

TALLAPOOSA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Tallapoosa, Georgia

by

Reverend F.E. Taylor

1888-1906

and

Mrs. Isabella Dodge

1888 to 1932

Minutes of Atlanta Presbytery

1919--1935

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## HISTORY OF TALLAPOOSA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1888-1906

(From a History loaned by the Rev. W.E. Dozier, *Rev. F.E. Taylor, Author*  
~~without signature~~)

The following is a sketch of the history of the Presbyterian Church at Tallapoosa, Ga.

On Sunday Nov. 18, 1888, a small company assembled in the M.E. Church for the purpose of organizing a Presbyterian Church at Tallapoosa. Reverends Barnett, D.D., N.K. Smith and Elder Thomas W. Dimmock, the Committee appointed by Presbytery, effected the organization. The following is a list of the charter members:

Samuel S. Rambo	George M. Bradley	Mrs. E.S. Bradley
George S. Porter	Mrs. Ella Brooks	Mrs. Mamie Howell
Miss Jessie Wood	J.W. Ball	J.W. Iden
Miss Ella Farmer	Mrs. Bessie Everett	

At this meeting Mr. George S. Porter was elected Elder and Messrs. J. W. Ball and S.S. Rambo Deacons. At the next meeting Rev. W.A. Nesbit was Minister in charge, giving to this Church the first Sunday of each month.

At a congregational meeting held Nov. 16, 1890, Dr. W.J. McCurdy, O.M. Reed, G.A. Witcher, A.V. Howe and R.W. Cooper were elected trustees and were authorized to choose a site for the building, subject to approval by the congregation. The trustees were also to act as a building committee. On Nov. 26, 1890, the trustees decided to request the Georgia-Alabama Investment Company to reserve Lots 14 and 16, Block 12, for the Presbyterian Church. After prayer meeting, Jan. 20, 1891, in the Baptist Church, the congregation decided to accept the lots above named as "the most available that could be secured." The deed to the two lots specified is dated March 31, 1891. Mr. S.H. Keller was asked to draw the plans for the building. These were adopted, except for the truss work, Feb. 24, 1891. On April 4, 1891, the trustees engaged Mr. Beardsley to superintend the work of construction and requested that he begin the work at once.

In the last minutes of the trustees, dated Jan. 2, 1892, the building seems to have arrived at completion. The last report of the treasurer of the trustees, filed July 6, 1891, records receipts from all sources as \$1207.80; disbursements as \$942.30. The contract price for the pews was \$220. Some disapproval developed in this relation and no settlement for pews is preserved, nor is there a note of the total cost of the completed structure with its furnishings.

The following officers have served the Church:

Rev. W.A. Nesbit-----	-----1890-1891
Rev. James Wood Pogue-----	April 1, 1892-April 1, 1898
Rev. J.W. Stokes, Stated Supply-----	July 6, 1898-Octob. 2, 1898
Rev. J.W. Stokes, Pastor-----	October 2, 1898-Sept. 10, 1899

Mr Grossman, a Lutheran minister residing in the town at that time, served the Church about six months in 1900. Occasionally supplies preached in the intervening time to Nov. 1, 1903, when the present arrangement was effected,

Elders

George S. Porter	J.L. Caldwell	George M. Bradley
W.H. Green	R.W. Cooper	C.N. Arnold
C.A. Elton, serving	G.F. Snyder, serving	

Deacons

J.W. Ball	S.S. Rambo	Dr. J.W. McCurdy
A.H. Weeks	C.N. Arnold	

Trustees



Trustees

Dr. J.W. McCurdy  
A.V. Howe

O.M. Reed  
R.W. Cooper

G.M. Witcher  
A.E. Finkel

The advantage of a more commanding and central position for the Church had been apparent from the beginning. The attractiveness of the plot on the north-west corner of Head Avenue and Tallafferro Street was recognized, and when a move became feasible, this site was chosen. Negotiations for the purchase of the lot opened early in 1905 and the deed to the property was drawn on May 15, 1905.

Some money had already been subscribed toward a moving fund and on Nov. 26, 1905, an opportunity was given the congregation to contribute to this fund. The response was \$455.06 for moving and repairing. This was increased next day to over \$500. Rev. Frank E. Taylor, D.L. Salisbury and B.F. Darling were appointed a committee to accomplish the work. Ground was broken on the new site by Mr. Salisbury, Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1905. The Church was started off its old foundation Saturday, Dec. 2, and after delays incident to frequent rains, reached the new site Wednesday Dec. 27.

In the interim of moving, the congregation was most kindly tendered the free use of the Methodist, Baptist, Episcopal and Christian Churches, so that their worship was uninterrupted.

