active members. It was decided to meet on Sunday afternoon once a month. The second Sunday was decided on. We selected for our study, "Thy Kingdom Come - Beginning in Me". These programs have been interesting, inspiring and a challenge to all to give our best to the Lord.

Mrs. A. S. Edmondson, Sr. and Mrs. P. W. Walton, Sr. again became active bringing new interest and inspiration. Mrs. Henry D. Bizzell, Jr., our new church and auxiliary member was interested and active.

In July the auxiliary entertained all the church members in the Sunday School rooms with a picnic supper, honoring Rev. and Mrs. George A. Anderson, our stated supply pastor and wife, before they moved to Clinton, S. C. where Mr. Anderson had accepted a position as teacher of Bible in Presbyterian Collge.

For our mission study we studied "Committed Unto Me" with Dr. E. R. Leyburn, our stated supply who came to us in January of 1948, as teacher.

The Auxiliary furnished paint to redecorate the inside walls of the church.

All causes were contributed to by free will offerings. Three hundred thirty-two dollars were contributed.

HISTORY
EATONTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CONTINUED
BY
SADIE B. BARKER

1948-49 Dr. E. R. Leyburn served this church ably until May of 1948, leaving here thinking a minister who had been called would accept.. Since this did not materialize the pulpit was supplied by different students from Columbia Seminary until late summer of 1948, at which time Mr. James Terrell and Mr. Raymond A. Petrie, students at the seminary were alternate supplies for several months. Mr. Terrell later accepted regular work in another church, leaving Mr. Petrie as a full time supply.

The pulpit chairs were refinished, and new concrete steps were built to the church.

One new elder and two new deacons were elected and installed. The officers' roll is now as follows:

Elders	Deacons
C. L. Carroll	J. L. Adams
W. D. Reid	H. D. Bizzell, Jr.
C. F. Whitman	D. D. Veal
	H. A. Young

1949-50 Mr. Petrie continues as stated supply pastor. In September of 1949 he moved his family here to live among us, while he continues his studies at the seminary. He is on the field here three days each week. He is an enthusiastic worker and has the church the upward trend. Since he has been here the following have been added to the church roll, also a number of children have been baptized:

By Examination	By Certificate
Mr. and Mrs. James Poole	Mrs. Phil W. Harris
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Poole	Wingfield Harris
Mr. David Poole	Davis Harris
Miss Louise Harvill	Mrs. R. A. Petrie
Miss Frances Harvill	Mrs. David Poole
	Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Wingfield
	Mr. Lawrence Duncan

Children Baptized

Thomas H. Hill	Jewett Harris
Gwendolyn Poole	Henry Harris
Kenneth Wingfield	Virgil Harris

Both the church and manse have had new roofs this year, and other minor repairs done on the manse. A new mimeographing machine has been furnished the church and we now have church bulletins each Sunday.

HISTORY

THE WOMEN OF THE EATONTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CONTINUED

BY

SADIE B. BARKER

1948-49 Mrs. J. M. Poole, Sr., President
Mrs. D. D. Veal, Recording Secretary

The Women of the Church were active in all the regular work of this organization, having special programs for the different causes and making special contributions.

Group Conference was held in Monticello, Ga. this year. Mrs. T. F. Kendrick, Mrs. R. R. Spivey, Mrs. Henry D. Bizzell, Jr. and Miss Sadie Barker were delegates to this conference.

The pulpit chairs were refinished; religious literature, church papers and magazines were distributed to the Negro schools.

Lest by death Misses Maggie and Nona young. Both had been active members and generous contributors.

1949-50 Mrs. A. S. Edmondson, President
Mrs. J. M. Poole, Recording Secretary

The Women of the Church continued meeting on Sunday afternoon once a month; centering their study on "These Are Written", which was ably taught by Mrs. Millard Walton, a new member of this organization. Mrs. R. A. Petrie, the pastor's wife, also, a new member, has been very active and helpful in all the work.

In October the women of the church entertained all the church membership in the Sunday School rooms with a supper.

Group Conference was held this year in Madison, Ga. Delegates were: Mrs. J. M. Poole, Sr., Mrs. C. P. Cox, Mrs. H. D. Bizzell, Jr. and Mrs. T. A. Maddox, Jr.

Because of ill health Mrs. Edmondson was compelled to retire from active duty as president. Mrs. E. A. Wingfield graciously agreed to serve in this capacity for the remainder of the year.

Special programs were held regarding the different causes and free will offerings were taken. Baskets and contributions were taken to the local needy. Church papers, religious literature and magazines were given to the Negro schools and library.

Lost by death Mrs. S. T. Wingfield, Sr., a good and faithful member.

Honorary Life Membership Awarded To

Mrs. J. R. Tweedy.
Eatonton, Ga.

By The
Women of the Church, First Presbyterian Church
Eatonton, Georgia
Augusta-Macon Presbytery

SKETCH

Mrs. J. R. Twedy, the former Miss Florrie Wardwell, a native of Eatonton, Georgia, was born October 17, 1876. She makes her home with her sister, Miss. Alice Wardwell.

Their home is built on love for each other, the community and the people. People who formerly lived in this middle Georgia town never fail to visit "Teedy" when they return, or just pass through on a trip..

She loves the Father and in so doing gives unselfishly of her time and talents to His children, both white and colored, regardless of church affiliations.

Even though she is confined to her home, and is physically handicapped, she is the "Guardian Angel" of all who come in the sphere of her influence.

It is a privilege and an honor for the Women of the Church, First Presbyterian Church of Eatonton, to present an Honorary Life Membership to Florrie Tweedy. When our Father calls her to His side, He will truly say "Well done, My good and faithful servant."

