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This Church, the early records of which seem to be lost was evidently organized nearly one hundred years ago, for Rev. John S. Wilson in his "Necrology", page 24, speaks of a church being organized in Butts County, Georgia in the year 1826.

The First Minister to serve the Church was Rev. Remembrance Chamberlain, who came to Georgia in 1820 and did much evangelistic work.

Other Ministers serving the Church, according to the memory of some of the oldest members were:

Rev. Edward Pharr	Rev. Richard Hooker	Rev. Joseph B. Stevens
" W. J. Keith	" J. G. Patterson	
" J. L. King served 1850-1852	Rev. J. G. Patterson-----	1853-1855

Dr. Patterson was at that time President of the Synodical College at Griffin, Georgia.

It seems, in so far as we can gather, that the old Fellowship Presbyterian Church building was torn down and the Baptists were allowed to erect a building on the Presbyterian lot. The building was used for quite a number of years by both Presbyterians and Baptists. The present building was erected in 1892 during the ministry of Rev. M. F. Duncan.

The following ministers have served Fellowship Church:

Rev. Andrew McElroy and	
" Henry Quigg, both served the Church	1855-1874
" Samuel Smith Gilliard	1874-1879
" J. L. King	1879-1887
" W. D. Heath	1887-1888
" W. P. Hemphill	1888-1890
" M. F. Duncan	1890-1894
" J. F. Pharr	1894-1899
" W. C. Humphries	1899-1907
" James Bradley	1907-1915
" W. S. Yerger, D. D.	1915-1919
" M. McN. McKay	1919-1922
" J. W. Stokes (Min. Atlanta Pres.)	1924
" A. R. Woodson	July, 1925-1926, September
" A. Julian Warner	1927-1933
George Riddle, Student	1933-1934, June
Supply	1934-

Some early Elders of the Church were: Henry Brawner, William Henry Foster, Joseph Carmichael, Samuel Duffey. Samuel Duffey represented the Church at the first meeting of the Synod of Georgia. During the

pastorate of Dr. J. G. Patterson there was only one Elder in this Church for two years: William Jefferson Foster. Other Elders serving the Church are as follows:

Van McKibben	Dr. T. J. Phillips	E. L. Phillips
W. P. Phillips	R. M. Fletcher	D. C. Gailliard, Jr.
S. J. Foster	D. C. Gailliard, Sr.	W. P. Wallace
W. M. Foster	J. B. Carmichael	J. J. Compton

Among the Deacons we find the names of W. D. Compton, J. E. Wallace, Sr., Dr. T. J. Phillips, W. P. Wallace and J. E. Wallace, Jr.

Among the early members of the Fellowship Church were:

John McCord	Mr. Rufus McCord	Mrs. Jane Spencer
Mrs. Lemmon	Miss Esther Hood	Mrs. Peggy Kendrick
Mrs. Betsey Duffey	Mr. Congo	Mrs. Mary Ann Hammel
Mrs. Jane Duffey	Mrs. Congo	Mrs. Margaret Foster
Mrs. Sallie Stilwell	Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth McKibben	

This Church evidently passed through a state of "suspended" life if it did not become entirely extinct, for Rev. M. McNMcKay, one of its Pastors states that about 1885, he and Dr. Henry Quigg were appointed on a commission to re-organize the Church.

This Church is one of the oldest in the Atlanta Presbytery and is now (1923) weak and numerically small, but is composed of some loyal splendid members and it needs to be carefully nourished by the Atlanta Presbytery.

Comment--It is still weak and small, but being grouped with the Jackson Church, it is well supplied with Pastors and Supplies. Some noted persons have gone out from this Church. Professor Charles Woodward of the Georgia Military Academy at College Park, Georgia, is a product of this Church and community as is also Mr. Steve Wallace, who is an official of Spalding County.

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Fellowship Presbyterian Church Jackson, Georgia
Atlanta Presbytery
Women of the Church.

The group of women active in Fellowship Church is so small and accomplish so little it seems a waste of time to bother you with our history. Yet, we know that we are ~~pr~~ precious in the eyes of God who created us and redeemed us and has blessed us through the years. With this reassurance we write.

During the ministry of E.L. Daniel (1940) the Women of the Church organized. Six of this original group worked faithfully and attended meetings regularly. These six were; Miss Eva Compton, Mrs. W.P. Thaxton, Mrs. Geo. Harkness, Mrs. E.P. Colwell, Mrs. Wm. Glass and Mrs. Fletcher Compton (who went to her reward Dec. 1st. 1955). In the passing of the years ill health has hindered one by one of this faithful group from attending until only one is left. Others have taken over, however, and the year 1956 had a membership of 12 with an average attendance of 6.