The people of Tallapoosa have heartily co-operated with the Church in its undertaking. Its successful issue is due to the superintendence of Mr. B.F. Darling, a contractor and builder of forty years' experience.

Monday we assembled, to thank Almighty God for the favor he has shown in prospering this work, and to lay the corner stone. We should appreciate the advantage for service of this location as compared with former location, and hope and pray that we may worthily respond to the duties and discharge the responsibilities here laid upon us. And may God bless us as a people, by pouring out upon the Church and this city His Reviving Spirit.

Order of Exercises at Laying of Corner Stone

1. Purpose of Gathering-----Rev. F.E. Taylor
2. Invocation-----Rev. H.F. Snow
3. Doxology
4. Scripture. Ezra 3: 10-16; Lsaiah 28:16; Peter 2: 4-8
5. Historical Sketch-----Rev. F.E. Taylor
6. Hymn
7. Laying the Corner Stone
8. Hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty."  
(As Rev. F.E. Taylor gave the Historical Sketch in the above exercises, he is no doubt the author).



## TALLAPOOSA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1888-1935

by

Mrs. Isabella Dodge

Tallapoosa, Georgia

It was in November of 1888 that a meeting of Presbyterians was held in the M.E. Church, South, of Tallapoosa for the purpose of organizing a Presbyterian Church. A Committee from the Atlanta Presbytery consisting of Dr. Barnett, Rev. N. Keff Smith and Elder Dimmock of the Carrollton Presbyterian Church met with them and the organization was effected. Of the charter members enrolled at that time only Mr. S.S. Rambo is with us now and as far as we know is the only surviving member. Mr. George S. Porter was elected Elder and Messrs. B.W. Ball and S.S. Rambo were elected Deacons.

For two years no attempt was made toward a building for the Church, but in November, 1890, Dr. W.J. McCurdy, O.M. Reed, G.A. Witcher, A.V. Howe and R.W. Cooper were elected Trustees to choose a site for the new Church. The Ga.-Ala. Investment and Development Co. offered two lots in block 12 on Head Avenue for the church location and the offer was accepted at a congregational meeting held in the Baptist Church on January 20, 1891. Plans and specifications were drawn and adopted and work on the building began in April of the same year and was completed in January, 1892.

Up to 1900 only four Pastors had served the Church and probably the one leaving the deepest impression on the people of Tallapoosa was Rev. J.W. Pogue, who was Pastor for six years. In 1903 Rev. F.E. Taylor of New York State came as Pastor and the Church took on new life. The location first chosen for the church building had its disadvantages and a movement was begun to find a better location. Through the efforts of A.V. Howe the present lot at the corner of Head Avenue and Talliaferro Street was secured at a great bargain and in May, 1905 the Church came into possession of the property. In November of that year, after the winter tourists had arrived in Tallapoosa, many of whom attended the Presbyterian Church, a subscription campaign was put on and the amount for moving the church building was quickly secured.

Rev. F.E. Taylor and Messrs. B.F. Darling and D.L. Saulsbury were appointed a committee to carry on the work. Ground was broken for the foundation on Nov. 28. The building began its journey up the hill to the new location on Dec. 2 and had reached there by Dec. 27, despite the heavy rains and inclement weather that had prevailed during the three weeks of moving. Mr. Darling, an experienced contractor, gave his time in superintending the work and in bringing it to a successful conclusion.

In the interim of moving, the congregation was tendered the use of every Church in town and because of this wonderful spirit of co-operation and good will, the weekly worship was uninterrupted.

The cornerstone was laid on New Year's Day, 1906 and the building was dedicated on March 16 of that year. The bell that now hangs in the steeple was presented by Mr. R.L. Spencer of Falmouth, Mass. He had been an attendant of the Church while a resident of Tallapoosa.

Many changes have come to our beloved Church since that History making period and our membership has been reduced by death and removal until only a small number remains at present, But faith and hope burn brightly in the hearts of those who are left and we feel that a Church built on



the prayers of such men of faith as were its founders and the devotion and sacrifice of the members during the years of its existence, have reason never to give way to doubt and discouragement.

In the list of Elders, Deacons and Trustees who have served the congregation at various times, we find the names of men prominent in establishing the city of Tallapoosa upon such a firm foundation that it has been able to live through such a series of disasters as would overthrow many larger places than this. Such names as George S. Porter, G.M. Bradley, R. W. Cooper, C.N. Arnold, B.F. Darling, A.V. Howe, S.S. Rambo, Dr. J.W. McCurdy, C.E. Elton, George F. Snider, George H. Dodge and others whose names are unknown to many of the present population.

