

HISTORY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND AUXILIARY IN PRESTON, GA.

A Presbyterian Church was organized in the town of Preston, Ga., September 17, 1922. Rev. John Goff, Evangelist, was present and acted as Presbytery's representative. A church building was immediately erected in the town of Preston, county seat of Webster County, Georgia, on Cass Street. This building was dedicated in the summer of 1923.

In the organization meeting, Mr. Chas. Wilson was elected Elder, and Mr. T. B. Mangham, Deacon; both men having been installed as officers in the Smyrna Presbyterian Church.

In 1926 a house and lot were purchased from J. F. Sauder, to be used as a manse. The purchase price of this property was six hundred dollars, all of which was raised by public subscription.

The following persons were received into the church as charter members:

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Mangham, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson, Mr. Gus Wilson, Mr. Will Wilson, Elmer Hogg, Preston Hogg, Mrs. Will Cosby, Miss Sarah Cosby, Miss Bobbie Cosby, William Cosby, Ruth Cosby, Mrs. M. A. Christian, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Lowrey, Miss Vena Little, Mrs. Fannie Gunnels, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McLeod, Irwin McLeod.

From the organization of the Preston Church up until Jan. 1927, the following ministers served as supplies:

Rev. B. H. Wiggins, Rev. J. E. Byrd, Rev. M. D. Herring, Rev. A. G. Court enay, Rev. John Goff, D.D., Rev. H. M. Smith, D.D.

Rev. C. J. Matthews came to the Preston Church as stated supply, Jan. 1927 and served until June 1933. Rev. M. D. Agerton succeeded Rev. Matthews as stated supply and is still serving the church in that capacity. (1939)

From 1925 until 1932 the church had a Sunday School, under the following superintendents:

E. M. McLeod, C. F. Cosby, Mrs. Chas. Averett, Irwin McLeod.

Church Officers

Name	Elders	Date of Service
Mr. Charles Wilson		Sept. 17, 1922 - June 4, 1924 death
Mr. J. L. Horn		Oct. 23, 1924
Mr. E. M. McLeod		Aug. 19, 1928-Oct. 14, 1938-Death
Mr. T. B. Mangham		Aug. 19, 1928

Name	<u>Deacons</u>	Date of Service
Mr. T. B. Mangham	Sept. 17, 1922-Aug. 19, 1928	Elected Elder
Mr. E. M. McLeod	Oct. 23, 1924-Aug. 19, 1928	" "
Mr. Irwin McLeod	Aug. 19, 1928	

In the spring of 1925 a Woman's Auxiliary of the Preston Presbyterian Church was organized with 14 members. Mrs. E. M. McLeod was elected President, and Mrs. Elliot Wilson, Secretary. In 1932, Mrs. C. J. Matthews succeeded Mrs. McLeod as President of the Auxiliary and Mrs. Elliot Wilson was re-elected Secretary.

From early 1932 until spring 1935 no meetings of the Auxiliary were held. A re-organization of the Auxiliary was effected in March 1935, with 12 members. Mrs. M. D. Agerton was elected President, Miss Polly French, Secretary, and Mrs. Chas. Wilson, Treasurer.

April 17, 1937, Mrs. A. L. Adams was elected President of the Auxiliary, Mrs. T. W. Upton, Secretary and Mrs. C. A. Wilson, Treasurer.

Since its re-organization, the Auxiliary has been very active in repairing the manse, paying taxes on church property, painting the outside of the church, and improving the interior of the church. It has always contributed as liberally as was possible to all Benevolent Causes, and has succeeded in becoming affiliated with the Presbyterial.

Officers of Auxiliary for 1938-39

President - Mrs. A. L. Adams	
Vice President - Mrs. E. E. Powell	
Secretary - Mrs. Marvin Woolridge	Membership - 10
Treasurer - Mrs. C. A. Wilson	

Officers of Auxiliary for 1939-40

President - Mrs. Elliot Wilson	
Vice President - Mrs. C. A. Wilson	
Secretary - Mrs. M. D. Agerton	Membership - 10
Treasurer - Mrs. A. L. Adams	

HISTORY OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-PRESTON, GA.

1939-1940

Our Auxiliary came into the 1939-1940 year with ten active members, and the following officers: President - Mrs. Elliot Wilson; Vice President - Mrs. C. A. Wilson; Treasurer - Mrs. A. L. Adams; Secretary - Mrs. M. D. Agerton. Mrs. E. M. McLeod joined us in January 1940.

