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HISTORY TIGER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1921-1945

Presbyterianism in Rabun County had its inception in the mind of the Rev. C. M. Chumbley, Superintendent of Home Mission for Athens Presbytery. In 1921 he secured the aid of the General Assembly's Home Mission Committee, the Synod of Georgia and the Religious Education Committee of the General Assembly in sending B. W. Baker, recent graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary to the county as "An Evangelist and Missionary" to begin work on the 15th of May that year.

Evangelist Baker established his home and headquarters at Tallulah Falls and preached in the Episcopal Church for a few months. However, the Methodists had recently opened work there and he felt the need greater in Tiger where the Methodist Church opened wide its doors for the nominal rent of \$3.00 per month, and the minister immediately made his home at this place.

At that time there were five Presbyterians in the County: Mrs. Homer Grist (in the Valley and now a member of the Rabun Gap Church); Mr. C. B. Burch, Wiley; Mrs. T. E. Roane; Miss May McDowell and Mr. W. R. Ussery.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Keason, Tiger Methodists, became staunch friends of the minister. Mr. Keason died in 1936 but Mrs. Keason continues a devoted supporter of our work throughout the County.

Sunday School was opened in the Methodist Church with enrollment of 85 and Mr. W. R. Ussery Superintendent. Mr. Ussery continued to serve in this capacity until 1938 when he moved to Dillard, Georgia.

Mr. John C. Howard, Supt. of Public Instruction in the County, gave the preacher a cordial welcome, opened the school buildings of the county to him, and gave invaluable counsel in directing him to the most needy sections for preaching and teaching the Gospel. Boiling Springs (Persimmon, the site of the King Memorial Church at present, and the home of Mr. Howard), Wiley, Timpson, Plum Orchard and Betty's Creek were selected as points at which he would work from Tiger. However, Tiger had no Church and the first converts were baptized into the fellowship of the "Church-at-large".

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"THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH AT TIGER, SEPT. 22, 1922"

"At the regular night service of the Evangelistic meeting held here by Dr. Wauchope, the Synodical Evangelist, and his singer, Mrs. Yates: Having previously decided that the time was ripe for the organization of a Presbyterian Church here; we proceeded with work of organizing.

"The organization was composed of six charter members; five of whom were members of the Presbyterian Church elsewhere, and one was received on profession of faith.

"Mr. William R. Ussery was unanimously elected to the office of Elder. The ordination and installation service to follow soon.

"The M. E. Church, South, was generous enough to grant us the use of her building..... B. W. Baker, P. E."

The charter members were: Mrs. B. W. Baker, Miss May McDowell, Mrs. T. E. Roane, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shirley and Mr. W. R. Ussery.

Early in 1923 a Sunday School was opened on Timpson Creek. Mrs. Mary Hollifield became the first Superintendent, and served in this capacity until 1944 when Mr. Clarence Phillips was elected to the Superintendency; however, she continued his mainstay, chief supporter and inspiration. This Chapel has been, and still is, one of the most fruitful Presbyterian outposts in the county.

Presbyterian news was coming into Rabun. Young people had gone from here to Nacoochee Institute, operated by Dr. J. K. Coit for the Presbyterian Church in White County. Mr. H. J. Arrendale challenged the minister to establish a school in Tiger. Aid was declined by both Presbytery and General Assembly, but Dr. J. B. Ficklin would not take "no" from the Synod of Georgia. Dr. J. K. Coit accompanied Dr. Ficklin to Tiger and they met with Evangelist Baker, Messrs. H. J. Arrendale, T. T. Cannon, Wm. Duncanson, V. B. Thompson and W. R. Ussery under the shade of a sycamore tree in front of the Tiger railroad station to formulate an agreement. The community gave the Cannon home and property to the Synod. Dr. Coit was asked to secure teachers and pattern the school after Nacoochee Institute. The Cannon home was converted into class rooms and dormitory space for teachers and boarding students. Misses May Blackwell, Sadie Boyd and Mrs. Mary Hollifield were elected teachers. Thus THE TIGER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL had its birth.

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The Tiger Presbyterian Church immediately moved into the auditorium of the School for public worship and religious instruction. After ten years phenomenal service, the School work was taken over by Rabun County but the congregation continued to use the auditorium until the present building was erected in 1936.