#### Young People's Societies

We have never had a separate Young People's Society. For some time our young people united with those of the Christian Church in Christian Endeavor work, and at another time with the Epworth League of the M.E. Church. At present there are no young people to carry on, only two families having children and they as yet too young to organize.

#### Sunday School

Our Sunday School work was always very successful until the past ten years, when the membership became so small that it was thought desirable to discontinue and unite with a Sunday School in some other part of God's vineyard. At one time our S.S. was the best and most successful in the town. We had a wonderful Bible Class, also Junior and Intermediate departments, and under Mrs. Rambo and Miss Ruth Dodge, the best Primary Department of any S.S. here, but the decline in our Church membership affected our S.S. and after a long hard struggle it was given up about ten years ago.

Pastors and Stated Supplies who have served the Church from the foregoing History and from the Minutes of Presbytery from 1919:

Rev. W.A. Nesbit	Pastor,	1890-1891
" James Wood Pogue	"	1892-1898
" J.W. Stokes, Stated Sup.	Jul,	1898-Oct., 1898
" J.W. Stokes	Pastor,	" 1898-Sep., 1899
" Grossman	Stated Sup.	1900 for about six months
" F.E. Taylor,	Pastor,	Nov. 1, 1903- 1906 and perhaps longer.
(Pres. Min. Sep., 1919, p. 25). That Rev. L.D. King be granted evangelistic powers at Tallapoosa and other points in his field where it is not possible to secure co-operation of a Church session.		
Rev. Paul S. Rhodes	Stated Supply	1923-1925
" Elmer L. Wood	"	1926
	Various " Supplies	1927
" E.L. Barber	Stated Supply	1928-1930
" Rev. J.L. McGirt	"	1931-date

Names of Elders found in Minutes of Presbytery:

E.A. Latimer	H.D. Tuggle	L.C. Waldrop
E.L. Jailette (Gillette)	W.G. Adsmoed	



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Additional History

March, 1935

by

Mrs. I. D. Dodge

Owing to the loss of our records can give only a very brief account of the church History during the periods asked for.

The following is a list of the Pastors from 1906 to the present:

Rev. F. E. Taylor-----1906-1908  
" Mr. Grossman-----1910-1913 (Lutheran Minister)  
" E. Russell-----1913-1917  
" Mr. Rood-----1918  
Rev. L. D. King-----1919-1922(?)  
" Paul S. Rhodes-----1923-1925  
" Elmer S. Wood -----1926  
" E. L. Barber-----1928-1930  
" J. L. McGirt-----1931-date(1935)

Mr. and Mrs L. Tuggle joined the Church in 1913.

In 1918 Mr. J. J. Hardenbrook, Clerk of the Session, resigned as Elder as did also Mr. Latimer an Elder resign.

The only Elders serving in 1902 were:

R. W. Cooper	C. A. Elton
C. N. Arnold	Mr. Pierce

In 1928, Mr. H. D. Tuggle and Mr. E. L. Jäillet were elected Elders. After Mr. Elton's death the Church was some time without an Elder; Mr Elton being the last of the original Elders.

The only Deacons in 1902 were

S. S. Rambo	J. W. McCurdy
Later Deacons:	
B. F. Darling	George H. Dodge

All are gone except Mr. S. S. Rambo, one of the charter members of the Church.



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HISTORY OF TALLAPOOSA PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY.

April 1, 1936 - April 1

1936 - 1937.

Auxiliary officers,

Pres. - Mrs. H. D. Tuggle

Vice - pres. - Mrs. Jas. T. MacDonald

Secy. - Treas. -- Mrs. E. L. Jaillet

Pastor, -- Rev. Jas. L. McGirt, Carrollton. Georgia.

We have church services the second and fourth Sundays in the month on the afternoon. We have no Sunday School because there are only six children in the congregation, ranging in ages from three to fifteen years,, and we do not believe in proselyting. But we are all workers or attendants in other Church schools in the town.

Our Auxiliary meetings are held the Tu esdays after the church services of the month , at the home of some member. Our second Tuesday is given to Mission study and is led by the Secretaries of the various Causes. We have had some wonderfully fine meetings and a growing interest in the causes of our church is noticeable among the newer members. We have read the three books suggested for this years reading; have discussed them chapter by chapter, or read papers on the different chapters.