Ever since its re-organization in 1935, the Preston Auxiliary has held regular meetings once a month, convening on Wednesday following the third Sunday of the month. This schedule has been followed throughout the past year, twelve monthly meetings having been held this year with very nearly 100% attendance each time.

The Auxiliary observed the week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Home Missions in November 1939, using as its study book "Chapels" by Dr. Glasgow. The week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Foreign Missions was held in February 1940, studying "Through Tragedy to Triumph". The course in "Witnessing" by Mrs. Askew has been studied throughout the year.

Benevolent contributions have gone to the following causes this year: Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Homes, and some of the special benevolences of the Auxiliary.

'Though young and small, we have been enabled by our heavenly Father to make some contribution to His Kingdom on earth since our beginning. We gratefully acknowledge His Blessings of the past, and face the new church year with renewed zeal, faith and hope.

MRS. C. A. WILSON.

HISTORY OF PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AND
AUXILIARY

During the year 1940-41 the Rev. M. D. Agerton, Stated Supply, has conducted regular preaching services, both morning and evening, in the Preston Presbyterian Church on the third Sunday of each month. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed by the congregation in the months of May and October. The Rev. Geo. W. Sheffer, of Columbus Georgia, conducted a week's revival in this church in the month of July. We come to the end of the year with a slight increase in membership over the year 1939-40.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the church has been very active during the year, holding its regular monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month., and having practically 100% attendance at each meeting. The Auxiliary has suffered the loss of the women of New Smyrna Church, due to the impracticability of maintaining one organization for two congregations. This loss has reduced the enrollment to seven members. The present organization is as follows: President, Mrs. Elliot Wilson; Vice-President, Mrs. Chas. Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs. A. L. Adams; Secretary, Mrs. M. D. Agerton.

The week for Prayer and Self Denial for Home and Foreign Missions was observed in February., and the book, "Sent From God" was read during this period. The Auxiliary has used "Studies in the Epistle of John", by Dr. Glasgow, as a textbook for the study course during the year. Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Homes, and other benevolent causes have received generous contributions from the Auxiliary during the year.

We turn to the new year deeply grateful to God for his rich blessings upon us during the year and resolve with his help to accomplish greater things for the Kingdom of our Lord.

Mrs. C. A. Wilson, Historian

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HISTORY OF PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1941-42

PRESTON GEORGIA

M. D. AGERTON **** PASTOR

The Auxiliary of the Preston Presbyterian Church has enjoyed another year of study, worship, work and service in the kingdom of Christ, under the blessings of God, and the efficient administration of Mrs. Elliott Wilson as President, Mrs. C. A. Wilson, vice President, Mrs. A. L. Adams, Treasurer, and Mrs. M. D. Agerton, Secretary. Our pastor, Rev. M. D. Agerton, having rendered his assistance whenever and wherever possible, has been a source of inspiration and encouragement to us through the months.

From the spring of 1935 to April 1st 1941 the Auxiliary held regular monthly meetings in the church on Wednesday following the third Sabbath. Beginning with the new church year in 1941, however, bi-monthly meetings have been held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The Auxiliary has met twenty-four times, in the auditorium of the church, during the past year, with approximately 100% of its members in attendance upon each meeting.

The courses of study prescribed by the Presbyterial for 1941-1942 were adopted and followed in detail, the year-book and texts for Home and Foreign Missions courses being taught by the pastor and different members of the Auxiliary. A Week of Prayer and Self Denial for Home Missions was observed in November 1941, and a week for Foreign Missions in February 1942. Offerings were taken for each of these causes during the week of its observance. We are happy to have been privileged again this year to contribute something to the most of the Benevolent causes of our church.

Our Auxiliary has not suffered the loss of any of its members by death or removal during the year, neither have any new members been received. Not having suffered any losses, and having had no gains, seven remains the membership of our organization.

The officers of our little Auxiliary constitute a group of consecrated, diligent and efficient women. The entire membership is a body of fine Christian women who are loyal to the organization, faithful in attendance upon its meetings, diligent in study, zealous in works, and liberal in contributing to every worthy appeal made to them. Nearly every one of them have been in attendance upon each of the twenty four meetings held this year; all have manifested a deep interest in the study courses pursued, and taken very active parts in the programs during the weeks of prayer and Self Denial for Home and Foreign Missions; and their generosity and liberality are manifested in the total sum that has been raised and distributed by the Auxiliary during the year to the several Benevolent causes of our denomination.

However, we count not ourselves to have apprehended, We are not already perfect. But with grateful hearts for God's blessings upon us in the past, we go into a new year with renewed faith and zeal, and a stronger resolve to press on toward new and greater goals of accomplishments for the kingdom of our Lord.