She is a consecrated woman of Christ.

Submitted by

Mrs. Rufus Slaughter, President
Women of the Church
First Presbyterian Church
Eatonton, Ga.

HISTORY
OF
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EATONTON, GA.
CONTINUED
BY
SADIE B. BARKER

1950-51

Mr. R. A. Petrie continued as student pastor until April 1951, at which time he accepted a call to a church in Williston, Fla., having completed his studies at Columbia Seminary.

The interior of the manse was redecorated and a sink and hot water heater were installed in the kitchen. The Petries moved into the manse in early summer.

During this church year Miss Carole Spivey united with the church on profession and Mrs. R. H. Slaughter by certificate.

Lost by death:

Mrs. John W. Adams

Mr. C. F. Whitman

Both had been faithful members for many years, serving the church in every possible way. Mr. Whitman was an elder at the time of his death. For many years he served as clerk of the Session until failing health forced him to give it up. He, also, was a deacon for many years.

Mr. James H. Poole was made superintendent of the Sunday School and is serving faithfully. The attendance has increased and been more regular.

HISTORY
OF
THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN
EATONTON, GA.
CONTINUED
BY
MRS. D. D. VEAL

1950-51 Miss Sadie B. Barker, President
Mrs. R. A. Petrie, Vice-President
Mrs. J. M. Poole, Recording Secretary

With Mrs. Millard Walton continuing to teach the Bible study, "Great Bible Prayers", our meetings were always interesting and inspiring. After having heard one of her lessons all agree a real sermon has been heard.

In May of this year a combined program on Stewardship and "The Birthday" was held at the church. Mrs. R. H. Slaughter, one of our new and wide awake members, was chairman of "Stewardship". Soliciting the aid of the student pastor, R. A. Petrie, who was able to secure two films on stewardship, Mrs. Slaughter put on a wonderful program. First a picnic supper was served on the church grounds, to which all members of the church had been invited, also some friends of the church. After this all were invited into the church where the president gave a brief review on the origin of the Women of the Church,

what they stand for and some of the many things that they have done to carry on the work of the Lord. In connection with the showing of the films Mrs. Slaughter gave a wonderful talk on "Stewardship". At the close of the meeting all who wished were invited to place a contribution in the collection plate, which had been placed in the vestibule, as they passed out. From this a nice little sum was added to the "Birthday Gift".

Programs were held on all the different causes and contributions made. The women also contributed to the re-decorating of the manse interior, and gave the sink, a Youngstown, that was installed in the kitchen of the manse.

Group Conference was held in Monticello this year. The following delegates from this church attended:

Mrs. R. R. Spivey	Mrs. J. M. Poole, Sr.
Mrs. R. H. Slaughter	Mrs. C. P. Cox
Mrs. M. L. Griffin	

Lost by death:

Mrs. Ella C. Adams

Mrs. Adams was in her ninety-first year, she had been a faithful worker in the church, the Sunday School and the Women of the Church for many years. At all times she was ever ready to give her best in the service of her Master.

HISTORY
OF
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EATONTON, GA.
CONTINUED
BY
SADIE B. BARKER

1951-52

After Mr. Petrie resigned to accept a call to the church in Williston, Fla. at the beginning of this church year Mr. Vernon Crawford, Supt. of Home Missions, supplied or arranged for some one to supply through April and May. The first of June Mr. Calhoun Bailey, a student at the seminary, came as a supply pastor. He and his wife occupied the manse during the summer months.

In August a series of meetings were held for one week. Mr. Crawford, assisted by Mr. Bailey, conducted these services which were a blessing to all, and four members were added to the church, one by profession and three by certificate as follows:

By Certificate

Mr. & Mrs. McKinley Duncan

Mrs. A. W. Norton

By Profession

Robert Haizlip

Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Bizzell, Jr. moved to Portsmouth, Va. when he was called back into the Navy. Their moving was a great loss to this church. Mr. Bizzell was a deacon and teacher of the adult class in the Sunday School. Mrs. Bizzell was also quite active in all the work of the church. Miss Carole Spivey, of the young people, attended the

Young People's Conference at Camp Stephens near Crawfordville. She reported this conference both interesting and inspiring.

The Sunday School continues to maintain a good attendance, but mostly of children. The adults are not showing as much interest as would be best for a wide awake Sunday School.

Mr. Bailey has accepted a call to a church in Columbus, N. C. He assumes his duties there April 1st. This leaves the pulpit vacant at the beginning of the new church year.

Lost by death:

Mr. E. A. Wingfield

Mr. Wingfield was in his ninety-sixth year. He loved the church and was a heavy contributor, even though he did not unite with the church until late in years.

HISTORY
OF
THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN
EATONTON, GA.
CONTINUED
BY
SADIE B. BARKER

1951-52 Mrs. R. H. Slaughter, President
 Mrs. D. D. Veal, Vice-President
 Mrs. J. M. Poole, Recording Secretary

This year under the leadership of the new president, Mrs. Slaughter, this organization has really gone forward in the work for the Master.

In July the Women of the Church sponsored a Daily Vacation Bible School. The attendance averaged more than forty each day. The student pastor, Mr. Calhoun Baily, was quite helpful in making this a success. Working with the women, he helped plan the course of study for the different classes for each day.

Mrs. Millard Walton has continued to be the Bible teacher. This time teaching "These Things Abide". Her lessons on the "Ten Commandments" have been so good and inspiring that the attendance has been above the average all the year, even several women from the other churches have been attending regularly. Mrs. J. B. DeLoach, Sr., while a Baptist, has become an active member.