The book that seemed to arouse the greatest interest was "Congo Crosses", but personally I felt benefitted by " With Christ Into Tomorrow". Dr. Mackaye's book "The Other America" was a standard for us to measure our own country by and we felt that everyone, Presbyterian or other denomination should read it to realize how wonderfully we are blest in being born in a Christian land. Perhaps one reason why "Congo Crosses" was such a favorite with us is, that one of our members has a sister and brother - in - law missionaries at Mutoto, and everything about Africa is welcomed and read. Our study of Genesis is not quite finished yet, because of the winter weather and the teacher, myself, lives in the country. I feel that we have found in the study of this Book a deeper, fuller, closer idea of God, sin, faith and redemption. I gave out a treat on Abraham's life at our last meeting and was told by one of the young



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members that she and one other had spent three hours studying and answering every question and she added, " We surely enjoyed doing it".

Our president and secretary of White Cross work planned more for this year than we were actually able to fill, because of the expense of some of the material needed and which we were not able to afford, but we sent off 92 rolls of bandaging and 6 baby blankets, valued at the low cost of two dollars, but really worth more.

We have sent no delegate to any of the Conferences on the list, but we have talked and enlarged on the wonderful help in Auxiliary work to be gained by attendance especially to Montreat. Perhaps sometime we may be able to have that great blessing come to some of our young folks.

Our Secretaries have all presented their Causes in some interesting way that made us all see the importance of each Cause in furthering the coming of the kingdom and our part in it. Perhaps the most outstanding one was by Mrs. Simanton, Secy. of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief. It was held at Christmas time at Mrs. Simanton's home. Mrs. Bailey, our Secy. of Home Missions gave a good program, and it was a hard matter to select one as better than another seeing that all were well planned and carried out. I would like to mention our Secy. of Spiritual Life as an ourstanding member of our Auxiliary, Mrs. Hammond. She is a member of the M. E. Church here, a woman of consecration and of deep spiritual life. She is active in her own church, but the work of our Auxiliary interests her and she is a full member with us and conducts our Devotionals at every meeting. We feel blessed in having her as a member.

We had a beautiful Birthday celebration using the Rainbow program. The church was decorated with streamers of the seven colors. We sent out written invitations to our friends in the other churches and they always come. We served at the close of the exercises, iced tea, sandwiches and cake. Our guest of honor was the mother of the missionary to Africa that I mentioned above, a Mrs. Little. Our offering was \$ 15. and we felt like singing the " Gloria". Loyalty Day was observed also the special services for Home and Foreign Missions.



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We sent out baskets of food and fruit at Christmas with clothing and shoes where we found need. One old lady told me she had never had such a lovely Christmas in all her life.

In September we entertained the Group Conference and had a most wonderful day. The most of our Presbyterial Secretaries were here and what a feast we had from "The Needs of our Work" by Mrs. Hay to the "Call to Advance" by Mrs. Nevins. Not the least of all these talks was the inspiring address of Rev. W. E. Crane on "Loyalty to Our Missionary Task".

We have no losses by death to report, but ~~there~~ two of our number have moved away reducing our number to 11, and no new members have been added this year.

Our contributions to all causes including miscellaneous has amounted to \$ 59. an average per capita of \$ 5. Our attendance at meetings averaged 95 % of our ~~mem~~ members and on the Standard of Excellence we attained 90 %.

We joined with other churches in observing "The World Day of Prayer" in February, held in the M. E. Church.

We ought to mention also three showers that were given during the year.

In August at our Bible Study class a birthday shower given to myself, I was overwhelmed. A handkerchief Shower given to the member away to Arizona, and this month a box of Baby things sent to Mrs. McGirt.

While knowing that we have only done what we ought to have done, we give thanks that we have accomplished what we have, and trusting in the same Hand to help us in the coming year as He has in the past, we go forward into that year with all its possibilities, forgetting the things that are behind and pressing on toward the mark of our high calling in Christ Jesus.

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Mrs. Isabel D. Dodge



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Tallapoosa Pres Auxiliary.

Our Auxiliary at present has thirteen members on its Roll. Mrs Karl Howe moved to Washington but Mrs C. M. Hildebrand, a member of the Baptist Church here, expressed a desire to join us largely on account of our Bible study and other Devotional Work. Needless to say we gave her a warm welcome. Every woman on our church Roster is now a member of the Auxiliary except one and we are hoping to have her enroll even though being a Teacher in a County Consolidated School she cannot always attend.

Our year's work was begun promptly on the second Tuesday of April and plans were made for the year's work.

The Historian being called to Miami for an indefinite period Mrs J. R. Hammond, or Director of Spiritual Life, took her place as Teacher of the Bible Lesson, and carried through the study of Genesis to the end. That Book was a revelation to the young married women of our Auxiliary, and God's word assumed an importance in their lives it had never before held.