Preston Presbyterian Church, Preston, Ga.
Woman's Auxiliary
1942-43

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During this year our church has been handicapped, in a way. Rev. M. D. Agerton, slated supply, left us the first of June and accepted a call to the Perry church. We were very fortunate in having Dr. Ralph Gillaur, as slated supply, coming to us in July, staying through December. *Gillaur*

One of our Elders has passed on to his reward during this year. Elder J. L. Horn died April 21, 1942, serving as Elder since 1924.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the church has been active during the year, holding its meetings twice each month. The Auxiliary has six resident members, five of which are active. The officers are as follows:

President
Vice President
Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. Elliot Wilson
Mrs. C. A. Wilson
Mrs. A. L. Adams

The Auxiliary used for their Bible study text book, The Gospel of Luke, by Janie McCutchen. The week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Home Missions was observed in November 1942 and the book "While It Is Day" was read by the members. The week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Foreign Missions was observed in February 1943 and the books "Outlook in Brazil" and "Outlook in Mexico", were studied by each member. Home and Foreign Missions, Presbytery's Home Missions, Birthday Offering, Blessing Box Fund have been our main objectives.

The Sunday School of the Preston Church will celebrate its second birthday anniversary the first Sunday in the new year. Although it is small in number, we feel that we are making some progress. The membership being 21, and 11 of these have received the attendance pin for going a year without missing. Three of these will receive the wreath for their pin the first Sunday in April. The Sunday School and Auxiliary are planning to put out some more shrubbery around the church this week. The Sunday School has been under the leadership of Mrs. A. L. Adams as Superintendent, since it was organized. Bobby Adams is Secretary of the Sunday School.

We turn to the new year deeply grateful to God for his blessings during this year and hoping to accomplish greater things for the kingdom of our Lord, with the help of God.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs. C. A.) Belle Wilson

Preston Presbyterian Church.
1943 - 1944.

Woman's Auxiliary.

Not having done any specially outstanding work this year,
I am just saying the report is the same as last year, except for
the addition of two new members.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. A. Wilson

Historian.

Presbyterian Church of Preston, Ga.
Preston, Ga. 1956
Complete Year's Report

The Women of the Church of Preston, Ga. met for the first time since the re-organization of the church July 16, 1956. Mr. Tom Ellis, who is a Ministerial student from Columbia Seminary and Mrs. Ann Gatewood came from the Americus Church to help organize.

Those women who joined at the first meeting were: Mrs. Julia Hughes, who was chosen Chairman, Mrs. Sybil Minick, who is Chairman of the Bible Study, Mrs. Clara Massey, Secretary & Treasurer, Mrs. Josie McMath and Mrs. Belle Wilson. It was decided at this meeting for the Women of the Church of Preston be a fifth circle of the Americus Church. They generously donated the literature for the remainder of the year.

At our September meeting we added a new member, Mrs. Ruby Anderson. Church housekeepers were appointed for the remainder of the year.

Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Massey were appointed to see that the pecans on the Church property were gathered and sold when ready. The total amount of pecans sold was \$81.90.

In November we had the pleasure of meeting in the church after the officers had been installed, a new floor laid by the men, gas heat installed and a concrete block porch, steps, and walk was built and donated to the church by Mr. Carl Massey. We also received another new member, Mrs. Mellie Rhodes. We had an average of almost six members at each meeting. (Five and two-thirds to be exact.)

At our December meeting we welcomed two new members. They were Mrs. M. G. Agerton and Miss Sharleen Dunlap. A Suggested Constitution and By-Laws were adopted and New Officers were elected for the year 1957, therefore the Preston Presbyterian Women will be an organization of its own instead of working under the Americus Church. Those officers elected were: Mrs. Carl Massey, President and Circle Chairman, Mrs. Josie McMath, Vice-President and Christian Education, Mrs. Ruby Anderson (Mrs. D. I. Anderson) Spiritual Growth and Stewardship, -Mrs. Mille Rhodes, Secretary-Treasurer & Historian, Mrs. Belle Wilson, Church Extension and World Mission, Mrs. Julia Hughes (Mrs. Grady Hughes, Annuitites Relief and General Funds- Mrs. Sybil Minick (Mrs. J. B. Minick) Bible Study. We started with five members and ended with nine.

The Treasurer's Report:

Income	
Offering -----	\$17.80
Pecans sold from church property-----	81.90
Total Income-----	99.70

Expenses:

Boutonniers for men installed as officers----	\$4.12
Labor for shaking pecan trees-----	1.00
Total Expense-----	5.12

\$99.70 ---\$5.12-----\$94.58 Cash on Hand.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clara Massey, Sect'ry and Treas.
(Mrs. Carl Massey)

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PRESTON, GEORGIA 1958

MINISTER: Charles E. Cook, Jr.