Mrs. McKinley Duncan and Mrs. A. W. Norton, both new members of this church and organization have been very active in all the work of the church. Mrs. Duncan serving as Chairman of Committee on World Missions, and Mrs. Norton Chairman of Committee on Spiritual Growth.

Group Conference was held in Washington this time. The following delegates attended:

Mrs. R. H. Slaughter	Mrs. C. P. Cox
Mrs. R. R. Spivey	Mrs. A. W. Norton
Mrs. M. L. Griffin	Mrs. J. M. Poole, Sr.

An all day meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Millard Walton to study "By Faith", a book on home missions. The Presbyterian President, Mrs. Bazemore, attended this meeting. She praised the women for the work they are doing here, and gave them more encouragement to carry on the work of the Lord.

Mrs. P. W. Walton, Chairman of Committee on Annuities and Relief, gave a very touching program on "The Retired Minister and His Widow". At this time a real good contribution was made for the "Joy Gift".

In January the Women of the Church sponsored a cooking school conducted by Mr. Perry, a nationally known radio and television character. Mrs. Slaughter, the president, was able to make arrangements with Mr. Perry. From this cooking school more than five hundred dollars was realized to be added to the building fund which was started by a gift from Mr. C. F. Whitman, an elder who had died the year before. This building fund has been contributed to

regularly by the women, and now plans are being made to build rest rooms, a kitchen and class rooms in the basement of the church.

At each meeting a special contribution has been made, this is called the "Good Samaritan Fund", and it is used to remember the shut-ins, the aged, sick and the needy. Mrs. A. W. Norton has been in charge of this work and has been able to bring sunshine to many.

All causes have been contributed to and a duffle bag of clothing sent for over seas relief. The women have, also, put inlaid linoleum tile on the bath room floor of the manse.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH
EATONTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EATONTON GEORGIA
1956

MINISTER: Dr. W. R. Van Buskirk

President-	Mrs. J. M. Poole, Sr.
Vice-President	Mrs. Willard Thompson, Rock Eagle, Eatonton
Secretary	Mrs. T. A. Maddox, Jr., RFD, Eatonton
Treasurer	Mrs. Rufus Slaughter
Historian	Miss Sadie Barker
Chmn. Spiritual Growth	Mrs. Willard Walton
Chmn. World Missions	Mrs. Virgil Harris
Chmn. Church Extension	Mrs. M. L. Griffin
Chmn. Christian Education	Mrs. Frank Fitch, Jr.
Chmn. Annuities and Relief	Mrs. W. R. Van Buskirk, Madison
Chmn. Stewardship	Mrs. Russell Spivey
Chmn. General Fund Agencies	Mrs. J. R. Hipps

CIRCLE CHAIRMEN	Mrs. R. R. Spivey
	Mrs. T. A. Maddox, Jr.

BIBLE TEACHERS	Mrs. W. R. Van Buskirk
	Mrs. M. I. Walton

The day circle meets at the church on the first Wednesday of each month. Plans on what to do and what needs to be done are discussed in connection with planning church suppers and encouraging more interest in church activities. Picture slides for children and adults are shown. An average of 7 to 9 members attend. The chairman of this day circle presides.

The Business Circle meets at homes of different members on the first Tuesday night of each month with the chairman of this circle presiding.

We send gifts of money to Thornwell Orphanage; Presbyterian Home; and Joy Gift, as well as cards to shut-ins.

Our Blessing Boxes are opened in the late winter and again in autumn. We usually send a representative to Synodical Training School.

Some send money to American Bible Society. This credit is given to Women of the Church. Other Causes are taken care of through our Budget for Benevolences.

We are trying to encourage Bible reading through the distribution of Day by Day among church members. We have Bible Study at our meetings. Also, wonderful talks on Stewardship.

World Missions is promoted. An offering is taken for this work. We send help to our missionaries.

Each Christmas we send money to Milledgeville State Hospital patients and to patients in our home town hospital , as well as cards and gifts.

We met our White Cross quota.

Our treasurer's report is sent in at the end of the year.

We are happy to say we had no deaths in our organization in 1956.

Mrs. J.M.Poole, Sr.
President Women of the Church.

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The Eatonton Presbyterian Church

307 North Madison Avenue
EATONTON, GEORGIA



ESTABLISHED IN 1819

Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

BOORUM & PEASE

BOORUM & PEASE "NOISEAR" ®

" TO ALL WHO WRITE CHURCH HISTORY DOWN,
A HOLY TASK IS YOURS,
TO GIVE THE FUTURE FROM THE PAST,
THE FAITH AND SERVICE THAT ENDURES."

Women of The Church
Eatonton Presbyterian Church
Eatonton, Georgia
Augusta- Macon Presbytery
Synod of Georgia

1958

In January the following were installed as officers:

Mrs. James Poole, Sr. President
Mrs. Willard Thompson, Vice-President
Mrs. Rufus Slaughter, Secretary and Treasure
Mrs. James Hipps, Historian

The Presbyterial was held at The First Presbyterian Church, in Macon Georgia in October. There was a good attendance from this church.

This year the women of the church decided to take as their new project the painting of Fellowship Hall.

District Conference was held at Union Point, January 23rd. Mrs. M. I. Walton from the Eatonton Presbyterian church gave the devotional. Several from this church attended.

On May 16th, the Women of the church were invited by the Milledgeville church to see slides on Mexico, Okla. Presbyterian College, Chinese Missions in New Orleans, and hear an account of the trip of Mrs. George Carpenter, who is our Presbyterial chairman of church extension.

The White Cross quota was met. We were asked to give one White hospital coat.

The women of the church voted to have a Presbyterian Survey in each home. This is now in effect through the church plan.

