

History of the Ficklen Presbyterian Church
of Ficklen, Georgia.

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The history of the Ficklen Presbyterian Church had its beginning on January 14, 1927 when Miss Sue Anne Blanton, Field Worker in Augusta Presbytery then working in the Phinizy Church, came to the community to make a survey of existing church work. The survey disclosed no organized church in the village and only a small Sunday School. Thereupon, Rev. Marshall C. Dendy, at that time Superintendent of Home Missions in Augusta Presbytery and pastor of the Crawfordville Church, came to Ficklen and preached in the school building on the fourth Sunday of the same month. Mr. Dendy continued to preach once each month in the School building from January 1927 until February 1928. His successor was Rev. William Porter, pastor of the Washington Church, who preached from February until June 1928. Rev. A. G. McInnis became pastor of the Crawfordville Church at the latter date and took over the work from Mr. Porter.

On July 4, 1929 Rev. Ralph Gillam, Evangelist of the Synod of Georgia, began an evangelistic meeting in the community which lasted five days. At this time a number of people expressed a desire to join the church and it was therefore decided to organize a Presbyterian Church in Ficklen. A commission consisting of Rev. S. I. McCarty of Augusta, Rev. A. G. McInnis of Washington, and Mr. Hawes Cloud of Crawfordville, was appointed by Augusta Presbytery^{and} met with the people of Ficklen on December 1, 1929 at which time a Presbyterian Church was organized with the following charter members:

Elders		Deacons	
Mr. Berry T. Patrick		Mr. C. T. Patrick	
Mr. G. N. Byrum		Mr. Walter B. Patrick	
Members			
Mr. G. N. Byrum	Mr. C. T. Patrick	Mr. Walter B. Patrick	
Mrs. G. N. Byrum	Mrs. C. T. Patrick	Mr. Claude Patrick	
Margaret Byrum	Mr. Patrick	Miss Jessie Mae Lord.	

Dr. Ralph Gillam returned to Ficklen in January 1930 and from an old store building given by Mrs. Mary R. Cornwell and with donations

from various friends, was instrumental in building a house of worship which was dedicated on March 9, 1930.

From 1927 through March 1939 the following ministers have preached in Ficklen:

Rev. M. C. Dendy, from January 1927 to February 1928.
Rev. William Porter, from February 1928 to June 1928.
Rev. A. G. McInnis, from June 1928 to November 1936,
becoming the first regular minister of the church
upon its organization in December 1929.
Rev. Stewart H. Long, from November 1937.

A great deal of credit is due the following field workers for the part they played in building up the work:

Miss Sue Anne Blanton, January 1927 to December 1928.
Mrs. Annie C. Bradwell, January 1929 to June 1929.
Miss Mary Hudson, June 1929 to September 1929.
Miss Pearl Hudson, October 1929 to May 1930.

The Following members have united with the Ficklen Presbyterian Church since it was organized:

G. N. Byrum
Mrs. G. N. Byrum
Margaret Byrum
Harold Bramlett
Mrs. Mary R. Cornwell
James C. Christy, Sr.
Mrs. J. C. Christy
Mary Lou Christy
William Christy
Moline Clark
James Clark
George Clark
Mr. D. E. Evans
Mrs. D. E. Evans
Miss Eloise Evans
Miss Edith Evans
Miss Annie Laurie Evans
John Oliver Haney
Edith Howard
Horace Howard
Mrs. Sara E. Lord
Miss Jessie Mae Lord

William H. Newsom
Mrs. Sara A. Newsom
C. T. Patrick
Mrs. C. T. Patrick
Berry Patrick
Walter Patrick
Mrs. Walter Patrick
Harvey Patrick
Jeanette Patrick
Mrs. O. M. Pate
Carl Pate
Miss Alice Ray
Mrs. Lottie Roth
Bernice Roth
Esther Tanner
Doris Tanner
Mrs. Althea Wilson
Ruby Wilson

An evangelistic meeting and Vacation Bible School was held under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Stewart H. Long, in August 1938, resulting in the addition of several young people to the church by profession of faith. The Sunday School was reorganized and the Young People began an organization. With these accomplishments the future of the Ficklen Church appears hopeful in every way.

Mrs. G. N. Byrum
(Historian)

Woman's Auxiliary of Ficklin Church.

The Woman's Auziliary of Ficklin Church was organized August 31st, 1939, by Rev. and Mrs. Stewart H. Long and Mrs. W. A. Simpson, of Washington, with a membership of fifteen women.

The officers are as follows:

President, Mrs. G. N. Bytrum,

Vice-Pres. Mrs. W. T. Ray,

Secretary, Mrs. H. P. McCarthy,

Treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Patrick.

Tuesday after each third Sunday was fixed as the time of the monthly meetings.

For the first six months of this organization we have read both Home and Foreign Mission books, and have contributed to all special offerings, Home and Foreign Missions, White Cross, Thornwell and Joy Gift. For Joy Gift, we put on pageant "In Thy Sight."

Margaret C. Byrum (Mrs. N. G.)
Historian.

1956

FICKLIN PRESBYTERIAN
WASHINGTON, GEORGIA

President
Secretary and Treasurer
Program Chairman

Mrs. L.S.Howard
Mrs. T.C. Young
Mrs. Chester Howard

" We are a small group with an average attendance of six. Our offerings are small, therefore we have not contributed to any causes away from our church and community.

We take care of the refreshments for our P.Y.F., flowers for the church and for the sick and other local church expenses.