ELDERS: J. Hubert Greene
D. I. Anderson

DEACONS: A. F. Cosby (elected in 1958)
C. O. Massey
Riley McMath
J. B. Minick
Newell Wilson

TREASURER: C. O. Massey

Clerk of Session: J. Hubert Greene

NEW MEMBERS: Mr. A. F. Cosby
Mrs. A. F. Cosby
Miss Aubrey Lou Dunlap

DISMISSED BY LETTER: Mrs. Lester Brooks

DECEASED: Mrs. R. B. Bryant
Mr. Frank Hale

Women of the Church donated new light fixtures.

Rev. N. G. Barron of Eufaula, Alabama, was guest minister at the first meeting of a three-day revival held in August. Mr. Charles E. Cook, Jr., conducted the other services.

The Preston Presbyterian Church made the following changes during the year 1958:

Celetex and sheet rock installed
Walls painted
Blinds retaped and re-corded
Floors resurfaced
New pews installed
Roof repaired
New Hymnals and choir chairs purchased.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PRESTON, GEORGIA 1958WOMEN OF THE CHURCH:

President: Mrs. Carl Massey
Vice-President: Mrs. Riley McMath
Secretary: Miss Sharleene Dunlap
Treasurer: Miss Sharleene Dunlap
Historian: Miss Sharleene Dunlap

CHAIRMEN

Spiritual Growth: Mrs. D. I. Anderson
Christian Education: Mrs. Riley McMath
Stewardship: Mrs. D. I. Anderson
World Missions: Mrs. Belle Wilson
Church Extension: Mrs. Belle Wilson
Annuities and Relief: Mrs. Grady Hughes
General Fund Agencies: Mrs. Grady Hughes
Homes: Mrs. J. B. Minick

Mrs. Carl Massey and Mrs. Belle Wilson attended District Conference No. 1 in Americus, Georgia, on January 23rd. Mrs. Carl Massey and Miss Sharleene Dunlap attended Presbyterian in Moultrie, Georgia, November 6th and 7th.

The Women of the Church gave a house-warming for Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Cosby. A stork shower for Mrs. J. Hubert Greene and flowers and fruit baskets were sent to the members who were ill during the year.

The "Meet Dr. Luke" Bible Study was presented by Mr. Charles E. Cook, Jr.

The White Cross Quota was met.

Members of Geneva, Mt. Tabor and Preston Churches met in Preston on November 16th in order to discuss the calling of a full time pastor for the three churches. The Women of the Church served lunch.

The Women of The Church gathered and sold the pecans on the church lawn which amounted to \$63.60.

Respectfully submitted,

Miss Sharleene Dunlap
Historian

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Southwest Georgia Presbytery
Preston Presbyterian Church-Preston, Georgia
1960

Minister-Robert V. Sturdivant

Elders- D. I. Anderson
J. H. Greene

Deacons- A. F. Cosby
C. O. Massey
J. B. Minick
Riley McMath
Newell Wilson

Treasurer-C. O. Massey

Clerk of Session-J. H. Greene

Rev. N. G. Barron, Eufalla, Alabama, was guest minister at the revival which was held August 23-28.

During the year, the pulpit, wainscoting, and tables in the church have been re-finished to match the color of the pews which were bought in 1958.

Our Ministerial Pastor, Robert V. Sturdivant, married Betty Mae Mills the twenty-third of December and the church gave them a gift of twenty-five dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Massey, Minister
March 2, 1960

Preston Presbyterian Church
1960

Women of the Church

President-Mrs. Grady Hughes
Vice President and Program Chairman-Mrs. Carl Massey
Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian-Miss Sharleene Dunlap

Chairmen-Spiritual Growth and Stewardship-Mrs. Ruby Anderson
Church Extension and World Missions-Mrs. Belle Wilson
Annuities & Relief and General Fund Agencies-
Mrs. Sybil Minick
Bible Study-Mrs. Sybil Minick
Homes-Mrs. Billie Cosby

Three attended District Conferences.

Contributions made were; \$5 to Baptist Pastorium,
\$1 was given to each cause, \$3.50 was given as a Joy Gift,
and \$10 was given to all Benevolences.

The Pecans gathered on the Church property amounted
to \$81.55.

The women clean the Church and place flowers
in it each meeting Sunday and have the preacher and his
wife for dinner guests also.