In November the General meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Russell Spivey. Before the meeting a covered dish supper was enjoyed by all. After the business meeting Mrs. Frank Fitch and Mrs. Willard Thompson gave an interesting study of the life of Luke for our Bible study.

Our Birthday objective was held at the church. Mrs. Rufus Slaughter and Mrs. McKinley Duncan had the program. A generous collection was received for this worthy cause.

On April 17th, the Family Night Supper was held at the Rock Eagle Center, with the Madison Presbyterian church. Mr. McElroy of Quitman Home showed slides of the home, and told of the wonderful work that is being done for our older people.

The World Mission Chairman, Mrs. Lawrence Duncan sent a box of clothing overseas. World Mission program was observed and a special offering was taken in church one Sunday.

Seventy-five dollars was given by two friends towards the basement fund, to be put to the saving account.

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Our circles have added some new members during the year. Most all the women take an active part in the church. The two chairmen, Mrs. Russell Spivey and Mrs. Turner Maddox, Jr. are very active and give much of their time in the service of the Master.

In February the Blessing boxes were taken up and a generous offering was received. This goes for Christian Campus life.

The women of the church sent one of our young people to the W.C.T.U. Youth camp at Rock Eagle Lake.

During the Christmas season baskets of fruit were sent to our shut-in and older members. The Christmas program was at the church.

The Women of the church had their party with the Sunday school. We had the Christmas tree after the program. A generous offering was received for the Joy gift. The committee from the Town and Country Garden club, put a beautiful decoration on our church Christmas. It added much to the program. We are grateful to Mrs. M.I. Walton, Mrs. Russell Spivey, and Mrs. M.I. Griffin from our church for helping sponsor this project.

The president of the women of the church, Mrs. James M. Poole, Sr. deserves much credit. She has been faithful worker serving the church in many ways. We have been fortunate in having this christian woman as our leader. She has worked untiringly in the service of the Master. With the co-operation of all the women of the church, and has accomplished much.

During the year Dr. William R. Van Buskirk our pastor asked to retire. He came to us in 1952, and the church grew under his leadership. We were fortunate in having him and his lovely wife. It was a privilege knowing these two people of ability and loving service for the Master. Dr. Van Buskirk served this church faithfully. His sermons were inspiring. He endeared himself to all who knew him. To know him was to love him. After Dr. Van Buskirk's resignation we were served by several students from Columbia Seminary. All these students were good and very helpful to us.

This small but faithful little church accomplishes much to further the kingdom of God.

All the causes have been met through contributions, and to the Special causes. Contribution were made to World Missions, Birthday Objective, Thornwell, Presbyterian Home at Quitman and to the Joy Gift, also Church Extension, Christian Campus Life.

Mrs. James R. Hipps

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Charles Hollingsworth-Minister
1959

General Officers

President	-	Mrs. James Poole, Sr.
Vice-President	-	Mrs. Willard Thompson
Secretary	-	Mrs. Rufus Slaughter
Treasurer	-	Mrs. Rufus Slaughter
Historian	-	Mrs. Virgil Harris

Committee Chairmen

Spiritual Growth	-	Mrs. Millard Walton
World Missions	-	Mrs. Lawrence Duncan
(Overseas Relief)	-	" " "
(White Cross)	-	" " "
Church Extension	-	Mrs. M. L. Griffin
Annuities & Relief	-	Mrs. A. S. Norton
Stewardship	-	Mrs. McKinley Duncan
General Fund Agencies	-	Mrs. James Hipps
Christian Social Service	-	Mrs. A. D. Moore
Christian Education	-	Mrs. Frank Fitch

Circle Chairmen

Day Circle	-	Mrs. Russell Spivey
(Acting Chairman)	-	Mrs. Charles Hollingsworth
Business Circle	-	Mrs. Turner Maddox
General Circle Meeting	-	
(Circles Meeting Together)	-	
Bible Teacher	-	Mrs. Millard Walton

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After Dr. Van Buskirk resigned this church we had several ministers from Columbia Seminary. They were a great help to us. The church extended a call to Marshall Neil, a student at the Seminary. He had been supplying this church for several months, and was liked by all. Mr. Neil declined the call and accepted a call in S.C.

In April we were indeed fortunate in having Charles Hollingsworth accept the call to this church. He and his lovely wife, Nancy have been a great help to us, and much progress has been made in the year, under his leadership. Mr. Hollingsworth came from Columbia Seminary, this being his clinical year. He is from Macon, Georgia and comes from the Vineville Presbyterian church. On September 8th, God blesses this family with a son, Stephen David. This previous little boy is dear to us.

Mrs. James Poole, Sr. agreed to continue to help us another year. She is faithful in the service of the Master, and serves this church in many ways, as President of the Women of the church, chairman of various causes, and treasurer of the church. We are grateful for all she has done.

We are fortunate in having the co-operation of all the women of the church, and much has been accomplished. With the capable leadership of the chairmen, Mrs. Russell Spivey, Mrs. Charles Hollingsworth, and Mrs. Turner Maddox, and also the Bible leader, Mrs. Millard Walton, good programs were given during the year, and all objectives met.

The Blessing boxes were turned in for Campus Christian life and special offerings for World Missions, Overseas-Relief, White Cross Quota, Birthday party, and program for Brazil, program on Christian Education, Thornwell, Presbyterian Home, and The Joy Gift were all given.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hollingsworth and Miss Carole Spivey were Counselors at Pioneer camp at Crawfordville in the summer.

The church had a Every Member Canvass which met with success, and also the church plan of a Survey in every home is still carried out.

The project for the Women of The Church for the year was, painting of the chairs and tables, and also painting of Fellowship Hall, buying new curtains and twenty-five new chairs. Also a Nursery was started for the Morning Worship Service.