The Auxiliary's Birthday party was held on June 8th. There was no special program prepared only our own members being present. The offering was at once sent off. It amounted to \$6. A very pretty incident of the Birthday was the observance of Mrs Hammond's birthday. It was a surprise to her to have brought with the usual refreshments a cake with candles on it, burning brightly, ice-cream and cookies - also a box of pretty gifts from each one of the members.

Throughout the summer the regular programs were held in spite of the heat and Genesis was finished in July, in August the study of Ephesians was begun and studied chapter by chapter. The ceiling of our church building being in a dangerous condition we gave a supper on September 18th, and cleared \$31.20 which was handed to the deacons as a nucleus for the required amount. Fortunately for us one of our members who had died left us \$100. to help along and last Sunday March 27 our church was reopened and our monthly service held there. Rev. Franklin C. Talmage preached a wonderful sermon from Revelations 21:3 our church was a Tabernacle of God where He will dwell with us.

We did some White Cross work in February not the full amount we usually have made, but it amounted to \$3. We also contributed to every cause of the General Assembly. Also Synodical and Presbyterial causes. Our Social Service work was very successful as there was much need in our town on account of the closing of our cotton mill, and scarcity of finances with most people to pay for help that would otherwise have relieved the situation.

Delegated from our Auxiliary attended the Presbyterial in April, and in the fall a car full went to Carrollton to the Group Conference held there. We joined with the other church Missionary Societies in observing the World's Day of Prayer, on March 4th at the Christian church.

On February 8th we had the joy and pleasure of having Miss Lois Young, home on a furlough from China. We met in the Methodist Episcopal Church, our own being still out of commission, and had a good attendance having invited the ladies of all the churches to come and meet a real Missionary. Everyone who came expressed themselves as delighted and only Miss Young's need to meet the train cut short the after talk with her. A car full of the Carrollton ladies came over and were not sorry they had taken the trip.

Our contributions for one cause and another during the year amounted to \$79. a great advance on last year but it meant more self-denial on the part of our members as times have been hard for everyone this past year.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs Isabel D Dodge, Historian Tallapoosa Auxiliary.



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APRIL 1935 - APRIL 1936

Our church services were held every second and fourth Sabbath afternoons during this year, Mr. Jas. L. McGirt coming from Carrollton to conduct them. The membership was only eleven and there seemed an increase was hardly to be expected. The women of the church were feeling very discouraged at the outlook and believing that inspiration came with numbers, there was talk of disbanding and each of us uniting with other churches in town as we chose. But our plans are not always God's plans as we soon found out.

June 23, 1935 was a memorable Sabbath in our history. On this day seven young people came forward desiring to unite with us. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Simanton brought their letters, he from the Lutheran and she from the Episcopal; Mrs. Eula Norton Howe was accepted and also baptized at the same time; Mrs. Pauline Garrett Rambo, Mrs Mildred Entekin Howe and Mrs. Ruth Little Bonner brought their letters; and Mr. Phillip Moughon Bonner was accepted on profession of faith. Also on this day, the two little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Don B. Howe were baptized, Jane Meredith and Katherine Theresa.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was served by Mr. McGirt and afterwards the right hand of fellowship was extended to our new members. With this accession of seven young, eager and enthusiastic members we recognized that God's plan was for us to carry on and keep our light still shining in our own corner of His vineyard. Our two elders and Mr. Don Howe attended Presbytery.

APRIL 1936 - APRIL 1937

For a number of years we had only had one surviving deacon, and it seemed best to add two more as the burden was getting heavy for Mr. S. S.



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Rambo, Sr. after the many, many years he had held the office. At a meeting duly called in May, 1936 two young men were chosen for deacons to assist Mr. R Rambo, Mr. R.J. Simanton and Mr. S. S. Rambo, Jr. In August another name was added, Mr. Don B. Howe, and these three young men were installed in December into that office.

In September 1937, Mr. S.S. Rambo, Sr. passed away, having been an active deacon in our church since its organization in 1888. His life was devoted to the service of the church and while he had been asked more than once to become one of our elders, had always said he preferred to remain our senior deacon to the end. We feel happy that his son and namesake has so willingly stepped in and taken up his father's work.

In Feb. 1937, Mrs. W. W. Summerlin and her daughter, Mrs. Mildred S. Bailey brought their letters from the North Ave. Presbyterian Church of Atlanta and placed them with us. Also Mrs. Frances McDonald placed her letter with the session from the Presbyterian Church, Wetumpka, Ala. in April.

## APRIL 1937 - APRIL 1938

It was about the beginning of this year that Mr. McGirt resigned as pastor of the two churches, Carrollton and Tallapoosa. As with him gone there would be no services in our church for some time it was considered an opportune time to attend to the repairs the building stood in much need of.