A gift was given to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McDuffie
who lead the singing and play the piano in the Church,
at Christmastime. A gift was given to Mrs. Billie Cosby
when she was sick. Two Bibles were given as gifts-
one to Miss Sharleene Dunlap as a Graduation gift and
one to Mrs. Betty Minick Jones as a Wedding gift.

Mrs. Jake Williams of Cordele visited our meeting
in June. Mrs. Sturdivant, Ministerial Pastor, taught our
Bible Study on the Book of Revelation at this meeting also.

A barbecue for the Parish Council Meeting, July 19,
was planned in Preston.

The women had the two Pulpit chairs re-upholstered
in dark green.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharleene Dunlap

(Miss) Sharleene Dunlap, Historian
March 4, 1960

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Southwest Georgia Presbytery
Preston Presbyterian Church- Preston, Georgia
1961

Our Church has been served by several different student ministers from Columbia Seminary during the year.

The Elders of our Church are Mr. D. I. Anderson and Mr. J. H. Greene.

The Deacons include Mr. A. F. Cosby, Mr. J. B. Minick Mr. Riley McMath, and Mr. Newell Wilson.

Acting as Treasurer at this time is Mr. J. H. Greene. Mr. Greene is also Clerk of the Session of the Church.

The members had turns entertaining the ministers at lunch on preaching Sundays which are still the first and third of each month.

There were no new members for 1961.

The Church was saddened greatly with the sudden death of one of its most beloved workers and members, Mr. Carl O. Massey. Mr. Massey was also Deacon and Treasurer of the Church. His funeral was conducted by Rev. N. G. Barron of Eufalla, Alabama who first re-opened the Church, on May 2, 1961. It was the Church's first funeral since its reopening.

Then on September 17, 1961 Miss Sharleene Dunlap, member of the Church, became the bride of Dallas Wills in the Church's first Wedding ceremony on record. Rev. N. G. Barron of Eufalla, Ala. officiated.

The funeral of Mrs. Lona N. Tanner, Treasurer of Webster County, was held in the Church in October with Rev. Wrightmeyer from the Americus Presbyterian Church and Rev. T. C. Burrell of the Preston Baptist Church conducting the rites.

Thus the Church, small as it may be, has been blessed with moments of sadness and happiness, glory and beauty, Godliness and memories of loved-ones and friends that can never be taken away from it.

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Preston Presbyterian Church
1961

Women of the Church

The officers of the Women of the Church remain the same as they were in 1960.

District conferences were attended by some of our members. Contributions were made to all the Causes and Benevolences, plus two pillows were sent to the Quitman Home, \$14.50 was sent to Syntical Training School, and \$1.00 to the Birthday Objective.

Flowers were placed in the Church on preaching Sundays by members of the Church and they were also housekeepers for that time.

The Women of the Church gave the former Miss Sharleene Dunlap, member, a bridal shower just before she married Dallas Wills in September. It was held at the Dumas Community Center. A nice crowd attended and the couple received many nice gifts.

The Bible Study for the year entitled "Basic Belief of the Reformed Faith" was given by the members.

The Women collected about \$60.00 from pecans sold from the Church lawn.

The annual Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. Sybil Minick.

Respectively submitted,

Sharleene D. Wills

(Mrs.) Sharleene D. Wills, Sec. & Treas.
Women of the Church

June, 1962

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY
PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESTON, GEORGIA
1962

The Preston Presbyterian Church is served by students from Columbia Seminary during the services which are held every first and third Sunday morning.

The Church Elders are Mr. J. H. Greene and Mr. D. IM Anderson both from Preston, Georgia.

The Elders include Mr. A. F. Cosby, Mr. J. B. Minick, Mr. Riley McMath, and Mr. Newell Wilson all of Preston.

Mr. J. H. Greene is Acting Treasurer and also Clerk of the Session of the Church.

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The Women of the Church furnished a copy of the list of members to have the minister for lunch on the Sundays he is down. On this list was also a list of those responsible for the cleaning and placing flowers in the Church by months.

A large fan which was donated to the Church by Mr. Riley McMath was installed in the ceiling of the Church.

A large bouquet of flowers were placed in the Church in memory of Mr. Carl O. Massey, former member, who died May 2, 1961, and later given to Mr. Massey's family to be placed on his grave.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1962

THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The officers of the W.O.C. remain the same except that Miss Paula Dunlap was elected as Chairman of Homes instead of Mrs. Bo. Cooby.

Our birthday objective taken in April was for \$2.50. We sent towels to the White Cross.

We contributed to all the Causes and Benevolences and Synotical Training School, and to Quitman Home.

