

Friendship Presbyterian Church
Thomasville, Georgia

EXCERPTS

from

the

History of

The First Presbyterian Church

Summary of the HAL HYDE REPORT of October 21, 1957:

"Eighty-five per cent of the members of the First Presbyterian Church live within one mile of the Church, with the remaining 15% being divided into 10% from one to three miles. Although present facilities for the Church School are inadequate, the City of Thomasville is not growing fast enough to warrant immediate colonization. It will be wise business strategy, however, to purchase property in the North-eastern sector of the city immediately, and then make long-range plans for a new church at the propitious time in the future."

From History of the First Presbyterian Church, February, 1965:

"Plans are being made for the new church. Committees were appointed as follows:

The Worship Service and Church School.

Pulpit Supply.

Building Plans.

Elder Randolph Malone is General Chairman of this New Church Committee."

"The first services of the 'New Church' were held at the Jerger School, South Broad Street, (Feb. 28, '65). Sunday School at 9:45 AM and Worship Service, 11 AM."

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Thomasville, Georgia

EXCERPTS (continued)
from the
History of
The First Presbyterian Church.

June, 1965:

"Progress has continued on the new church. The members have voted to call themselves 'Friendship Presbyterian Church.' Mr. Richard Austin, who is a Senior at Columbia Theological Seminary was called as Pastor. Mr. Austin graduates from the Seminary this June."

October, 1965:

"The Congregation was given the opportunity to make special gifts to the Friendship Church at the morning service, October 17th."

May, 1966:

"The organizational service for the Friendship Presbyterian Church was held May 29th. A special Commission from Southwest Georgia Presbytery handled the service. This was a culmination of a dream our Church has had for some years. We feel that with this additional church the Presbyterians in our community will be better ministered to, and even more important, we Presbyterians can do a better job of serving this community."

Friendship Presbyterian Church
Thomasville, Georgia

EXCERPTS
from the
Minutes of the Session
of

The First Presbyterian Church,
Thomasville, Georgia

April 28, 1965:

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"The Clerk was asked to present and emphasize to the congregation, at a morning service, that the new church is under the sponsorship of the First Church, and that the responsibility lies with our congregation as a whole, and not alone with the few who have assumed prime responsibility in this project."

May 26, 1965:

"Dr. Malone reported on the new church, and advised that the name selected is 'Friendship Presnyterian Church;' that the attendance at Sunday services averages about 35; and that the offering is approximately \$125.00 per week. It is hoped that the architect's plans for the initial construction will be available by May 29. In accordance with the new church's recommendation, the following call was approved by the Session:

'The Session of First Presbyterian Church, Thomasville, Georgia, in Stated Meeting on May 26, 1965, requests Mr. Richard Austin to accept the position of Assistant Pastor, and offers to pay, as its part of the salary, an amount not to exceed \$3,000 annually, inclusive of all benefits. This is understood to be in co-operation with amounts paid by the Presbytery of Southwest Georgia, and the group now calling themselves "The Friendship Presbyterian Church of Thomasville, Georgia." Furthermore, the Pastor and the Clerk of the Session are fully authorized to prosecute the call through the necessary Presbytery channels; said authorization conditioned only by the foregoing motion.'

June 16, 1965:

"Regarding Friendship Presbyterian Church, the pastor reported that plans drawn by the architect have been most favorably received, and that a copy of the plans have been sent for review by the Department of Architecture of the Board of Church Extension."

W. O. C. Historian

Georgia McKay Watt
(Mrs. J. F. Watt)



FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2123 Smith Avenue
Thomasville, Georgia

First Worship Service
in
Fellowship Hall

May 22, 1966

Service of Organization

May 29, 1966

Architects:

Architect Jinright & Jinright

Jinright Thomasville, Georgia



JERGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

South Broad Street

Thomasville, Georgia

The Board of Education permitted us the use of the
Auditorium and some Class-Rooms
from

February 28, 1965 until May 22, 1966.

HISTORY
of
Friendship Presbyterian Church
Thomasville, Georgia

1965 - 1966

In 1957, or even prior to that time, The First Presbyterian Church of Thomasville, Georgia had been studying the possibility and advisability of starting still another Presbyterian Church in the City. Dawes Chapel serves the area to the Northwest of the city. The Second Presbyterian Church serves the area to the South.

Following the advice of the Atlanta Office of the Board of Church Extension a four-acre tract of land located on the north side of Smith Avenue a few hundred^{yards} from and on the west side of US Highway 19 was purchased.

A survey was made by Miss Marie Gibert, and beginning August 18, 1964 talks were held which resulted in the actual volunteering of several couples to start making definite plans.

Many informal meetings were held in the different homes. Rev. B. G. Munro gave invaluable help and service. The Session of the First Church at the same time was planning how a new church could and should be begun. Consultations with Mr. Robert Jinright, Architect, were held concerning plans for a church plant, and particularly on erecting just a part of the plant that would be sufficient for the time-being for class-rooms and a Fellowship Hall. (There was no existing building obtainable in the neighborhood that would serve as temporary quarters.)

Some classrooms and the auditorium of Jerger Elementary School were made available for our use, and while these were located a considerable distance from our building site, it enabled us to make a start, and begin working together as a group.

The first worship service was held on February 28, 1965 with Rev. R. T. Wallace preaching the sermon entitled "Heavenly Love." One month later a Communion Service was conducted by Rev. Roger Gallion.

Friendship Presbyterian Church
Thomasville, Georgia.

Regular services were held from the beginning with different ones bringing the messages. On May 9, 1965 Mr. Richard Austin preached for us. He was later called by the First Church to come as an assistant pastor, looking forward to his being called as the pastor of Friendship Church when it should be organized as a particular church. This call from the First Church was accepted.

On May 22, 1966 we met for worship in the Fellowship Hall of the new building on Smith Avenue.

On May 29, 1966 a Commission appointed by the Presbytery of Southwest Georgia composed of Rev. Archie C. Smith, Executive Secretary of the Presbytery; Rev. B. G. Munro, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Thomasville; Rev. Albert Ray, Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church of Thomasville; Rev. R. M. Matthews, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Boston, Georgia; and Elders Eugene Driver and Langdon Flowers of the First Presbyterian Church met to effect the organization of Friendship Presbyterian Church. Dr. Smith presided. Mr. E. T. Ferguson, Dr. R. A. Malone, and J. F. Watt (all previously ordained) were installed as elders. Messrs. R. H. Jefferson, Jr., Joe Horne, and J. Phil Leabo were ordained as deacons. They with Mr. Jamie W. Oglesby (previously ordained) were installed as deacons.