In August a meeting was held and the deacons were authorized to go ahead with the first work needed, a metal roof and the building painted.

The ladies engaged to help out with financial assistance from a series of suppers and such like which they did. The funds on hand being insuf-



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ficient to go on with the repairs work was not resumed until later on in the year when a legacy of \$100 came to the church from the estate of Mrs. Marie Zentner Brown who died in Nov. 1937, having been a member of the church twenty-nine years. This enabled the deacons to provide a new ceiling and redecorate the walls that had not been touched since 1906. After being closed the church was at last opened and once more worship could be held in it.

On March 27, 1938, the first service was held, conducted by Rev. Franklin C. Talmage, Atlanta' Presbytery's Home Mission Supt. His sermon was an inspiration and was from the text Rev. 21:3; " And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men and he will dwell with them and they shall be His people and God himself shall be with them and be their God. " It was a sermon of rededication not only of our church building but of each individual member present.

This ended the year of 1937 - 1938 and we felt that it had been one of blessing and growth to our people. We face the coming year with feelings of encouragement and hope that we may be able to do much for the kingdom of God by personal work, financial help and earnest prayer.



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APRIL 1938 --~~4~~ APRIL 1939

For sometime toward the close of the year, 1937 our church was closed for much needed interior repairs. It was re-opened on March 27, 1938 by Rev. F.C. Talmage, chairman of the Home Mission Committee of Atlanta Presbytery, preaching from the text found in Rev. 21:3; "Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people and God himself shall be with them and be their God." We felt that Mr. Talmage had in this service not only re-dedicated the building but each individual member for God's service. He returned on April 24th and led us in the Holy Communion. By these two services we faced the new year of 1938 - 39 with renewed courage and high hopes to accomplish much for this God who has promised to dwell with us, and to be our God.

His promises are always fulfilled. It remains for us to do our part remembering that the quality of our lives and services means more in His sight than quantity.

We added two new members, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Little, coming to us by letter from the Carnesville Presbyterian Church and being received into our fellowship at our December 18th service by Rev. Harold C. Smith of Atlanta, who was preaching for us on that Sunday.

We have lost three members this year. Mrs. W. W. Summerlin died April 23rd and the home being broken up, her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Bailey moved to De Soto City, Florida; Mrs. Ruth Little Bonner had her membership transferred to Buford, where she teaches.

During the summer of 1938, Mr. R. O. Flinn, Jr., son of Dr. Flinn of the North Ave. Church served us faithfully every second and fourth Sunday with an extra service on the fifth Sunday. It was with regret that we gave him up when he felt that he must return to New York and we feel sure that someone will be sent to care for us and be a pastor in very deed as Mr. Flinn has been during



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his stay with us.

As a congregation we sent at Christmas time seven boxes of groceries and clothing to Thornwell Orphanage. At present, Mr. W. Chester Keller from Columbia Seminary is serving us at the same time he serves Carrollton Church. We feel blessed in having him as he is a young man of deep spirituality.

We have no Church School organization; not enough children in the congregation to begin with, consequently no young people's work.

The men are not organized but we feel that it would be a great advance in our church if they only were. There is no mission service.

## Minister

Supply from Columbia Seminary

Mr. W. Chester Keller

## Elders

Mr. H.D. Tuggle

Sept. -1923

Mr. E. L. Jaillet

Sept. - 1923

## Deacons

Mr. R. J. Simanton

Dec. 1936

Mr. D. B. Howe

Dec. 1936

Mr. S. S. Rambo

Dec. 1936

## Woman's Auxiliary Pres.

Mrs. H. D. Tuggle

## Church Roll

Mr. & Mrs. H.D. Tuggle	Cert.	3 -13 - 1914
Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Jaillet	Cert.	6 - 24 - 1923
E. L. Jaillet, Jr. & Esther Marie Jaillet	Exam. 9	9 - 29 - 1929
George D. & H. Alexander Jaillet	Exam.	4 - 23 - 1935
Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Simanton	Cert.	6 - 23 - 1935
Mr. & Mrs. D. B. Howe	Eam. & Cert.	7- 24- 1921 & 6-23-1925
Mr. & Mrs. S. S. Rambo	Exam. & Cert.	3-17-1906 & 6-23-1935



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## Church Roll - cont'ed

Mrs. I. D. Dodge	Cert.	6-28-1903
Miss Mary Tolhirt	Exam.	9-27-1923
Mr. & Mrs. A. V. Howe	Exam.	10- 23- 1921
Mrs. L. C. Waldrop	Cert.	3-15- 1914
Mrs. Bula Norton Howe	Exam.	6-23-1935
Mr. Phillip Moughon Bonner	Exam.	6-23-1935
Mrs. Mildred S. Bailey	Cert.	2-14-1937
Mrs. Frances LeBron McDonald	Cert.	4-25-1937
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Little	Cert.	12-18-1938



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TALLAPOOSA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SCHOOL.