Flowers were sent to sick and invalids. A gift was given to Mrs. Betty M. Jones for her new home and to Miss Paula Dunlap for her high school graduation.

The W. O. C. also paid for the labor for the installation of the large fan installed in the ceiling of the Church.

A copy of the preacher's hostesses and Housekeepers were sent to every member of the Church. It requested that if you were unable to have the preacher for lunch to please make arrangements for him and let him know.

A room is available for the Pastor in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Dallas Wills for him to stay overnight whenever he wishes.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1962

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WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

At Christmas gifts were given to Mrs. Mary Fussell who has been pianist for the last year. Miss Shirley Jenkins who is a young lady who is an invalid from Preston was given a gift also.

Fruit baskets were sent to about a dozen of our older citizens and invalids and their families.

Our yearly Bible Study was given at several meetings by the members of the W.O.C.

Three members attended the Stewardship Rally held in Albany, Ga., in October, 1962. They were Mrs. J. E. Minick, Mrs. Grady Hughes and Mr. J. H. Greene.

The Preston W.O.C. held its monthly meetings in the homes of the members during the year, with an average of seven members present at each meeting. Two new members, Mrs. Virginia Roberts and Mrs. Harold Morgan were welcomed. The officers remained the same.

Fruit baskets and get-well cards were sent to the sick. A Bible was sent to John McDuffie who graduated from high school. John's daddy, Mr. R. H. McDuffie, is the Church's faithful Baptist song leader. One was also given to Mrs. Dallas Williams as a going away gift.

The W.O.C. contributed to the Benevolence and special causes. Ten baby blankets were sent to White Cross, and twelve to the British Home. Ten collars were given to the Webster County Elementary School Library Fund to be used to purchase new books to replace ones destroyed when the school building burned. Money was also given to the Webster County Health Center to help purchase eye glasses for needy children. Gifts were given to Mr. R. H. McDuffie as our song leader and Mrs. Mary Fussell as our pianist at Christmas.

Mrs. Rudolph Stutz, Methodist Minister's wife of Preston, gave our yearly Bible study which was thoroughly enjoyed. An average of seven women attended this study, which was presented in four nights. Mrs. Stutz was given a lovely gift by the W.O.C.

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY
PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PRESTON, GEORGIA
1963

The PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is served by students from Columbia Seminary. Services are held on the first and third Sunday mornings of each month.

The church Elders are Mr. J. H. Greene and Mr. D. I. Anderson, both from Preston, Ga.

The Church deacons are Mr. A. F. Cosby, Mr. J. B. Minick, Mr. Riley McMath, and Mr. Newell Wilson.

Mr. J. H. Greene serves as Treasurer and Clerk of Session of the Church.

Rev. Archie Smith from Albany visited the Preston Church twice last year, administering Communion to the congregation both times.

The attendance seems to have increased for the past year. One member, Mrs. Dallas Wills, moved to another church.

Plans are in progress for paint the outside of the Church, fixing the vestibule, carpeting and shrubbery.

Three members attended the Stewardship Rally held in Albany, Ga., in October, 1963. They were Mrs. J. B. Minick, Mrs. Grady Hughes and Mr. J. H. Greene.

The Preston W.O.C. held its monthly meetings in the homes of the members during the year, with an average of seven members present at each meeting. Two new members, Mrs. Virginia Roberts and Mrs. Marcia Morgan were welcomed. The officers remained the same.

Fruit baskets and get-well cards were sent to the sick. A Bible was sent to John McDuffie who graduated from high school. John's daddy, Mr. R. H. McDuffie, is the Church's faithful Baptist song leader. One was also given to Mrs. Dallas Wills as a going away gift.

The W.O.C. contributed to the Benevolences and special causes. Two baby blankets were sent to White Cross, and towels to the Quitman Home. Ten dollars were given to the Webster County Elementary School Library Fund to be used to purchase new books to replace ones destroyed when the school building burned. Money was also given to the Webster County Health Center to help purchase eye glasses for needy children. Gifts were given to Mr. R. H. McDuffie as our song leader and Mrs. Mary Fussell as our pianist at Christmas.

Mrs. Rudolph Starling, Methodist Minister's wife of Preston, gave our yearly Bible study which was thoroughly enjoyed. An average of seven women attended this study, which was presented in four nights. Mrs. Starling was given a love gift by the W.O.C.

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Southwest Georgia Presbytery
Preston Presbyterian Church
1963

The women are continuing their practice of having the preacher as guest for lunch by services and cleaning and placing flowers in the church by months. They also gathered the pecans in the yard.