There were thirty-one charter members enrolled.

Rev. Richard M. Austin was installed as Pastor.

Almost from the first a kindergarten was envisaged. Mrs. Boone Leach, whose ability as a director was greatly admired, had just moved back to Thomasville, and we were able to obtain her services. Money from the sale of some prized possessions donated by Mrs. Thelma Alexander was the beginning of the Kindergarten Treasury. September, 1966 found the building being used daily for the children, who have meant much in the life of the church.

Friendship Presbyterian Church
Thomasville, Georgia

The Women-of-the-Church were organized September, 1966. Though comparatively few in number, they have been very active. Mrs. J. W. Oglesby, as the first president, gave the leadership needed.

On October 18, 1966 we were privileged and honored to have the Stated Fall Meeting of Southwest Georgia Presbytery held in our church.

During the year 1966 seven adults joined us by transfer of membership. Three babies were baptized and accepted into the Covenant Family.

Sunday School classes were using the Covenant Life Curriculum, and children, as well as adults, were feeling the joy of being a part of the Church life.

Mrs. E. R. Kellersberger, author and former missionary to the Congo, spoke to us on November 9th bringing her inimitable message of love, dedication to the Master, and a World-Wide vision.

Gifts came in that made the worship services more beautiful--an organ, two pianos, a Communion set, and Offering Plates were some of them. A stove and refrigerator for the kitchen to make it easier for entertaining. Family night suppers are held once a month.

Near the end of the year Mrs. Thelma Alexander, one ^{of} our charter members, died. Her funeral was conducted in our little church.

So, the work was started.

God grant that it may be for His Glory.

Friendship Presbyterian Church
Thomasville, Georgia.

Organized on May 29, 1966.

Pastor, Reverend Richard M. Austin.

Elders: Mr. E. T. Ferguson, Dr. R. A. Malone, Mr. J. F. Watt.

Deacons: Messrs. Tom Cosby, Harvey Ellington, Joe Horne,
R. H. Jefferson, Jr., J. P. Leabo, J. W. Oglesby.

Clerk of the Session: Mr. J. F. Watt.

TreasurerL Mr. R. H. Jefferson, Jr.

Visiting Ministers: Rev. Roger Gallion
Dr. Archie C. Smith
Rev. Richard Stewart
Rev. R. T. Wallace.

BAPTISMS:

Jan. 6, '66 Robert H. Jefferson, III,
Son of Mr. & Mrs. R. H. Jefferson, Jr.
Feb. 13, '66 Karen Louise Leabo,
Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Leabo.
Dec. 25, '66 James Philip Leabo, Jr.,
Son of Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Leabo.

NEW MEMBERS:

Jun. 26, '66 Mr. & Mrs. T. R. Chastain, by transfer from
the First Presbyterian Church, Thomasville, Ga.
Aug. 31, '66 Mr. R. B. Woodall, by transfer from
the First Presbyterian Church, Thomasville, Ga.
Sept. 25, '66 Mr. Tom Cosby, by transfer from
the Presbyterian Church, Seneca, S. C.
Sept. 25, '66 Mrs. Tom Cosby, by transfer from
the Baptist Church, Seneca, S. C.
Oct. 22, '66 Mr. & Mrs. Larry A. Anderson, by transfer from
Eastminster Presbyterian Church,
East Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Friendship Presbyterian Church
Thomasville, Georgia

CHARTER MEMBERS

Mrs. John Alexander
Mrs. Richard M. Austin
Mr. Egbert Spurgeon Bullington
Miss Sheryl Ann Bullington
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Ellington
Mr. & Mrs. E. T. Ferguson
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Horne
Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Jefferson, Jr.
Mrs. Prince Jinright
Mr. Prince Edward Jinright, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. J. Phillip Leabo
Dr. & Mrs. Randolph A. Malone, III
Mr. & Mrs. Fred H. McHale
Mr. & Mrs. Jamie W. Oglesby
Miss Cathy Elizabeth Oglesby
Mr. & Mrs. Robert H. Vickery
Mr. & Mrs. J. Franklin Watt
Mr. & Mrs. Neil Williamson
Mr. Larry Williamson
Mrs. R. B. Woodall

Visiting Ministers who joined the church in the absence
of the Pastor were Rev. R. E. Ballard, Chaplain, Southwestern
State Hospital, and Reverend Marshall Woodson.

HISTORY
of
FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Thomasville, Georgia

1967

Rev. Richard M. Austin, Pastor

THE SESSION

Harvey Ellington	J. W. Oglesby
E. T. Ferguson	J. F. Watt
Dr. R. A. Malone	

CLERK OF THE SESSION

E. T. Ferguson

THE DIACONATE

L. A. Anderson	J. Phil Leabo
Joe Horne	R. B. Woodall
R. H. Jefferson, Jr.	

CHURCH TREASURER

R. H. Jefferson, Jr.

ORGANIST

Ansley Fleetwood

Visiting Ministers who filled the pulpit in the absence of the Pastor were Rev. R. E. Ballard, Chaplain, Southwestern State Hospital, and Reverend Marshall Woodson.

Friendship Presbyterian Church
Thomasville, Georgia

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

President..... Mrs. E. T. Ferguson.
Vice-President..... Mrs. Joe Horne.
Secretary-Treasurer... Mrs. Larry Anderson.
Historian..... Mrs. J. F. Watt.

COMMITTEES

Personal Faith & Family Life.....Mrs. R. A. Malone, Chm.
Christian Community Action..... Mrs. R. M. Austin, "
Ecumenical Missions..... Mrs. J. F. Watt, "
Leadership & Resources..... Mrs. J. W. Oglesby, "

CIRCLES

Morning Circle meets the first Tuesday of each month.

Business Women's Circle meets irregularly.