RICHARD ORME FLINN, JR. ADULT BIBLE CLASS.

MARCH 1942 -----MARCH 1943.

The class was organized Feb. 15, 1942 with Mr. Don B. Howe elected as superintendent and it was decided to have the members teach the lesson in turn using the prescribed literature "The Earnest Worker". There was an enrollment of 10 and Mrs. Hiram Hamilton was elected secretary-treasurer.

Interest was aroused and new members recruited as time went on and there was a discussion about new song books that could be used for Schooland church service so a committee was appointed to order samples of the Presbyterian Committee's books to choose from. "The Hymnal for Christian Worship" was chosen and ordered, being paid for by members and the Sunday School.

It was also decided to give the collection of the first Sunday in every quarter as a regular offering to Thornwell Orphanage. At Thanksgiving a \$5. special was sent to Thornwell and a memorial offering of \$5. was sent at Christmas in the name of Mr. H. D. Tuggle. The Sunday School also assumed the responsibility for the payment of the church's percentage to the Minister's Annuity Fund.

The first Sunday in January, 1943 an election for new officers for the new year was held and Mr. Hiram Hamilton was elected superintendent with Mrs. S. S. Rambo as secretary-treasurer.

Plans were made at this time for an intermediate class to be organized as soon as possible with Mr. Don Howe as the teacher but this has not yet been accomplished.

The following were the charter members:

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| Mr. Donald B. Howe    | Mrs. D. B. Howe           |
| Mr. Hiram S. Hamilton | Mrs. Hiram S. Hamilton    |
| Mr. S. S. Rambo       | Mrs. S. S. Rambo          |
| Mrs. R. J. Simanton   | Miss Lena Farago          |
| Mrs. Jas. T. McDonald | Miss Esther Marie Jaillet |

Interest has grown in the regular meetings and attendance has increased. Gifts and flowers have been sent the sick and a worthy family has been helped.

written by

Mrs. E. L. Jaillet



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Tallapoosa Presbyterian Auxiliary Current History.  
April 1938 -----April 1939.

The first meeting of the year was instructive and inspirational as the officers and Cause Secretaries were given booklets to help them in their work.

Each Secretary has a chance to present her Cause to the members and we subscribe to and use the Auxiliary literature at the two meetings a month we have.

Our White Cross work was started early in the year and we were very glad of this as we were able to fill our requirements for an early shipment in October.

We celebrated our Birthday Party and also paid up the indebtedness incurred when the church interior was redecorated, by having a supper. Two vases were placed in the church in memory of our deceased member, Mrs. W. W. Summerlin.

The church was reopened for worship on the 4th Sunday in May by Rev. Franklin C. Talmage, of the Home Mission Committee of Atlanta Presbytery.

All our members have read "Glorious Living", "Yesteryears", "City Shadows" and "Star of the East", and the Foreign Mission Season of Self-Denial was closed by an evening meeting, after the members and their husbands had supper, with a program led by the Foreign Mission Secretary.

We do Christian Social Service work among the Negro servants in the various homes by passing on our Auxiliary literature and our church papers. We sent a nice box of clothing, pictures, and a bolt of curtain material for the Baby cottage at Thornwell Orphanage and at Christmas time gathered several boxes of food supplies for the same institution.

We are honored by having one of our members as our Group Chairman, Mrs. R. J. Simanton, and a large delegation attended the Group Conference held at Villa Rica over which she presided. We have lost three members, one by death and two by removal of residence, but we have loyal members whose attendance is 90% perfect.

Our Bible Study is considered by all as our outstanding effort and we are enjoying "Philippians" as Mrs. Isabel Dodge brings it to us.



Tallapoosa Presbyterian Auxiliary Current History  
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We have much cause for thankfulness as every special offering has been larger this year than last and we feel that we have also grown spiritually.

All members use the daily readings as found in "Day By Day" and most of them are working in some one of the Sunday Schools of the town.

Offerings as follows :

Birthday Party -----	\$ 7.00
Home Mission -----	7.00
Ministerial Relief -----	9.00
Ficklen Memorial -----	3.00
Foreign Mission -----	14.00



## TALAPOOSA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY 1939 -1940

The Auxiliary has done a number of new works not undertaken before. Some books were sent to Montreat Foundation - one a copy of "Westminister Confession of Faith" printed around 1815, an old Bible printed in Scotland about 1805, and three volumes bound in calf-skin of the "Christian Missionary Herald" printed in Boston for 1835, 1836, 1837. Dr. Tenny acknowledged receipt of same with one of his lovely letters. Seventy books of fiction, reference, and music were sent to Thornwell Orphanage.