The Presbyterian met in Greensboro, Georgia and several from this church attended.

The District Conference was held in Washington, Georgia. The church was well represented.

During the year Union services were held. This church participating. There was a good attendance. A Thanksgiving service was held at our church, and afterwards a coffee and Doughnut hour for College students in Fellowship Hall.

During the year the following came into the church, Mrs. Marvin Franks transfer of letter from Laurens, S.C. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spencer came from the First Presbyterian church, Kannapolis N.C. By profession of faith, Mr. Edwin Kimbrough, and the following young boys, James Hipps, Jr., Michael Hipps, Terrell Wingfield, William Poole, Ronald Duncan and James Thompson.

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During the year one of our most faithful workers, Mrs. Rufus Slaughter, moved to Atlanta, Ga. She served as president, secretary, and treasurer. also as a teacher in the Junior department of Sunday school. We miss her as she was a great help to us.

During the year we were grieved by the illness of Mr. Russell Spivey, husband of our chairman Mrs. Spivey, who has so faithfully served this church in many ways. As pianist in the Sunday school and church, chairman of various causes, and teacher in the Primary department. We will be glad when she returns to us.

The church appreciated Mr. and Mrs. Millard Walton having the pulpit chairs restored. They were done over in green velvet, and add a great deal to the beauty of the church.

A platform to extend the pulpit forward was built, and a curtain rail in front of the choir. It adds much to the looks of the church, and especially the carved doors done by Mr. Reid Hearn. We are grateful to Mr. Hearn for this beautiful work.

The circles met together several times during the year for a covered dish supper, luncheon and afterwards the Bible lesson. These meetings were sometime held in the home. We are fortunate in having Mrs. Millard Walton as our Bible teacher.

All the women work untiringly in the service of the Lord, and much credit goes to Mrs. A. D. Moore who does much good, as the chairman of Christian Social life.

Miss Sadie Barker who for several years was historian, deserves much credit for sending in the church history. She serves the church faithfully. For several years she was a teacher of the Junior department in the Sunday school, and has served as chairman of various causes. She is a trustee of the church. We are grateful for all she has done.

We were saddened by the death of one of our members, Mrs. Marvin Franks, who before her marriage was Eleanor Adams, sister of John Adams, who is a trustee of this church. Mrs. Franks was the daughter of Irby Adams and Sarah Hammond Adams. She was affectionately known as "Miss Sunbeam", to her many friends and relatives. Like her mother she was that same gentle, sweet woman. It was my privilege to have her mother as my Sunday school teacher, and I have remembered through the years.

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During the Christmas season the Women of the Church decided to put a manger scene on the outside of the church. This added much to the Christmas program. Mrs. Millard Walton, Mrs. Turner Maddox, Mrs. Lawrence Duncan, and Mrs. Charles Hollingsworth were on the committee for this project.

The Christmas party was held in Fellowship Hall on Sunday night. After the program on the Joy Gift, an offering was taken. The Sunday school had their Christmas tree at the same time, and afterwards sandwiches and coffee were served.

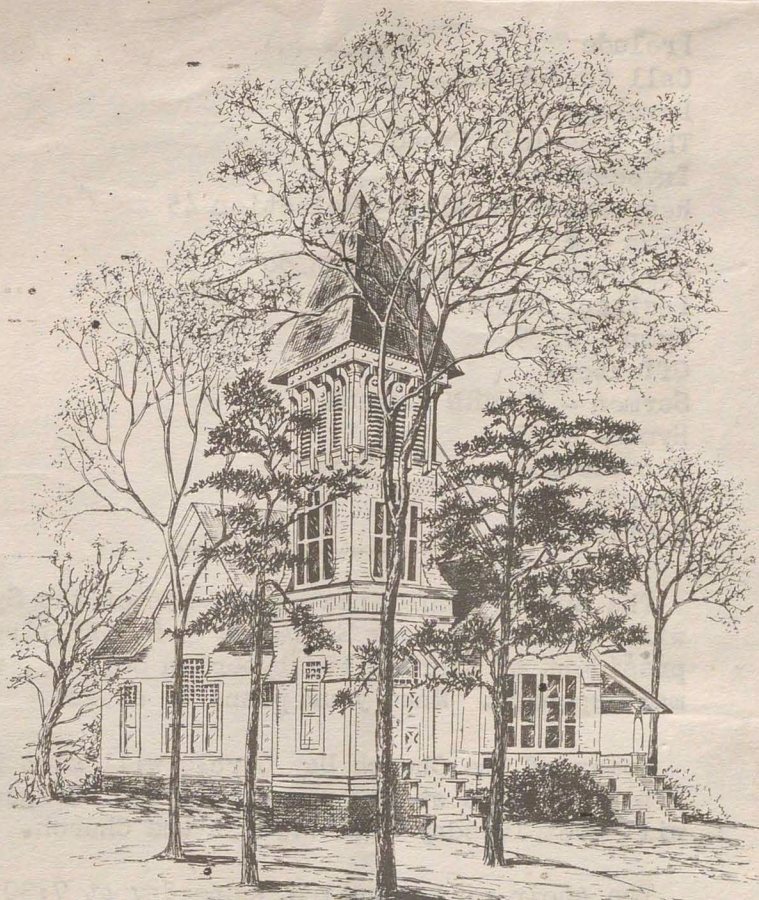
On Christmas day all churches met together at the Baptist church for a service, our minister delivered the morning sermon.

We have had a good year and hope to continue to serve the Master. This small but faithful little church accomplishes much, All the causes have been met.