ACTIVITIES

White Cross; Kindergarten; Family Night Suppers - Monthly.
Visiting at Southwestern State Hospital, and at
Presbyterian Home, Quitman, Georgia
Assisted in entertaining Presbyterial at
First Church, March 30, 1967.
Combined Meeting with First Church, July 11, 1967.

CONFERENCES

Cairo, Ga. - 1 Representative - August 14, 1967.
Bainbridge, Ga.-District--5 attending--Sept. 21, 1967.
Presbyterial at First Church--11 attending--Mar. 30, 1967.
No one attended Synodical Training School or Montreat.

Friendship Presbyterian Church
Thomasville, Georgia

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

None. (Due to group being so small.)

CHURCH SCHOOL

Superintendent..... Mr. J. W. Oglesby

Teachers: Rev. R. M. Austin
Mrs. Prince Jinright
Dr. R. A. Malone
Mrs. R. A. Malone
Miss Sheila Massey
Mrs. Wm. Servies
Mrs. J. F. Watt
Mrs. J. L. Williams

Covenant Life Curriculum is used.
Catechism being taught in the Primary Department.

CAMPS

None attending.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

None

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

June 19-23, 1967

Total combined attendance - 250.

First Presbyterian Church Curriculum used.

Teachers:

Rev. & Mrs. Austin
Mrs. Joe Horne
R. H. Jefferson, Jr.
Dr. & Mrs. R. A. Malone
J. F. Watt

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MEMBERS RECEIVED

- 2/12/67 Miss Gilda Cooper, from Oakland Baptist Church,
Owens, King George Co., Va.
7/30/67 Mr. & Mrs. Emory Heald, from the Presbyterian Church,
Boston, Georgia.
2/12/67 Miss Phyllis Knight, from Murray Hill Presbyterian
Church, Jacksonville, Florida.
3/26/67 Miss Sheila Massey, on Profession of Faith.
7/30/67 Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Servies, from Green Acres Baptist
Church, Athens, Ga.
10/1/67 Mrs. Martha J. Vick, on Re-affirmation of Faith.
1/15/67 Mr. G. D. Whittaker, from the Methodist Church,
Delthos, Ohio.
9/10/67 Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Williams, from the Baptist Church,
Pelham, Georgia.

BAPTISMS

- 5/14/67 Polly Elisabeth, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Horne.
5/14/67 Rosemary, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Horne.
12/24/67 Dena Elise, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Williams.
12/24/67 Paige Alicia, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Williams.

MARRIAGES

- 6/18/67 James W. Franklin and Sheryl Ann Bullington,
In the Sanctuary of the
First Presbyterian Church, Thomasville, Ga.
Rev. B. G. Munro, assisted by Rev. R. M Austin
performed the ceremony.
8/11/67 Emmett White and Phyllis Knight,
In the Home of the bride, Thomasville, Ga.
Rev. Marshall Woodson performed the ceremony.

W. O. C. Historian

Georgia McKay Watt
(Mrs. J. F. Watt)

Friendship Presbyterian Church
Thomasville, Georgia

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of

FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thomasville, Georgia

1968

Rev. Richard M. Austin, Pastor

THE SESSION

Harvey Ellington

R. H. Jefferson, Jr.

J. W. Oglesby

E. T. Ferguson, Clerk

THE DIACONATE

L. A. Anderson

J. Phil Leabo

Joe Horne

J. L. Williams, Treasurer

R. B. Woodall

ORGANIST - Ansley Fleetwood

Visiting Ministers who filled the Pilpit in the absence
of the Pastor were the following:

Dr. Archie C. Smith, Exec. Sec'y Southwest Georgia
Presbytery

Rev. Paul B. Long, Missionary to Brazil

Conferences: District Meeting, Thomasville, September 14-15-16
Presbyterial, None attending
Workshop for Missions, Vicksburg, Miss., March 1968
Synodical, None attending
Montreat, None attending

Friendship Presbyterian Church
Thomasville, Georgia
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WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

President ----- Mrs. Robt. H. Jefferson, Jr.
Vice President ----- Mrs. Joe Horne
Secretary-Treasury ----- Mrs. J. L. Williams
Historian ----- Mrs. J. F. Watt

COMMITTEES

Personal Faith & Family Life ---- Mrs. R. A. Malone
Christian Community Action ---- Mrs. Emory Heald
Ecumenical Missions ---- Mrs. J. F. Watt
Leadership & Resources ---- Mrs. J. W. Oglesby

CIRCLES

Only one. It meets once a month

ACTIVITIES

White Cross -- Kindergarten -- Family Night Suppers

Visiting at The Presbyterian Home, Quitman, Georgia. Girls from Birdwood College put on a musical program as a part of the entertainment that was provided for the residents of the Home.

Monthly Letter -- A monthly letter is being sent out giving news of the W-O-C. It sometimes carries suggestions as to what the women would like to see done in the Church.

Conferences: District Meeting, Thomasville, September; 4 attending
Presbyterial, None attending
Workshop for Missions, First Pres. three attending
Synodical, None attending
Montreat, None attending

Friendship Presbyterian Church
Thomasville, Georgia

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

None ---Group is so small. Sometimes they go to meetings at the First Presbyterian Church

CHURCH SCHOOL

Superintendent ---- J. W. Oglesby

Teachers:

Rev. R. M. Austin

Mrs. Larry Anderson

Mrs. R. A. Malone

Mr. Robt. H. Jefferson, Jr.

Mrs. Robt. H. Jefferson, Jr.

Miss Sheila Massey

Miss Donna Cope

Mrs. J. W. Oglesby

Mrs. J. L. Williams

The Covenant Life Curriculum is used.

Daily Vacation Bible School was held from August 13 to 23.

Teachers: Mr. J. W. Oglesby, Superintendent

Mrs. Larry Anderson

Mrs. Joe Horne

Mr. R. H. Jefferson, Jr.

Miss Sheila Massey

Mrs. J. W. Oglesby

Mr. Warren Mays, Jr.

Friendship Presbyterian Church
Thomasville, Georgia

1968

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

Cheryl Leigh Ellington --- December 22, 1968

Melissa Ann Ferguson --- December 22, 1968

INFANT BAPTISMS

David John)
Penny Lynn) Children of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Servies -- January 7, 1968
Holly Ann)

Richard M. Austin, Jr., Son of Mrs. & Rev. R. Austin, Feb. 25, '68.