The Christmas meeting was held with Mrs. Dalllas Wills who, with her husband, is moving to Edison, Georgia, January 1, 1964.

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SOUTHWEST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRESTON, GEORGIA.

1965

The Preston Presbyterian Church is served by students from Columbia Seminary. Services are held on the first and third Sundays of each month. These students officiating last year were :

Jack Turpin Charles D. Robison

David Williams Asa M. Meadows

George F. Ganey, Jr. Bill Blair

The Church Elders are Mr. J. H. Greene and Mr. D. I. Anderson.

The Deacons are Mr. A. F. Cosby, Mr. J. B. Minick, Mr. Riley McMath and Mr. Newell. Wilson.

Mr. J. H. Green is Clerk of Sessions and Mr. J. B. Minick is our new Treasurer.

The Church received three new members. They were Mr. & Mrs. Jefferson D. Werrell and Mrs. Frank Hale.

An Informal Church Wedding conducted by Rev. N. G. Barron of Eufaula, Alabama united Aubrey Lou Dunlap (A Church member) and Harry Russell Carpenter, Jr. of Fort Wayne , Indiana, on June 19, 1965.

The officers of the W. O. C. are:

President - Mrs. Grady Hughes

Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Histerian -
Mrs. Clara A. Massey.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1965

Chairman of:

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Personal Faith and Family Life - Mrs. Clara A. Massey

Christian Community Action - Miss Paula Dunlap

Ecumenical Mission and Relations - Mrs. Belle Wilson

Leadership and Resources - Mrs. J. B. Minick

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The W. O. C. is responsible for cleaning and placing flowers in the Church for each service. We also prepare lunch for the minister since he has to drive from Decatur to conduct our services. We have a schedule so that the members will know when to do these jobs.

The W. O. C. also gathers the pecans on the Church property. The income from the pecans last year was \$67.65.

Bibles were given to two High School graduates: Charles McDuffie and Barbara Gail Wilson, two new babies: Stanley Carlton Wills and Darrel Ross Jones and the newly wedd Mrs. & Mr. Harry Russell Carpenter, Jr.

The Yearly Bible study was conducted by Rev. Charles Rightmeyer of Americus, Ga.

The annual Christmas Party was held at the home of Mrs. Grady Hughes.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara A. Massey
(Clara A. Massey, Historian)

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRESTON, GEORGIA 31824

1966

The Preston Presbyterian Church is served by students from Columbia Seminary. Services are held on the second and fourth Sunday mornings at 11:00 oclock. Those students officiating last year were:

Walter H. Coddington

Al Jepson

Bill Blair

Fred Cline

Charles Lambetts

Douglas Heck

Steve Bacon

John Foy

Bill Carnes

Pat Griffin

Jerome Brock

The Church Elders are Mr. J. H. Greene and Mr. D. I. Anderson.

The Deacons are Mr. A. F. Cosby, Mr. J. B. Minick, Mr. Riley McMath, and Mr. Newell Wilson.

Mr. J. H. Greene is Clerk of Sessions and Mr. J. B. Minick is the Treasurer.

A Formal Church Wedding, conducted by Rev. N. G. Barron of Eufaula, Alabama united Paula Clare Dunlap (a Church member) and Johnny Ray Southwell of Americus, Georgia on March 13, 1966.

The officers of the W. O. C. are:

President - Mrs. Grady Hughes

Vice - President, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian -

Mrs. Clara A. Massey.

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1966

Chairman of:

Personal Faith and Family Life - Mrs. Clara A. Massey

Christian Community Action - Paula Danlap Southwell

Ecumenical Mission and Relations - Mrs. Belle Wilson

Leadership and Resources - Mrs. J. B. Minick

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The W. O. C. also gathers the pecans on the Church property. The income from the pecans go to the W. O. C.

A Bible was given to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ray Southwell for a wedding gift.

The Yearly Bible Study was conducted by Mrs. L. D. Carr.

The annual Christmas Party was held at the home of Mrs. J. B. Minick.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clara A. Massey
(Clara A. Massey, Historian)

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRESTON, GEORGIA

1969

Pastor (Student)

Mr. Ron Batsford

Elders

Mr. Nemell Wilson

Deacons

Mr. Riley McMath

Mr. Arthur Cosby

Mr. J. B. Minick

Church Treasurer

Mr. J. B. Minick

Sybil Minick
(Mrs. J. B.)
Historian

Preston Presbyterian Church
Southwest Georgia Presbytery
Preston, Ga. 1969

Women of the Church

OFFICERS

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Mrs. Grady Hughes,
Mrs. J. B. Minick
Mrs. Annie Hale
Mrs. J. B. Minick

President
Secretary and Treasurer
Personal Faith & Family Life
Historian & Chairman White Cross

During the past year we have had a student pastor, Mr. Ron Batsford, from the Seminary who has brought us some very inspiring messages.