Treasurer's Report (Year Ending in 1959)		
Assembly's World Mission	-	\$34.08
" Church Extension	-	12.42
" Christian Education	-	5.79
Annuities & Relief	-	105.37
General Fund	-	19.32
Inter-Church Agencies	-	.19
Total Budget Gift Assembly's Causes	-	181.17
Total to Synod Causes	-	58.65
Total to Presbytery's Causes	-	45.73
Total to Budgeted Benevolences	-	285.55
Grand Total to all Contributions	-	472.88

Historian

Mrs. Virgil Harris
Mrs. Virgil Harris



Julia M. Jenkins

ESTABLISHED IN 1819

Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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1963

General Officers

President	-	Mrs.Helen L. Veal
Vice-President	-	
Secretary	-	Mrs.Milton Poole
Treasurer	-	Mrs. Frank Fitch
Historian	-	Mrs.Virgil Harris

Committee Chairmen

Spiritual Growth

Christian Education	-	Mrs. T.A. Maddox
Stewardship	-	Mrs.Mrs.J.M.Poole,Sr.
Church Extension	-	Miss Sadie Barker
World Missions	-	Mrs.Lawrence Duncan
Annuities & Relief	-	Mrs.W.B. Thompson
General Fund Agencies	-	Mrs.J.M.Hipps
Homes &Columbia Friendship Circle	-	Mrs.Robert Spencer
Christian Social Service	-	Mrs.J.M.Poole,Sr. Miss Sarah Poole

Circle Chairmen

Day Circle	-	Mrs. V.V.Harris
Business Circle	-	Mrs.W.B.Thompson
General Circle	-	Circles meeting together

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The church is still without a pastor. We have had students from Columbia Seminary who have been a great help to us. We are fortunate in having Rev. Robert Ernest of Macon, Georgia our Executive Secretary to help us. We enjoy his visits and sermons. During the year we also had Rev. Charles Tally, of Columbia Seminary (who was taking a post-graduate course) to supply for us for several months. Rev. Tally's sermons were inspiring and we hated to see him leave. We were also fortunate in having Mr. W. F. Holderman student at Columbia Seminary to supply for the summer months. Mr. Holderman made many friends and his sermons were good.

During the year the Women of the Church completed a project started awhile back. A new rug was bought for the Sanctuary. It is a beautiful shade of gray. It adds much to the beauty of the church. We appreciate all who helped us get the rug, and especially the committee who worked so hard, much credit goes to Miss Sadie Barker, Mr. Lawrence Duncan, Mrs. Millard Walton, Mr. Milton Poole, Mrs. Helen Veal, President. Also the ones in our church who contributed money and friends who were former members, who have been so interested in our church, especially Mrs. Myrtle A. Young, of Greenwood S.C. we appreciate her help. I feel certain there are others that gave of their time and money that I do not know about.

In November we had a wedding in our church. Miss Carole Spivey and Mr. David Thomas were married by Dr. William R. Van Buskirk, former pastor of this church. It was a beautiful ceremony. Carole has grown up in this church and is a faithful member. She is the daughter of Mrs. Russell Spivey and the late Mr. Spivey.

The Presbyterial was held in Augusta, Ga. Two attended from this church. The District Conference was held in Greensboro, Ga. Several attended.

Our Quota for White Cross was met. The Blessing Boxes were taken up and a generous offering was received. A movie was shown for World Missions and a special offering was taken. Programs on Christian Education, Presbyterian home, and the Joy Gift were given. All objectives have been met.

During the Christmas season the Women of the Church decided to put a scene in front of the church. This added much to the Christmas program. Miss Frances Poole and Mrs. T. A. Maddox were in charge of this project. The Joy Gift program was in charge of Mrs. W. B. Thompson. A generous offering was received. A movie on our retired ministers was shown, then we had a song service of Christmas music. The Christmas tree and supper was held in Fellowship hall.

The women of the church helped with Vacation Bible school and the refreshments each day. We had a good attendance.

We have had Family night suppers. They were well attended.

Union services with the other churches have been held. A Thanksgiving service was held in our church and coffee and doughnuts were served to the College students. Also a Christmas service was held with the other churches.

The new chairs by the Communion Table are in memory of Miss Alice Wardwell, Sidney Griffin, Miss Agnes Leverette, and Rev. and Mrs. Hutchinson, (Parents of our own Miss May Hutchinson). Sidney Griffin was the son of Mrs. Martha Griffin and nephew of Miss Sadie Barker. Sidney grew up in our church, and was a faithful member. Miss Agnes Leverette lived in Washington, D.C. for many years but she was always interested in the church, and when she returned home she was a regular member. Miss Alice Wardwell (the sister of Miss Florrie Tweedy). These two sisters although not able to attend services the last few years, were loyal members of the church and helped the church in many ways. The gift of the chairs was a most thoughtful and needy one.

During the year several of our members died. One of our former members died, Mrs. Lida Morse Wingfield. She had moved to Banner Elk, N.C. When she was a member of this church she served in many ways, as did her family. They were faithful members of this church. "Miss Lida" as she was called gave untiringly of her time and money.

Another member to die was our assistant organist, Linda Jane Duncan. Jane was a lovely young girl, and only eighteen years old, when she was killed in an automobile accident. This sweet girl was a talented musician, and she used her talent for God. She was also the pianist for the Sunday school. She was an outstanding student, active Pioneer, and a long time member of the Eatonton Presbyterian church. Jane was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Duncan.

We were also saddened by the death of one of our members, Mr. John L. Adams. He was a former Trustee, Superintendant of Sunday School and served this church in many ways. He was a faithful member for many years, until his illness. Mr. John was a member of this church all his life.