Stacey Jones Jefferson, Son of Mr. & Mrs. R. H. Jefferson, Dec. 1, '68

ADULT BAPTISM

Melissa Ann Ferguson, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. E. T. Ferguson
Dec. 22, 1968

MARRIAGES

Gilda Cooper and Pete Donovan, by Rev. Fred Bulloch, in Cairo, Ga.
July 12, 1968

Georgia McKay Watt

Mrs. J. F. Watt, Historian
Women of the Church
Friendship Presbyterian Church
Thomasville, Georgia

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of
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Thomasville, Georgia

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Rev. Richard M. Austin, Pastoral relationship dissolved
as of January 31, 1969.
Rev. James E. Armstrong, Installed as Pastor Nov. 2, but began
filling the pulpit August 17, 1969.

THE SESSION

Harvey Ellington	R. H. Jefferson, Jr.
Jamie W. Oglesby	Dr. R. A. Malone, Clerk

THE DIACONATE

Emory Heald	Prince Edward Jinright
J. Philip Leabo, Chm.	Jimmy L. Williams, Treas.
R. B. Woodall	

ORGANIST - Ansley Fleetwood

Visiting Ministers supplying the pulpit in the interim
February 2 thru August 10

Rev. Robert Ballard
Dr. Bonneau Dickson
Dr. Walter A. Groves
Dr. David Walthall
Mr. Michael E. Williams
Dr. Marshall Woodson
Dr. Archie Smith

Dr. Stan Topple, Missionary to Korea, Wed. eve., Dec. 10, '69.
Mrs. Julia Lake Kellersberger, Former Missionary to the Congo
Spoke at Sunday School, Sept. 7th.

Rev. B. G. Munro preached the sermon at the service of
Installation of the Rev. J. E. Armstrong, Nov. 2nd.

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Thomasville, Georgia

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WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Mrs. J. Philip Leabo	President
Mrs. R. H. Jefferson, Jr.	Vice President
Mrs. Harvey Ellington	Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. J. F. Watt	Historian

COMMITTEES

Personal Faith & Family Life	Mrs. Doyle Jones, Chm.
Christian Community Action	Mrs. Fred McHale, Chm.
Ecumenical Missions	Mrs. E. T. Ferguson, Chm.
Leadership & Resources	Mrs. J. L. Williams, Chm.

CIRCLES

Only one, which meets once a month.

ACTIVITIES

White Cross -- Kindergarten -- Family Night Suppers, or Dinners
monthly
Reception for the Rev. Armstrong and family
Visitation

Mrs. Jamie W. Oglesby represented Friendship WOC at Presbyterial Mtg
March 11th.
Fall Planning Council attended by President and Vice-President
Host for Presbytery Area Workshop, November 19th. About 30 present.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

There are only four High School students. They often join with
the Young People of First Presbyterian Church

Friendship Presbyterian Church

Thomasville, Georgia

1969

CHURCH SCHOOL

Superintendent Mr. Jamie W. Oglesby

Secretary Mrs. J. F. Watt

Teachers: Mr. E. T. Ferguson
Mrs. Prince Jinright
Mr. R. H. Jefferson, Jr.
Dr. R. A. Malone
Mrs. R. A. Malone
Miss Sheila Massey
Mrs. J. W. Oglesby

Materials Used:

Covenant Life Curriculum
Gospel Light

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

Jan. 26, 1969 Mr. & Mrs. Doyle Jones
Aug. 31, 1969 Mrs. J. E. Armstrong
Miss Alice Armstrong
Mr. James Leslie Armstrong
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Aspinwall
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Powers
Sept. 28, 1969 Mr. & Mrs. Al Seymour
Oct. 26, 1969 Mr. & Mrs. Paul McCartney

ADULT BAPTISMS

January 26, 1969 Mr. Doyle Jones

INFANT BAPTISMS

Jan. 26, 1969 Lisa Jones, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Doyle Jones
Sept. 21, 1969 Blake Franklin Aspinwall, Son of
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Aspinwall

Georgia McKay Watt (Mrs. J. F.)
Historian Friendship Pres. Church
Thomasville, Ga.

HISTORY
of
FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thomasville, Georgia

1970

Rev. James E. Armstrong, Pastor

THE SESSION

E. Talmadge Ferguson

Dr. R. A. Malone, Jr.

Robert H. Jefferson, Jr.

J. F. Watt, Clerk

THE DIACONATE

Jerry Hancock, Treasurer

Neil H. Williamson

Emory Heald

R. B. Woodall

Al. W. Seymour

ORGANIST

Ansley Fleetwood

VISITING MINISTERS and SPEAKERS

Evangelist Don Odon

Rev. George C. Bradford

Rev. R. T. Wallace

Jan. 23, 24, 25 - Lay Renewal Team from Columbus, Ga.:

Col. Bob Williams, Co-ordinator

Mrs. Jean H. Nelson

Mr. & Mrs. Francis Brown

Mr. James T. Hendrix

Mr. James C. Metcalf

Mr. J. Harry Halpert, Chairman, Committee of Church
Extension, Presbytery of
Southwest Georgia

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Miller - Guatemala

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Thomasville, Georgia

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Mrs. Joe Horne,	President
Mrs. J. Philip Leabo,	Vice-President
Mrs. Harvey A. Ellington	Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. J. Franklin Watt	Historian

COMMITTEES

Personal Faith & Family Life,	Mrs. Paul McCartney, Chm.
Christian Community Action,	Mrs. Robt. H. Jefferson, Jr. Chm.
Ecumenical Missions,	Mrs. E. T. Ferguson, Chm.
Leadership & Resources,	Mrs. Donald D. Watt, Chm.

CIRCLES

Only one, which meets once a month

ACTIVITIES

White Cross, Kindergarten, Family Night Suppers or Dinners
monthly.
Visitation

Sacred Concert: Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Marsh, Soloists.

Mr. Stuart Sax, Pianist.

Followed by a reception.

The party was taken to the Presbyterian Home at Quitman where they entertained the residents most graciously.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

There are only four High School students.

CONFERENCES

Presbyterial of Southwest Georgia: Mesdames Leabo, Jefferson,
Malone, and Watt.