The ladies of the church, each has a month as hostess for the pastor and his family and a month to clean the church and place flowers in the church.

We have given Bibles to the young couples who married last year. We also remembered the elderly people at Christmas time with candy and fruit boxes.

We are planning to redo the inside of the church this year, buy new blinds and refinish the piano.

We only meet once a month in the homes and are few in number, but we are proud of our faithful few; we enjoy serving our Master.

Sylvia Minick
(Mrs. J. B.) Historian

1970

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH
Preston Presbyterian Church
Southwest Presbytery of Georgia
Preston, Georgia

OFFICERS:

President - - - - - Mrs. Grady Hughes
Secretary & Treasurer - - - - - Mrs. J. B. Minick
Personal Faith & Family Life - - - - - Mrs. Annie Hale
Historian & White Cross - - - - - Mrs. J. B. Minick

During the past year we have had a student pastor from the Seminary, Mr. Albert D. Shaw, who has brought us some very inspiring messages.

The ladies of the church, each has a month as hostess for the pastor and his family and a month to clean and place flowers in the church.

In 1970, during the month of February, we mailed our White Cross quota of 100 guaze bandages to be sent to Africa.

In May, Mrs. Hughes, our president lost her husband, which was a shock and we all mourn with her at the loss of such a good man.

In Spetember, the ladies of the church gave Bibles to Jennie Gayle Crawford and Joel Christopher Jones, new babies in our church.

August, September, and the first part of November we painted the outside and roof of the church.

Thanksgiving, we sent a check for \$10.00 to Thornwell Orphanage and at Christmas we remembered the elderly people of our community with boxes of candy.

Our Bible studies were taken from II Corinthians for the year, which we all enjoyed very much. We only meet once a month in the homes, and are few in number, but we enjoy the fellowship with one another and serving our Master together.

DEACONS:

CHAIRMAN * - - - - - Riley McMath
SECRETARY & TREASURER - - - - - J. B. Minick
Arthur Cosby

ELDER:

CLERK OF SESSION - - - - - Newell Wilson

PASTOR:

Student of Columbia Seminary - - - - - Albert D. Shaw

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Southwest Georgia Presbytery
Preston, Georgia

1971

Elder - Newell Wilson - Clerk of Sessions

Descons - Riley McMath - Chairman
J. B. Minick - Secretary & Treasurer
Arthur Cosby

Pastor - Students of Columbia Seminary:
Albert D. Shaw
Ronald Batsford
Robert Anderson

We feel like the year 1971 has been quite a success for us. We have had some very inspiring messages brought to us from the fine students from Columbia Seminary, Decatur, Georgia. The first four months Albert D. Shaw Jr., who has finished and now has a church in North Carolina was with us. Ronald Batsford was with us about two months and is finished and is pastor of a church in Tallapoosa, Georgia. We now have Robert Anderson, who has been with us for six months. He has a lovely wife, Sue and two fine children, John and Linda.

During this year our church has grown in membership. In April, Mrs. Ann King came to us from the First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Ga. Then in October Misses Odell and Mary Smith were baptized and their sister, Lida Smith came by letter from the Baptist Church, Weston, Ga. We welcome them in our church.

We did some repair on our church, too. We put some new pillars under it and bricked it up all the way around. We bought new venetian blinds to replace the old ones for all the windows. We take great pride in caring for our church, each month a different lady is housekeeper and places flowers in the church.

We have contributed through the Women of the Church to Mission Haven and Birthday Fund. We have sent flowers to the sick and gifts to young married couples. At Christmas, we remembered the elderly people and shut-ins with boxes of candy.

The Women of the Church meets in the home monthly and we have a guest, who is a Baptist, Mrs. Mary Fussell. She is real faithful and we enjoy having her with us.

We have only eighteen members in our church, but we are one happy Christian family and we enjoy serving our Master together.

Historian,

/s/ Mrs. J. B. Minick

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PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Southwest Presbytery of Georgia
Preston, Georgia

1971

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Officers:

President	- - - - -	-Mrs. Grady Hughes
Secretary	r r r - - - - -	-Mrs. J. B. Minick
Treasurer	- - - - -	-Mrs. Ann King
Personal Faith & Family Life	- - - - -	-Mrs. Annie Hale
Historian	r r r - - - - -	-Mrs. J. B. Minick
White Cross	- - - - -	-Mrs. Ann King