The Area meetings of the young people have been held during the year, and Mrs. James Poole, Jr. Mrs. Milton Poole, Mrs. Frank Fitch and Mrs. T.A. Maddox have helped to carry them to the meetings and assist with the programs.

We have had a good year promoting spiritual, educational, social and financial welfare of the church. We try to encourage all members to witness for Christ.

Historian,

Mrs. Virgil V. Harris

Mrs. Virgil V. Harris

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William T. Ivey- Minister
 1967

General Officers

President	-	Mrs. James Hipps
Vice-President	-	Mrs. Helen L. Veal
Secretary and Treasurer	-	Mrs. Frank Fitch
Historian	-	Mrs. W.C. Miles

Committee Chairmen

Program Chairman	Miss Sadie Barker
Personal Faith and Family Life	Mrs. Bill Maddox
Christian Community Action	Mrs. Lawrence Duncan
Ecumenical Mission and Relations	Mrs. Etta Thompson
Leadership and Resources	Mrs. Russell Spivey
Organist	Mrs. Helen L. Veal

Circle Chairmen

Day Circle	Mrs. Bill Maddox
Business Circle	Mrs. McKinley Duncan

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This small but faithful church continues to serve the Lord, under the leadership of our minister, Rev. William T. Ivey. He serves the church faithfully and with loving service for the Master. He visits the older members and the sick, and is a great help to us.

During the year as a memorial the Presbyterian church dedicated the Bulletin Board in loving affection to Mr. John L. Adams. He served this church as a Deacon, and was for twenty-five years its Sabbath School Superintendent.

The Presbyterial was held in Washington, Georgia. Several from our church attended. The Work Conference was held in Greensboro, Georgia and there was a good attendance.

Good programs have been given during the year and all objectives have been met. The quota for white cross was met. The Blessing boxes were taken up and a good offering was received, also for the Birthday offering and World Missions.

The circles met together several times during the year for a covered dish supper and afterwards Bible lesson. Mrs. Millard Walton who has taught the Bible lessons, has brought inspiring messages and we are deeply grieved that she is ill. We pray she will soon be well. She has faithfully served this church by visiting the sick and shut-ins, and in many other ways.

Some of the women have helped with the Youth work, meeting on Sunday night helping with the programs and socials.

On July 1st, there was a lovely wedding in our church, Mary Jane Lewis and Wingfield Harris were married. Rev. William T. Ivey performed the ceremony. Wingfield Harris as a young boy attended Sunday School and church in this church. He is the son of Mrs. Virgil Harris.

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During the Christmas season the Women of the Church put wreaths on the church. The Joy gift program was given, and an offering was taken. The Sunday School had their Christmas tree afterwards, and coffee and sandwiches were served.

A Thanksgiving service was held in our church. It was well attended.

The District Conference was held in our church. There was a good attendance.

Some of the women helped with Bible school and gave refreshments. There was a good attendance.

During the year one of our most beloved former members of the church passed away. Mrs. Myrtle Armstrong Young for many years belonged to the Eatonton Church, and faithfully served the church, giving generously of her time and money. Although she had moved to Greenwood, S.C. she was always interested in this church. She helped us purchase a rug for the sanctuary, and until her death continued to be interested in the church.

We have tried to promote the spiritual, educational and social, also the financial welfare of the church. We try to encourage all members to witness for Christ.

Mrs. W. C. Miles
Historian

Service Of Ordination

On Sunday, September 24, 1967 Mr. Milton Poole was ordained as an Elder and installed as a member of the session of this church.

Mr. W. C. Miles was ordained as a Deacon, and Mr. James Garrett, who previously had been ordained was installed to serve on the Diaconate of this church.

Service of Baptism

On October 22, 1967 at the Sunday morning Service,
the following infant children were baptised by our
Minister, Rev. William T. Jvey.

Diana Lynn Kitchens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie
Kitchens.

Christine Kendrick Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
David Thomas.

IN LOVING MEMORY
of
MR. JOHN L. ADAMS

"Precious in God's sight is the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit". Such is the epitaph of Mr. John L. Adams.

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He was reared and cultured in an atmosphere of refinement and godliness. When he left his paternal roof to build a home for himself, he likewise reared his family to love and cherish his father's House of Worship. He nurtured his dear ones in the ways of his heavenly Father's grace and love. He reached out into the community with an example before his fellowman of absolute integrity.

Being Presbyterian in faith, he served his loved church as a deacon and was for twenty-five years its able Sabbath School Superintendent. He held high to these: community of worshippers, God's great love, forgiveness and guidance. As a Christian he revealed that he was a man of deep convictions—true to the "Faith of His Father's."

As a memorial, we, the Presbyterian of Eatonton Church wish to dedicate our beautifully built Bulletin Board in love and affection as a monument to Mr. John L. Adams.

His life will continue to impress this part of our great universe. Best and greatest of all he is living in that land of eternal bliss with our Father and his Father.

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William T. Ivey - Minister

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The members of this Church are very faithful in attendance of our Sunday Worship hour. Our minister is an inspiration to all who attend the services.

Our leaders are presenting some very interesting and informative lectures at the meetings.

Our obligation for the White Cross was promptly taken care of. The Blessing Boxes were distributed and collected with a liberal offering from our small group.

The Women of the Church celebrated their Birthday Anniversary with a program at the Church during the afternoon. Movie slides were shown - accompanied with very informative lectures. And the Birthday offering was collected.

Mothers Day, an offering was taken up, which was to be presented to the Presbyterian Home of the aged.

On May the 18th our very capable Organist and the President of our Women of the Church was called to the "Fold up Yonder". She will be greatly missed by both the Church and our Circles.

The Vacation Bible School was held June 10th through the 14th with 31 children present. The Women of the Church helped with the school and furnished the refreshments.