District Meeting, Cairo, Ga.: Mesdames Ferguson and G. Watt.

Presbytery's Mission Workshop: Rev. J. E. Armstrong, Mr. & Mrs.
J. F. Watt

Presidents' Planning Meeting, Albany, Ga.:

Mrs. Philip Leabo and Mrs. Joe Horne

Friendship Presbyterian Church

Thomasville, Georgia

1970

CHURCH SCHOOL

Superintendent: Mr. Jerry Hancock
Secretary: Mrs. J. F. Watt
Teachers: Rev. Jas. E. Armstrong
Mrs. R. H. Jefferson, Jr.
Mr. Emory Heald
Mrs. Emory Heald
Mr. Paul McCartney
Dr. R. A. Malone

Materials used: Gospel Light

Daily Vacation Bible School

Mrs. Al Seymour, Director

Teachers:

Mr. & Mrs. Emory Heald

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Horne

Mrs. Paul McCartney

Dr. R. A. Malone (Adults)

Material used: Gospel Light

Offering: \$31.00 used to purchase Scripture portions
for use behind the "Iron Curtain."

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

Feb. 22 Dr. & Mrs. John S. Clark
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Hancock
Mar. 29 Jean Marie Armstrong
Tamara Lee Ferguson
Cynthia Karen Heald
Glenn David Heald
Randolph A. Malone, IV
Paul Lyman Massey
Linda Beth Seymour
June 14 Mr. & Mrs. Donald D. Watt
July 26 Mrs. C. H. Bennis
Oct. 25 Mr. Thomas Clark Hardin

Friendship Presbyterian Church

Thomasville, Georgia

1970

ADULT BAPTISMS

Tamara Lee Ferguson

Cynthia Karen Heald

INFANT BAPTISMS

Kimberly Vaughn Clark, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. John S. Clark

Donald Deigel Watt, Jr. } sons of Mr. & Mrs. D. D. Watt

George Lindsey Watt, II }

MARRIAGES

Dec. 27, 1970 - Mary Elizabeth Gibson and Jack Eugene Moyer, Jr.

DEATHS

May 13, 1970 - Deacon R. B. Woodall

Georgia McKay Watt

Mrs. J. F. Watt, Historian
Women of the Church
Friendship Presbyterian Church
Thomasville, Georgia

HISTORY
of
FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Thomasville, Georgia

1971

Rev. James E. Armstrong, Pastor

THE SESSION

Emory Heald	Dr. R. A. Malone, Clerk
E. Talmadge Ferguson	J. F. Watt

THE DIACONATE

Jerry Hancock, Treasurer	Paul F. McCartney
Joe Horne	Neil Williamson

ORGANIST

Ansley Fleetwood

VISITING MINISTERS and SPEAKERS

Dr. Herbert Codington, M. D., Missionary to Korea
Mr. Adger McKay, Lay Evangelist, "Come-Alive Week"
Mrs. Julia Lake Kellersberger, Retired missionary to Congo
Miss Lucille McElroy, R. N., Missionary to Congo
Representative from the Gideon Bible Organization
Rev. Frank H. McElroy, D. D., Director
Presbyterian Home, Quitman, Georgia
Rev. Richard Altork, Associate Minister, 1st Pres. Chrch
Joint Holy-Week services

Friendship Presbyterian Church
Thomasville, Georgia

1971

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Mrs. R. A. Malone,	President
Mrs. Joe Horne,	Vice President
Mrs. Jerry Hancock,	Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. E. T. Ferguson)	Co-Historians
Mrs. J. F. Watt	

CIRCLES

Only one, which meets once a month

ACTIVITIES

White Cross; Kindergarten; Monthly Family-Night Suppers; Visitation.
Celebration for Rev. R. T. Wallace on his Ninetieth (90) Birthday.

Kindergarten Picnic

Escorted Calvin Marsh-Stuart Sax Team to Presbyterian Home for concert.

Pastor and some members go once a month to hold Vespers and to visit with residents of Quitman Home.

Joint W-O-C Meeting July 19th with First Presbyterian Church

Christmas Party with gifts for residents of Ga. Southwestern Hospital

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

There are several young people in college, and two girls in High School.

The First Presbyterian Church has been very hospitable in sharing its Young Peoples Activities---and we use the few we have as helpers here and there.

We often have visiting young people at the morning worship service, and our Pastor is faithful in seeking them out,

So, while they're not on our roll, they are being touched.

CONFERENCES

District Meeting -- Friendship not represented.

Work-shop for World Missions attended by the Pastor, Mrs. Madge Heald, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Watt

Presbyterial attended by Mesdames, Armstrong, Horne, and Jefferson.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Superintendent:	Mr. Jerry Hancock
Secretary:	Mrs. J. F. Watt

Teachers:

Mrs. J. E. Armstrong	Mrs. Robert Jefferson
Miss Cheryl Ellington	Mrs. Prince Jinright
Mr. Emory Heald	Dr. R. A. Malone
Mr. Joe Horne	Mrs. R. A. Malone
Mr. Robert Jefferson	Miss Sheila Massey

Materials used: Gospel Light Publications

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Mrs. Robert H. Jefferson, Director

Teachers:

Rev. J. E. Armstrong, Pastor	Cheryl Ellington
Mrs. E. T. Ferguson	Melissa Fergguson
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Horne	Sheila Massey

Materials used: Gospel Light Publications

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

Mrs. Sarah V. Bell
Mr. & Mrs. John Gregory
Mrs. Madge Heald
Mr. & Mrs. Chris G. Langley

INFANT BAPTISM

Vernon Willis Williams, Son of Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Williams

DEATHS

Mrs. Fred H. McHale Sept. 21, 1971

Georgia McKay Watt

Mrs. J. F. Watt, Historian
Women of the Church
Friendship Presbyterian Church
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Thomasville, Georgia

1972

Rev. James E. ~~Armstrong~~, Pastor

THE SESSION

Emory Heald

R. H. Jefferson, Jr., Clerk

J. F. Watt

Harvey A. Ellington

THE DIACONATE

Jerry Hancock, Treas.