In the year 1952, at the dedication of the new Sunday School rooms, the Women of the Church sponsored a barbecue which netted approximately \$300, which was donated to the building fund. With this one exception the program has been on an even keel with approximately the same activities and donations each year as that of 1956.

In the year of 1956 we held a meeting every month, with Mrs. R.J. Thomason serving as teacher. The lessons were simpler and more adaptable than usual and we enjoyed them immensely. The Women of the Church sponsored the vacation Bible School, provided the supply Pastor with a dinner invitation every "Preaching" Sunday and donated to the World Mission, White Cross, Birthday Gift, Joy Gift and to the General Fund.

Mrs. B. W. Moore

ATLANTA PRESBYTERY
FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JACKSON, GEORGIA
JANUARY 1962 though SEPTEMBER 1963

The Fellowship Women of the Church was organized in 1939 (while Eugene Daniels served as Pastor) with 6 sincere women. Death claimed 3 of them and crippling age 2 of them, leaving just one with a handful of lukewarm amateurs. This group slowly fell apart and in 1957 became inactive.

On Christmas eve of 1959 Fellowship Church burned to the ground. Drawn closer by a mutual bond of loss and grief and encouraged by the unfaltering faith and confidence of the Pastor, Joe Easter, the congregation held services every Sunday in the Community Club house. There they made plans immediately for building a new Church. Mr. Easter was replaced by Marvin Randolph, who was equally confident that they could rebuild. The new Church was dedicated Dec. 3, 1961.

On Jan. 22, 1962 the Women of the Church reorganized with 12 women, three of which were teen age daughters of mothers in the group. This group accepted and filled the White Cross Quota but, aside from that, did not accomplish much other than a foothold in the great work of the Women of the Church.

The second year (Oct. '62 - Sept. '63) saw greater accomplishments in spite of the fact that they lost their Pastor at the end of December. One of the highlights that year was when the gavel was presented to the President by the District President, Mrs. Eliz. Riley, at the Area meeting, March 18, 1963.

The Group sponsored the Youth Program, everything from teaching, serving refreshments, cleaning the Church and the grounds, and supervising the Youth on an 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ mile hike.

Together with the Youth Group the Women filled and delivered 25 Christmas baskets of goodies for shutins.

They remembered the sick and bereaved with cards and visits and helped furnish and distribute clothing for the less fortunate.

They accepted and filled the White Cross Quota, which was, comparatively, a heavier quota than they felt should have been required of so small a group.

The Women also planned a Family Picnic on the Church Grounds which they hope to make an annual affair.

Rev. Geo. Wright and Pas. Hal Keller served as Supply Pastors until Sept. when Mr. Jerry Tabler filled the vacancy left by Rev. Randolph.

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WOMEN OF CHURCH

Jan. 1962 - Sept. 1964

Officers from Jan. 1962 through Sept. 1963 are the following:

President-- Mrs. B.W. Moore
Vice President-- Mrs. James Wallace
Sect., Treas., Historian-- Miss Sandra Thomason
Chairman of Devotions-- Mrs. E.P. Colwell Jr.
" " Friendship Circle-- Mrs. Marvin Randolph
" " Homes-- Mrs. B.W. Moore
" " Spiritual Growth-- Mrs. B.J. Thomason
" " Christian Education-- Mrs. Roy Letson
" " Stewardship-- Miss Lenora Colwell
" " Church Extension-- Miss Ruth Moore
" " World Mission-- Mrs. E.P. Colwell Jr.
" " Annuities and Relief-- Mrs. Erma Ridgeway
" " General Fund Agencies-- Miss Sandra Thomason

Officers for Oct. 1963 through Sept. 1964 are the following:

President-- Mrs. B.W. Moore
Vice President-- Mrs. E.P. Colwell Jr.
Secretary-- Mrs. Roy Letson
Treasurer-- Mrs. Henry Jarrell
Historian-- Mrs. Louise O'Day
Chairman of Spiritual Growth-- Mrs. B.J. Thomason
" " Christian Education-- Mrs. Roy Letson
" " Stewardship-- Miss Ruth Moore
" " World Mission-- Mrs. E.P. Colwell Jr.
" " Annuities & Relief-- Mrs. Erma Ridgeway
" " General Fund Agencies-- Mrs. Roy Letson
" " Devotions-- Mrs. Betty Letson
" " Friendship Circle-- Mrs. Henry Jarrell
" " Homes-- Mrs. B.W. Moore

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ATLANTA PRESBYTERY
FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, JACKSON, GA.
OCT. 1963-'64

This, the third year after the reorganization of the Women of the Church, was a year of sorrow and losses mingled with accomplishments.