Mention must be made of the services rendered the Church by the faculty of the School. Their leadership in spiritual activities and their financial support were potent factors in developing the youthful congregation.

In 1924 the Woman's Auxiliary reported 12 members, and the Christian Endeavor 50 members. The Young People's work was non-denominational in character. In fact, so many from other denominations attended that this type work has always been considered most practical in Tiger and throughout the county.

While the program of the Church has been adapted to all denominations, Presbyterian literature has been used, and Presbyterian agencies supported by Tiger and other congregations throughout the entire history of our work.

Evangelist Baker moved from the county in 1926. In five years he had initiated a work which many considered the most influential force for righteousness in Rabun County. He had pioneered where pioneering was needed; established Presbyterianism in a county neglected hitherto by our Church; won friends by the hundreds; organized three Churches and answered every call for service from every type family within his parish.

Mr. L. B. Gibbs, student at Columbia Theological Seminary, took over the work during the summer of 1926, continued through the winter during which he taught in the School, and left the following spring when the Rev. P. D. Miller became Stated Supply of the Church.

Mr. Miller remained two years. He lived in the School, itinerated throughout the county and made a host of friends before becoming Educational Secretary of Home Missions for the General Assembly. A brick, bungalow type manse was built in Tiger by him, and a 110' well dug for a water supply. The manse with 2 and 7/8 acre lot was given to Athens Presbytery by the Synod of Georgia in 1938.

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When Mr. Miller left in 1929, Mr. Gibbs had just graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary. He returned, married Miss Ruth Perry, and moved into the ~~ma~~se where they lived until July 3, 1937; the longest Presbyterian ministry the county has known. This period witnessed the closing of the School, and irreparable loss to the Church in leadership, financial support and spiritual power. It was a ministry, however, in which the Church won many local people into its membership, and made greater progress than any other period toward becoming indigenous to the community. Messrs. Ralph Carson, Harold Fricks, M. L. Harper, E. C. Kirk, C. C. Neal and E. G. Watts and their families were welcomed into the congregation which boasted only one male member when Mr. Gibbs returned.

On October 25, 1936, Harold Fricks and C. C. Neal were ordained and installed Ruling Elders. About that time Ralph Carson became the only Deacon the Church has ever had.

Dr. Ralph Gillam assisted the pastor and congregation in constructing the present Church building in 1936, and it was dedicated October 11th of that year by Mr. Gibbs and Rev. J. A. Simpson. Immediately it was found inadequate and plans were initiated to put a basement underneath.

On March 7, 1937, THE RABUN COUNTY Presbyterian was first published and it is from copies of this bulletin that much information was gleaned for writing this history. Quotations follow from the first two issues of THE RABUN COUNTY PRESBYTERIAN:

"This is the first issue of the bulletin which we plan to print each week for the Presbyterian Churches of Rabun County. . . . It will help to keep each Church member informed, not only about his own Church, but also about the other Churches in the group."

Second issue: "We are indebted to Mr. M. L. Harper, a member of the Tiger Church, for the idea of publishing the weekly bulletin. Mr. Harper not only suggested the bulletin, but offered to do the work of printing and mailing it. . . . We greatly appreciate Mr. Harper's service to the Churches in this way".

The bulletin continues to be issued by Mr. Harper but was changed from a weekly to a monthly publication in January, 1939. A complete file may be found in Mr. Harper's office, Clayton, Ga. Through it Mr. Gibbs sent his farewell mes-

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sage, July 1, 1937, before moving to Smyrna, Georgia:

"Dearly Beloved Friends:

"Tomorrow will mark the end of our stay in Rabun County. For eight years this has been home to us, and it has not been easy for us to leave. However, we have sought to find the will of God in the matter, and, as far as we can tell, the way in which we are going is His way. We trust He will lead the man of His choice to this work, and care for it in His own loving way. It is dearer to His heart than to ours, and we can trust Him with it.

"We are grateful for all of your goodness to us, and most of all for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now. We can never repay the debt of gratitude which we owe you . . .

"We are glad that the spiritual life and well-being of each one of you is not dependent upon us or any other human being, but upon God. We are glad that we can use the words and think the thought of the Apostle Paul, 'Being confident of this very thing that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of the Lord Jesus.

"And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more . . .