Jimmy Williams

Donald D. Watt

Joe Horne

Neil Williamson

ORGANIST

Ansley Fleetwood

VISITING MINISTERS & SPEAKERS

Young People from "EXPLO '72"

Miss Elizabeth Dunlap, Missionary to Zaire

Rev. & Mrs Clarence Durham, Missionaries to Korea

Rev. Paul Thomas, Associate Pastor of First Baptist Church

Rev. Richard Altork, Pastor, Cortland/Presbyterian Church

Rev. Simon Cameron & family, Scotland

Dr. David J. DuPlessis, Oakland, California

Mr. Adger S. McKay, "Come Alive" Week

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WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

(Office vacant)	President
Mrs. R. A. Malone,	Vice-President
Mrs. Chris Langley,	Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. J. F. Watt,	Historian

CIRCLES

Only one, which meets monthly.

ACTIVITIES

White Cross, Kindergarten, Monthly Family Night Suppers, or Picnics, Visitation.

vesper Service at Presbuterian Home, Quitman, Ga. once a month by Pastor and some members.

Joint W-O-C Meeting with First Church once in Summer, and joint W-O-C Birthday Party.

Two affairs for Kindergarten families.

Several of our members have been used in Lay Witness Meetings.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

No organizations as such, but rather close contacts with One-Way Group weekly meeting since the David Wilkerson Crusade held in Thomasville. One family has a swimming-pool and pool-house where Young People can gather. Also a weekly Inter-Denominational Prayer Group meets there. ~~XXX~~

CONFERENCES

Montreat Family Conference -- Two families attended.

World Missions Work Shop -- Rev. & Mrs. Armstrong attended.

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CHURCH SCHOOL

Superintendent: Mr. Jerry Hancock
Secretary: Mrs. J. F. Watt

TEACHERS

Mr. Robert Jefferson	Mr. Joe Horne
Mrs. R. A. Malone	Miss Sheila Massey
Mrs. Robert Jefferson	Miss Cheryl Ellington
Mr. Emory Heald	Mrs. Henrietta Jinright
Mrs. Emory Heald	

MATERIALS USED: Gospel Light Publications

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Mrs. Joe Horne, Director

Teachers:

Mrs. Joe Horne	Miss Jeannette Shiver
Miss Sheila Massey	Miss Nancy Shiver
Mrs. Emory Heald	Mrs. Lorella Shiver
Mr. Joe Horne	Mr. Emory Heald
Mrs. Phil Leabo, Teacher and Music Leader	
Rev. J. E. Armstrong	Dr. R. A. Malone

Recreation Mr. Jerry Hancock

Gospel Light Material used.

Approximate attendance each night: 50

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NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

Mrs. Catherine P. Moore
Mr. & Mrs. William Lee Holt
Ernest C. Langley
Beverly Jean Langley
Mrs. Lorilla Shiver
Miss Nancy B. Shiver
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil D. Siquefield
Elizabeth Claire Malone
John Hodge Malone
Sharon Denise Heald
Mr. & Mrs. David H. Parman
Mr. Ansley Fleetwood
Mr. & Mrs. William E. Bagley

MARRIAGES

Miss Alice Juanita Armstrong to Mr. Lawrence Armstrong
December 28, 1972
Miss Marjorie Wasden to Prince Edward Jinright, June 24, 1972

DEATHS

Mr. Thomas Clark Hardin
June 27, 1972

Georgia McKay Watt

Mrs. J. F. Watt, Historian

Women of the Church

Friendship Presbyterian Church

Thomasville, Georgia

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Rev. James E. Armstrong, Pastor

THE SESSION

Jerry Hancock R. H. Jefferson, Jr., Clerk

Emory Heald Dr. R. A. Malone

THE DIACONATE

Jas. L. Armstrong Donald D. Watt

Prince Edward Jinright Neil Williamson

Cecil D. Sinquefield

, ORGANIST

Ansley Fleetwood

VISITING MINISTERS and SPEAKERS

Rev. and Mrs. Robert S. Johnson, Missionaries to Brazil

Rev. Paul Thomas, Associate Pastor, First Baptist Church
of Thomasville, Ga.

Mr. John Faircloth, Chaplain at the Thomas County Prison

Mr. P. B. Howell, Attorney from Leesburg, Florida

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

(office vacant) President

Mrs. Prince Edward Jinright, Jr., Vice President

Mrs. Emory Heald, Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. J. F. Watt, Historian

CIRCLES

Only one, which meets monthly

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ACTIVITIES

White Cross; Kindergarten; Family Get-togethers;
Visitation; Vesper Services at The Presbyterian Home
in Quitman, Georgia, held monthly by the Pastor and
some members.

Other Nursing Homes in Thomasville visited by the Pastor.

Carols sung at three homes at Christmas Season.

Tow affairs for Kindergarten families.

Joint W-O-C Meetings with First Church in the Summer and for
Birthday Party.

Some of our members have been used in Lay Witness Meetings.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

None --- except in family gatherings, such as clean-up days, etc
Festival in Song - Dawson St. Methodist Young People at our
church.

CONFERENCES

Several families attended the Family Conference at Montreat

One couple attended Sunday services of World Mission Conference

Pastor attended World Missions Work Shop at Albany, Ga.

Four of our women attended the Presbyterial at Americus, Ga.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Mr. R. H. Jefferson, Superintendent. Mrs. J. F. Watt, Secretary

Teachers:

Miss Cheryl Ellington

Dr. R. A. Malone

Mrs. Joe Horne

Mrs. R. A. Malone

Mrs. R. H. Jefferson, Jr.

Miss Sheila Massey

Mrs. Prince E. Jinright, Jr.

Materials used: GOSPEL LIGHT PUBLICATIONS

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1973

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Director: Mrs. Prince E. Jinright, Jr.
Teachers: The Pastor and Mrs. Armstrong
Mrs. & Mrs. Joe Horne
Mr. & Mrs. R. H. Jefferson
Materials used: GOSPEL LIGHT PUBLICATIONS
Number enrolled: 50

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

- 5 Adults by letter or re-affirmation of faith
 - 6 Children on profession of faith following attendance in Communicant's Class. Four received the Sacrament of Baptism; two having ~~received~~ been baptized in infancy.
- List of Names

June '73

Mr. & Mrs. Henry P Russell, Jr
By letter from Presbyterian Church, Boston, Ga.