The group accepted and filled the White Cross quota on time, remembered the sick and bereaved with cards and visits and again filled and distributed several baskets of fruit and candy to shut-ins at Christmas.

At the beginning of the year we lost one young member who left to join her husband in Germany.

On Jan 19, 1964 our beloved Sect.-Tres. was shot to death and in losing her we also lost her mother-in-law.

Later another member was stricken with a heart attack confining her to her home, and two others were permanently hospitalized.

All this dwindled our little group down to 7 active members, representing 5 families.

The Church and Sunday School suffered as much from the loss of these members as the W.O.T.C. did. In spite of this our Sunday School had two great accomplishments. The new Covenant Life Curriculum was adopted, beginning in Oct. 1963. The Educational building was erected and almost completed by the end of Sept. 1964. The Sunday School members were regrouped and new teachers were added to best suit the needs of the children. They held their first classes in the new building the very first Sunday in the new Church Year, but that is stealing from the history of the coming year.

Officers of the Women of the Church
Oct. 1963 -64

President-----Mrs. Henry (Gloria) Jarrell
Vice-Pres.-----Mrs. B.J. (Mattie) Thomason
Sect. Tres. ---Mrs. Mike O'Day (Louise)
Historian-----Miss Ruth Moore

ATLANTA PRESBYTERY
FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, JACKSON, GA.
OCT. 1964 - 1965

This, the 4th year after our re-organization, was another year of great sorrow & loss.

In the spring months of 1965 death claimed 3 of Fellowships active members.

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In February Mr. James Wallace, 51, died of burns. He had been an officer in the Church for many years and had at one time served as Clerk of Session. He was teacher of the Adult Sunday School Class and served as Asst. Superintendent. All could rely on him for advice and encouragement, including the W.O.T.C. He had been elected to serve as commissioner to the 105th General Assembly which met April 22nd, but God had a greater commission for him. God only knows how deeply he is missed at Fellowship.

In June Mr. Julian Compton, 71, went to receive his reward. He had been an elder in the Church 20 years and Clerk of Session 10 years. It was to him we turned for our History. We could always depend on him being in Church, even when his health failed. We miss his example of unwavering loyalty.

In July death claimed Mrs. Ollie Mae Edwards, wife of Mr. Albert Edwards (who is our Church Treasurer). She also attended Church Services regularly. Her quiet faith and dignity have inspired her family and friends to live closer to God.

Work still goes on on the new Educational Building which seemed almost completed by Oct. 1964. A well was drilled and water gushed in Nov. 1964. Much of this expense was donated by members and friends. On December 14, 1964 a pump house was built to protect the tank & pipes from freezing. The labor and some of the material for this was donated by a member. Shortly after that water was turned into the bathrooms. A Book shelf and a playpen have been added to the Nursery and pre-school Sunday School room. One table has been built and donated for one of the class rooms by a member of the Church. Two tables have been purchased and donated by another member.

Men, women & youth meet occasionally to add finishing touches to both buildings and this group has laid a temporary side walk at the Educational Bldg. and from it to the Church.

The young men keep the grounds and the adjoining cemetery neat and trim under the supervision of Mr. Albert Edwards.

The W.O.T.C. keep the Church and Educational Bldg. clean and have donated 10 lovely chairs for a class room and hung a curtain to separate classes in the larger room. The material for the curtain was donated by a local firm.

The W.O.T.C. accepted and filled the White Cross quota on time, remembered the sick and bereaved with cards, and visited and again filled and distributed baskets of goodies to shut-ins at Christmas. A representative of our Group and the Pastor brought an interesting film to shut-ins at the Westbury Medical Care Home.

Due to poor health our Pres. had to resign and Mrs. Louise Colwell (E.P. Jr.) has been elected in her place for the year 1965 - 1966.

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
Atlanta Presbytery
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Officers of W.O.T.C.
Oct. 1965 - 1966

President----- Mrs. E.P. (Louise) Colwell Jr.
Vice. Pres.----- Mrs. Mattie Thomason
Sect. Tres.----- Mrs. Mike (Louise) O'Day
Historian----- Miss Ruth Moore

Pastor----- Rev. Jerry Tabler

Officers of Fellowship Church
1965 - 1965

Elders

Mr. James Wallace died Feb. 12 - 1965
Mr. Julian J. Compton died June 15, 1965
Mr. Billie Moore
Mr. E.P. Colwell Jr.

Deacons

Mr. Albert Edwards
Mr. Tom Collins
Mr. Jack Ridgeway
Mr. Levi Hurt
Mr. Geo. Colwell
Mr. Geo. Harkness

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