On Oct. 6th the District II Conference of the Women of the Church, Augusta - Macon Presbytery meet at the Monticello Presbyterian Church, Monticello, Georgia and was attended by eight members of our Circles.

Nov. 10th a family night supper with a program on Stewardship was held at the Church. The new officers of the Women of the Church were installed by our Minister, Rev. Wm. T. Ivey.

The Annual Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 22th. A nice program was given, demonstrated with movie slides and explanation. Christmas songs were sung and the Joy Gift taken up. The meeting was dismissed with a prayer By Rev. Ivey. Then the Children had their Christmas Tree. They received many nice gifts. Delicious refreshments were served by the Women of the Church.

It is with deep regret, that we have to give up our faithful and loved Minister, who is resigning the pastorate of our Church, because of health reasons. We will miss him very much, and hope he finds renewed health and contentment in his retirement.

Historian

Mrs. W. C. Miles

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Service of Baptism

On April 14, 1968, Infant Sharon Elizabeth Allen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jody Allen was baptized by our Minister - Rev. Wm. T. Ivey. Sharon is the great grand daughter of Mrs. J. M. Poole, Sr. one of our oldest and most faithful members.

And on July 14, 1968, Thomas Richard Ivey, son of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. T. Ivey, Jr. was baptized by the Rev. Wm. T. Ivey, our pastor and grandfather of the baby.

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Received into the Church

October 6, 1968, the following children were received into our church. The children are faithful Sunday School members and are listed below.

Letitia Fitch, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Fitch.

Deborah Lovelace, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Lovelace.

Lawerence McDonald Duncan, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lawerence Duncan.

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A Tribute
to
Helen L. Veal

Basking in sun to complete a chore
Alone, I sat out on the lawn-
The numerous rains were ended
And a sullen, stormy season gone.
"Twas a simple and usual experience
Through some way quite changed today,
For a sleep - shade shut out all light
Leaving sun and shadow in fickle play.
Tho'ts were transient to match the breeze
With a freshness within and o'er all.
Only busy yard birds to beset a calm
And from a tree the bob-white's call.
So like life, the shadow, the sun!
A sense of loss - then assurance free
For, oft in the depth of darkness
Tis, thru the light of Love we see.

By

Marjorie Callaway

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Joseph W. Berry, Minister

The Reverend Joseph W. Berry was called at the first of this year to be our minister. He was installed as minister of the Eatonton Presbyterian Church at an Installation Service held on Sunday, February 23 at 4 o'clock. After the service a reception was held by the Women of the church for the Reverend Berry, his wife and their families.

The Women of the Church held their annual Birthday Program on Sunday, May 4 at 4 o'clock at the church. The objective for the Birthday offering - a Medical Center in the Congo and Conference Center for Protestant Churches in Portugal - was presented by showing a filmstrip. The Birthday offering was received. After the program, refreshments were served in the Fellowship Hall.

A successful Vacation Bible School was held from June 2 - 6. The members of the Women of the Church helped with the Bible School and furnished refreshments each day.

The Reverend R. D. Earnest conducted our Morning Worship service on June 15 and administered the sacrament of baptism to Heather Berry, infant daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. Joseph W. Berry.

The Women of the Church planned a family picnic on July 20 at 6 o'clock in honor of the Tom Lovelace family as they were soon moving away from Eatonton. Each member of the family will be missed in the Eatonton Presbyterian Church.

Our District meeting was held on October 19 in Milledgeville this year. The following women from our church attended the meeting: Mrs. McKinley Duncan, Mrs. T. A. Maddox, Mrs. Martha Griffin, Mrs. Russell Spivey and Mrs. J. R. Kanipe.

On Sunday, December 21 at 4 o'clock the Women of the Church presented the annual Joy Gift Program at the church. A skit was given explaining the need for the Joy Gift after which an offering was received. At the conclusion of the program, there was a Christmas tree and light refreshments were served in the Fellowship Hall.

Our twenty-six members of the Women of the Church have continued to contribute financially to the church. We gave \$200.00 during the past year to budgeted benevolences and \$262.00 to unbudgeted benevolences. We sent gifts to the shut-in members of our church at Christmastime and tried to remember members and friends of our church during times of sickness and bereavement. We have tried to promote, as best we could, the spiritual and educational welfare of the church during the past year through our two circles, our Sunday School and as individuals.

Many Frances Fitch

Mrs. Frank W. Fitch, Jr.
Historian

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To observe the annual Birthday Program, the Women of the Church held a dinner meeting at the Rock Eagle 4-H Club Center Dining Hall on May 25 at 7 P. M. We had as our guest speaker the Reverend T. P. Biggs to speak on the subject "Villa International." The Women of the Church were urged to bring their husbands and interested friends to learn more about our Birthday objective for this year. An offering was taken.

Vacation Bible School was held this year from June 1 through June 5. Members of the Women of the Church formed the staff and other members furnished refreshments each day.

The Women of the Church filled their White Cross quota this year. They met together to roll bandages. They also purchased two hospital bedspreads, a man's shirt and blue jeans.

On Sunday, December 20 at 4 o'clock the Women of the Church had their annual Joy Gift Program at the church. A devotional was given and a filmstrip was shown as part of the program. The Joy Gift offering was taken. The program was concluded in the Fellowship Hall where the annual Christman tree was observed and refreshments were served.

The members of our Women of the Church remembered our shut-in members at Christmastime as well as our members and friends during times of sickness and bereavement. We continue to do what we can to promote the spiritual and educational life of our church during the year, both individually, and through our circles and the Sunday School.

Mary Frances Fitch

Mrs. Frank W. Fitch, Jr.
Historian
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