On Profession of Faith:

Jerry Franklin Hancock, III
Willet Davis ~~####~~ Hancock
Robert Harris Jefferson, III
Daniel Stanley Rupert
Rose Mary Horn

July '73

Deborah Lynn Rupert On Profession of Faith

Oct. '73

Mr. Forrest T. Caldwell Ga.
By letter from First Methodist Church, Thomasville,
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry L. Cone
By re-affirmation of faith from Holly Creek Baptist
Chatsworth, Ga.

MARRIAGES

March 5, 1973 Miss Nancy Shiver to Mr. Mike Laminack

MOST OUTSTANDING EVENT OF YEAR

Announcement on February 11th that Friendship Presbyterian Church had assumed the partial support (\$500) of two missionaries to Korea: Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Durham.

Georgia McKay Watt

Mrs. J. F. Watt, Historian
Women-of-the-Church
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Thomasville, Georgia

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Thomasville, Ga. 31792
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Rev. James E. Armstrong, Pastor
Friendship Presbyterian Church
Thomasville, Ga. 1973

PASTOR'S INTERVIEW

Full name ----- James Edwin Armstrong

Birthdate and birthplace ---- August 3, 1922, Bradenton, Florida

Education - from high school on --- Bradenton High School 1940
Georgia Tech 1940-41
US Army Air Corp - Pilot Training 1942-43
University of Fla. 1946-48
Columbia Theological Seminary 1961-64

Degrees - B. S. in Agriculture (Univ. of Fla.)
B. D. and M. D. (Columbia)

Hobbies ----- Wood working, Golf, Tennis

When were you born again? October 1960

Person and incident which influenced this decision. Dr. Cecil Thompson at a men's retreat, sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Bradenton, Fla. The spark seemed to be the question, "If Jesus Christ is first in your life, why don't you let others know about him?"

Who were the people who have influenced your personal spiritual growth?
My wife; Rev. Alfred Bixler; Dr. Cecil Thompson; Dr. Manford Gutzke;
Dr. David DuPlessis

When, where, and under what circumstances did you meet your wife?
1947 in Bradenton at a dance

Date of marriage ----- August 15, 1948

Place of marriage ----- In the First Presbyterian Church of Bradenton, Fla.

Wife's full name ----- Dorothy Juanita Des Champs Armstrong

Children - Full names and birthdates --- Alice Juanita Armstrong - December 21, 1949
James Leslie Armstrong - May 22, 1953
Jean Marie Armstrong - April 27, 1958

Give details and date of call to the ministry - I had been seeking the Lord's will for my life for many weeks when the call came while sitting in the choir loft at choir practice in August 1961. I entered Columbia Seminary in September 1961.

When were you licensed and ordained and where? August 1964 in the McCarter Presbyterian Church of Greenville, S.C.

What are the churches served, positions held in other areas, special recognitions or services, etc.?

Pastor of McCarter Presbyterian Church of Greenville, S.C. 1964-69
Pastor of Friendship Presbyterian Church of Thomasville, Ga. 1969 - Now.
President of local Ministerial Ass'n. 1971

What thrills you most about the ministry? To see people receive the new life in Jesus Christ, and under His Lordship distribute that Good News to the world.

What disappoints you most about the ministry? That I do not minister in the full potential of the Light which has been given me.

PASTOR'S INTERVIEW (Continued)

What are the main lessons you have learned since you've been in the ministry?

I am still learning the lesson to love and forgive everybody.
I am still learning about patience through tribulation.
I am still learning the lesson that what God says is true, and to love Him and Trust Him.
I am learning that I am a Seed sower and awtterer of that Seed.
I am learning the lesson that I am to walk by faith and not by sight.
I am learning more and more that I am a fruit-bearing branch only as I am attached to the Vine.

What advice would you give to young men considering the ministry?

Do what the Lord will have you do. Remember you minister and are ministered to wherever you are planted. If you are called to be a pastor stand strong in the Lord and in the power of his might, and feed the sheep in love.

What do you look forward to for our own local church?

A continued growth towards maturity, loving one another more as we continue with the whole body of Christ to reach out to the world with the Good News.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Mr. Jerry Outman
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Kesselman
Mr. George W. Bradford & Family

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

Mrs. Prince E. Sturcks, Jr. President
Mrs. Sue Johnson Secretary-Treasurer
Miss Mary Johnson Historian
Mrs. George Caldwell Vice President

One circle which met weekly for singing and praying
meetings were held at the home of Mrs. George Caldwell

Worship: Every Sunday at 10:00 AM
Visitation: Every Sunday at 11:00 AM
In addition, George had a Bible Study at his home

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Rev. James E. Armstrong, Pastor

THE SESSION

R. H. Jefferson, Jr.	Jerry Hancock
Dr. R. A. Malone	Joe Horne

THE DIACONATE

Neil Williamson	James L. Armstrong
Cecil D. Siquefield	Henry P. Russell, III

ORGANIST

Forrest Caldwell

VISITING MINISTERS AND SPEAKERS

Mr. Jerry Rutkin	Adger S. McKay
Mr. & Mrs. Jay Fesperman	"Breath of Life Singers"
Dr. George C. Bradford & family	Ian Andrews

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Mrs. Prince E. Jinright, Jr.	President
Mrs. Sue Jefferson	Secretary-Treasurer
(office vacant)	Historian
Mrs. Forest Caldwell	Vice President

CIRCLES

One circle which met monthly; morning and evening meetings were used alternately.

ACTIVITIES

White Cross; Kindergarten; Monthly Church Luncheons;
Visitations; Vesper Services at The Presbyterian Home
in Quitman, Georgia held monthly. Other Nursing homes

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Christmas Caroling by congregation at Christmastime. A cookout for the Kindergarten children and families; Christmas Program for Children and families.

Some members used in Lay Witness teams; five members attended the Conference on the Holy Spirit. Women of the Church hosted the District Meeting--Sept. 26; approximately 50 in attendance.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Occasional gatherings at the Church.