From January 1956 to January 1957 , our offerings were \$31.97. Our expenses were \$16.96, leaving a balance of \$15.01 .We had a balance of \$5.05 in the flower fund!



1957

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH
FICKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FICKLIN , GEORGIA

PRESIDENT.....Mrs. Glen Wilder
VICE- PRESIDENTMrs. L.S.Howard,Sr.
SECRETARY.....Mrs, Chester Howard
TREASURER.....Mrs. Chester Howard
TREASURER.....Mrs. John Haney
CHMN.SPIRITUAL GROWTH.....Mrs. Glen Wilder
CHMN. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.....Mrs. L.S.Howard ,Sr.
CHMN.STEWARDSHIP.....Mrs. Pierce Drinkard
CHMN. CHURCH EXTENSION.....Mrs. Henry Brannon
CHMN..WORLD..MISSIONS.....Mrs. G.N . Byrum
CHMN. ANNUITIES & RELIEF..... Miss Chester Howard
CHMN.GENERAL FUND AGENCIESMrs. John Haney

Our Women of the Church met at intervals during the year. We followed the plan as outlined by the Board of Women's Work as well as our small group could. We have but 8 members.

With the exception of our Joy Gift which was \$12.00, our interest was centered around our own Church.

We used the literature recommended for circles which cost \$6.05. We spent \$3.03 for children at Christmas; \$3.07 for a gift for a member that moved away; \$4.12 for flowers for the sick; and \$2.90 for refreshments for a meeting of our Young People of the Church. Our balance to date in the regular fund is \$17.81 besides the \$5.01 in the flower fund.

We have no regular pastor. Mr. G.N. Byrum is Clerk of our Session.

Mrs. L. S.Howard,Sr.

Mrs. L. S. Howard, Sr.

1958

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH
FICKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FICKLIN, WILKES COUNTY
GEORGIA

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer

Mrs. John O. Haney
Mrs. L.S. Howard, Sr.
Mrs. Chester Howard
Mrs. Chester Howard

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Spiritual Growth
Christian Education
Stewardship
Church Extension
World Missions
Annuities and Relief
General Fund Agencies
Homes
Columbia Friendship Circle

Mrs. Glenn Wilder
Mrs. L.S. Howard, Sr.
Mrs. Pierce Drinkard
Mrs. Henry Branham
Mrs. G.N. Byrum
Mrs. Chester Howard
Mrs. John O. Haney
Mrs. John Haney
Mrs. L.S. Howard, Sr.

This group meets each month. They use material prepared by Board of Women's Work - 1958.

They prepare refreshments for young people of the Church; have a flower fund and send flowers to the sick.

Only contributed to two causes in 1958- World Missions and Joy Gift.

Luke was used for Bible Study.

Because the Church is small, the group of Women of the Church find much to do in the local Church, and are unable to contribute to more outside causes.

Mrs. G.N. Byrum, Historian.

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[Washington, GA]

Ficklen Presbyterian Church History

The Ficklen Community was a small town in the early 1900's with several stores, jail, depot, school, hotel, potato house, and flower shop. There were Delco lights on the streets.

A tornado hit Ficklen on April 30, 1924, taking the life of one, Mr. Gus Patrick, and doing major damage to this town. Many people moved away or never rebuilt.

Mrs. Mary Cornwell donated her store to the community for a church house.

On January 20, 1930, Dr. Ralph Gillan came to Ficklen. From this old store building, donations, and the labor of love from many, the church was built. The church was dedicated March 9, 1930/

This church has stood as it was with just minor repairs until 1989. These repairs included paint jobs, carpet on the floors, new roofs put on, and heaters that replaced the original wood stove. Vinyl siding and underpinning were added in 1989.

Ideas for a well and Friendship Hall started formulating for this church, under the inspiration of Rev. Mal Mallinson and his wife, Sandy, during 1996.

Labors of love, donations, land, funds from Presbytery, and prayers saw the well dug in 1997. The celebration of the gift of water was held February 1, 1998.

Land on the right of the church was donated by Mrs. Charles Auclair in December, 1997. On this land, a new and larger parking lot was added with Mr. George Grimaud - County Road Commissioner, overseeing the job, in June, 1998.

Land on the left of the church was donated by Mrs. Barbara Wilder in February, 1998.

On May 17, 1998, the church voted to go ahead with the new addition to the church.

On June 14, 1998, a Sunrise Service was held for the groundbreaking ceremony. A light breakfast followed. Many people attended.

Mr. Claude Patrick, 89, and Jason Broome, 2, the eldest and youngest attending the groundbreaking, were the first to turn the dirt with shovels.

Mr. Willard Durham of Eatonton spent many hours drawing plans for architectural structure of this new addition. He presented these plans to the church during this wonderful occasion.

The Hall was dedicated June 18, 1999. Since the Hall's completion many great events have been held at the Ficklen Presbyterian Church. Some of these include the Revitalization Committee meeting on November 11, 1999; graduation parties; baby showers; meals for church families and friends; and Ficklen Presbyterian Church's 70th Anniversary Celebration, which was held on March 12, 2000.

The Ficklen Presbyterian Church Ladies Group was formed on May 13, 1999.

The Church steeple was added on January 14, 2002.

New carpet was put in the sanctuary in December, 2002.

At the present time there are 19 members on the membership roll.

Services are the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Donnie Whitehead of Athens, Georgia is ministering. Sunday School follows worship at 10:45 a.m.