A new work was a Conference for Negro women from the different Negro churches. There was a good attendance. It is the desire of the Auxiliary to hold these conferences twice a year.

A librarian was appointed to care for the books we study. The books will be kept in the book closet in the Sunday School room.

A wonderful offering of food, groceries, and fruit was also sent to Thornwell Orphanage as a Thanksgiving offering.

Rev. R. O. Flinn is the supply pastor.

Isabel D. Dodge, Historian.



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Women's Auxiliary of the Tallapoosa Presbyterian Church.

April 1941 - April 1942.

The history of the Tallapoosa Presbyterian Women's Auxiliary for 1941-42 has not been kept as it should have been owing to the ill health of the Historian.

She can report however that the two monthly meetings have been held regularly except twice when Atlanta Presbyterial met on our day and when a polio epidemic threatened.

In May we held our Birthday Party at the church and had an enthusiastic and interesting meeting with friends from other church societies invited and contributing to our offering of \$12. We could give these invitations as at that time four of our members were teaching in other church schools.

In June we had an Auxiliary Training Class well attended and enjoyed. The instruction was given by Mrs. John Bright and Mrs. Diffenderfer with members from Carrollton and Villa Rica as well as Tallapoosa. We hope to have another such meeting as we need to be jolted out of the ruts we fall into so easily.

In July none of our members were able to attend Montreat, but a desire to attend next year was expressed by several of our younger members.

In August we held a meeting with the colored Missionary Societies and with the help of Mrs. Ruby Dyhe from Carrollton plans were made to have a Vacation Bible School in one of their churches. It had to be postponed because of the polio scare.

In October, our Auxiliary entertained the annual conference of Group 9, Atlanta Presbyterial. Delegates from Carrollton and Villa Rica attended and 6 Presbyterial officers were present and the program was a success in every way.

In November and December we studied Home Missions and had a splendid Joy Gift offering. We also sent a large donation of canned goods, clothing, shoes, books and money to Thornwell Orphanage valued at \$65. Our intensive Bible study of Peter began in the first fall month and was finished in March. These studies are usually the program of one meeting, with the other meeting in charge of a Cause Sec.

In February the World Day of Prayer was held in our church with women from all the churches participating on the program and an offering of \$7.50 went from Tallapoosa, the largest ever sent.

The Foreign Mission Season was observed with a special meeting and an offering taken and all members are reading "Foundations of World Order", men as well as women. Our White Cross allotment was sent on time, 4 hospital gowns and a 5 lb. roll of sterile dressing valued at \$4.

The outstanding work of the year has been the establishment of a Church School begun on the 15th of February with the organizaing of an Adult Bible Class, with Deacon B. B. Howe as superintendent and Mrs. Hiram Hamilton, Secretary-Treasurer. This has been the result of the work of our pastor, Rev. R. O. Flinn, Jr. and we are glad that it was established before he had to leave us for other work.



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HISTORY OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY  
OF  
TALLAPOOSA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MARCH 1942 -- MARCH 1943

Our Auxiliary in the past year has held meetings twice a month- one for our intensive Bible study and one for the inspirational program on the Causes.

We have 17 paid members with 13 resident, active members and 4 out of town

We have studied or read all the books chosen for the year's work. We have had the privilege and blessing of having the Rev. E. H. Hamilton and his family returned missionaries from China who have moved to Carrollton and have given us genuine pastoral care. Their coming has added inspiration and earnestness to our work as Auxiliaries along all lines.

We have contributed to all the special causes of the church; we had our Birthday meeting in May, our regular seasons for Home and Foreign observance, our annual gift to Thornwell Orphanage, and did White Cross work, too. We also used the Blue Blessing Box for our special offerings .

Nine out of our thirteen members did Red Cross work regularly. We sent a substantial amount to aid in sending a delegate to the Christian Conference for Negro Women.

Our Christian literature has been shared with country and negro friends and the church papers are passed to others to read. We took an active part in the World Day of Prayer.

Had two church suppers at which programs were given so that the men of our church might know of the work being done in Home and Foreign missions.

We have given cards and gifts to several of our sick and absentee members and sent flowers, with needed help given to some deserving cases.

Altogether our financial total for the year's efforts has come close to \$200. We had a most beautiful and impressive Joy Gift meeting also.

*Mrs. I. D. Dodge,*

*Historian.*