CONFERENCES

Witness Season Workshop in Albany attended by Rev. Armstrong and Mrs. Watt.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Mr. Heath Varnedoe, Superintendent

Teachers:	Mrs. Hank Russell	Mrs. Forest Caldwell
	Miss Sheila Massey	Mrs. James Armstrong
	Mr. Prince E. Jinright, Jr.	Mrs. Mike Groover

Gospel Light Publications used.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Family Life week held August 4-11 with Adger S. McKay and family from Montreat, N. C. as guest leaders. Began with a 24-hour prayer vigil, a Men's Breakfast meeting, 9 a.m. meeting and musical program, evening services and Women's prayer meeting.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

29 new members received by reaffirmation of faith or transfer by letter
January '74

Mrs. Forest Caldwell--by letter from First Methodist Church; T'ville

February '74

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Groover and Ginny--letter from First Presbyterian Church; T'ville
Mrs. Ray Groover

March '74

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fryar --all of following by transfer of letter
Mrs. James Mims from First Presbyterian Church, T'ville
Mr. and Mrs. Heath Varnedoe, III; Jacqueline and Elizabeth
Mr. and Mrs. Harris D. Adams
Mrs. Anderson Bendon - reaffirmation of faith
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dixon-reaffirmation of faith

April '74

Mrs. Dannie Rogers-transfer from First Christian Church

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July '74

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Caldwell-transfer of letter

September '74

Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Crocker--transfer of letter in Dadeville,
Ala. (Methodist Church)

November '74

Mrs. F.H. Cheshire--transfer of letter from First Baptist
Church; T'ville

Miss Fran Howle--reaffirmation of faith

Miss Doreen Johnson--profession of faith

Mrs. Ronnie Majors --transfer of letter from Gateway Christian
(and Mr.) Church; T'ville

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Roberts--transfer of letter from Boston
Presbyterian Church

MARRIAGES

Melissa Ferguson to Max D. Blanton on June 8, 1974 (Ceremony
performed at First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Richard
Austin)

Ella Culbreth to Bubba Bullington on July 5, 1974

OUTSTANDING EVENT

A unicameral type of Church government was voted in on November 24
to facilitate operations of the Church due to its size. Three
new members were elected to the combined board of former Session
and Diaconate; They were: Mrs. Forest Caldwell; Mr. Claude Crocker,
Mr. James L. Armstrong

Mrs. Prince E. Jernight, Jr.
WOC Secretary-Treasurer

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HISTORY
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Thomasville, Georgia

1975

Rev. James E. Armstrong, Pastor (through April 27, 1975)

Unicameral Government

Dr. R. A. Malone	Cecil D. Sinuefield
Jerry Hancock	James L. Armstrong
Joe Horne	Henry P. Russell, III
Forest Caldwell	Claude Crocker

ORGANIST

Forest Caldwell (through April 27, 1975)
Virginia Hallman
Mrs. Dan E. Reichert

Pastor read a paper on April 6 containing a statement of his change in beliefs and wish to dissolve his pastoral relationship as of April 27. Congregation voted to accept his resignation. The Commission on the Minister and his Work attended the congregational meetings held during the month of April. The Commission assumed leadership of the church after that date. The congregation named an Advisory Council to be composed of the male members of the Church and Miss Sheila Massey as secretary. Many members of the Church discontinued their support when Rev. Armstrong left; the membership was reduced to approximately 30. The Advisory Council and the Commission worked diligently to form plans for the on-going of the Church. An interim pastor was found (Rev. Wm. C. Sistar, Sr.) and he began in service to the Church August 9, 1975. The Presbytery appointed an Administrative Commission to care for the affairs of the congregation composed of: Rev. Raymon L. White, Edgewood Church, Columbus, Ga. as Chairman; Rev. Wade H. Bell, Jr., pastor First Church, Valdosta, Ga.; Rev. Thomas G. Kay, Jr., pastor First Church, Albany, Ga.; Ruling Elder Roy R. Hallman, Boston Presbyterian Church; Ruling Elder Eley C. Frazer, III, Westminster Church, Albany, Ga.; Ruling Elder B.E. Luttrell, Jr., Sherwood Church, Columbus, Ga.

In cooperation with Presbytery's Administrative Commission the Advisory Council attended the local affairs of the Church; a Congregational meeting held October 19 affirmed the desire to continue as a Church with the aid and direction of the Southwest Georgia Presbytery. An adult Bible Class is conducted each Sunday by Mrs. J. Franklin Watt. The youth group was led by the Interim Minister during Sunday School and on Sunday afternoons.

The WOC was reorganized with remaining members in the Church. During the Advent Season the congregation placed a Christmon tree and decorated it with Christian symbols in the sanctuary. On December 21, a Vesper service of Christmas scripture, Carols, and Sonsecration was conducted by the laymen and Interim Mininster. In a report to Prebetery, there were 45 members and 12 in attendance for Sunday School as of December 31.

VISITING MINISTERS AND SPEAKERS

Dr. J. McDowell Richards	Rev. Charles W. Blaker
Rev. Joe M. Martin	Rev. Harrison Morgan
Dr. Albert Reese	Rev. J.F. Watt
Rev. Larry Mitchell	

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Mrs. Betty Adams	President
Mrs. Uvah Ellington	Vice President
Mrs. Prince E. Jinright, Jr.	Secretary-Treasurer

CIRCLES

Due to small membership, only one circlce exists and meets monthly.

ACTIVITIES

White Cross; Kindergarten; Monthly Church Luncheóns; monthly Vesper Services at Quitman Presbyterian Home; two programs for the Kindergabten; Church newletter begun in Sept. and mailed through December weekly. Get-acquainted cookout held for interim pastor and wife.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Only a half-dozen young people in the congregation; they had two outings to nearby towns of recreation and fellowship.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Sunday School Adult leader: Mrs. J.F. Watt
Young People's Leader: Rev. Wm. C. Sistar, St.

VACATION SHURCH SCHOOL

None held due to lack of minister and unstable Congregation situation, at that time.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

February '75
Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Shedd--transfer of letter

DEATHS

November '75
Mrs. Prince Edward Jinright, Sr. (Charter member)
(memorial gifts sent to Friendship Church in her honor)

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ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Emory Heald, Chairman

J. Franklin Watt, Co-Chairman

Harris Adams

Harvey A. Ellington

Neil Williamson

Talmadge Ferguson

Prince Jinright, Jr.

Paul Massey

Henry P. Russell, III

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Mrs. Prince E. Jinright, Jr.
WOC Secretary-Treasurer