God continue to bless you all,
L. B. Gibbs and Family"

The Sunday School and Woman's Auxiliary kept up their work without abatement during four months when the Church had no pastor. Guest preachers held services from time to time; a new pastor was diligently sought, and the financial campaign to raise money for the new basement was pressed through the bulletin almost every week and in the Sunday School every Sunday.

The Rev. D. F. Helm moved to Tiger November 3, 1937, and was installed the first pastor of the Church January 30, 1938, by a Commission of Athens Presbytery composed of the following: Revs. J. A. Simpson, J. C. Crenshaw and J. K. Coit with Ruling Elder L. A. Mauldin. We quote from the pastor's first letter to the congregation published in the bulletin November 18th:

"The Church is the Body of Christ. While in the flesh He began the program of revealing God's love for the world. We, His Church, continue this work today. . . .

"In a healthy body every organ cooperates with every other organ in every activity of the body and the whole is under

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the control of the mind. Such is true in the healthy, efficient Church. Christ lives in His people . . . His mind is their mind; His will, their will; His program, their program . . .

"Your gracious reception has won your pastor's heart, the heart of his family . . . the task is only begun. Every part of His Body must continue to function in His work . . . Your prayers, your plans, your presence in our worship . . . work together . . . in His Kingdom".

The new pastor came too late in winter to start on the Tiger basement in November, 1937, and the Superintendent of Home Missions influenced the pastor and congregation to abandon the idea before the spring of 1938, and plan a different type building.

OUTPOST EXPANSION DURING MR. HELM'S PASTORATE

This began in May, 1938, when Misses Viola Bleckley and Ruth Hollifield, members of our local Churches, conducted a vacation Bible School at Plum Orchard. The community had a dormant Baptist Church without a pastor, no formal religious work of any type and a great hunger for the Gospel. We lacked leadership for a Sunday School but Mr. Helm preached first Sunday afternoons in the public School building until they secured a pastor in 1943. A corps of teachers were taken up for Vacation Bible Schools in July each year, and evangelistic services were held at night. Large numbers of people walked across the mountain from Towns County to attend, and we always considered we were holding a revival for the Baptist Church, sowing the seed of the Gospel irrespective of denominational lines. The American Sunday School Union conducted a Sunday School, periodically, during these years.

Needy Creek, Boggs Mountain, Scott's Creek, the areas around White Orchard, Huneycutte's Saw Mill, and Lake Burton were surveyed. In all of them we found a great need with only Boggs Mountain having a church and it dormant, without a Sunday School. Obviously, great numbers of people near Tiger had no vital Church affiliations. Minutes of the Session for 1938-1939 reveal much thought and prayer given to the Church's responsibility for them.

Sunday Schools, Bible Schools and preaching services were held at Needy Creek, Huneycutte's Saw Mill and Moccasin Creek, on the west side of Lake Burton. Our work was re-

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ceived with enthusiasm in every instance. A lot was given by Mrs. W. H. Cannon for a Chapel at Needy Creek but the moving of so many people from the community to Defense areas made it seem wise to postpone building. Sunday School was held in the home of Mrs. Ila Watts as long as there were enough people in the community to justify having it. We then moved to Huneycutte's Saw Mill, across the hill, and met under the shelter until our Church Visitor and Sunday School Worker left in September 1943. Our tent, purchased in 1939, was used for Evangelistic services at all these points.

Preaching services have been held regularly on first Sunday nights since 1939 in the Fair View Chapel on Scott's Creek.

The Sunday School at Moccasin deserves special mention. It was held in the home of Mr. Charlie Hunt and with a fine attendance and interest until practically all the families moved away from that section of the county. The tent was used in that section for three Bible Schools and Evangelistic meetings which were attended by practically all of the population.

The tent was also used for two Bible Schools and Evangelistic meetings on Boggs Mountain. Vital interest was shown by the entire community, and the young people enthusiastically took part in our program. Their dramatization of the Book of Ruth in 1943 was particularly inspiring. After 1943, it seemed wise to transport the people from this community to Tiger, inasmuch as our leadership for outpost work had greatly diminished, and for this reason we were unable to promote a Sunday School for them.

While the Tiger Church had sufficient leadership for Sunday School, we made an effort to partially meet the needs of the people by transporting people to her services. A school bus body was built on a discarded truck chassis in 1939 for the purpose of transporting children to Bible School from Timpson, Scott's Creek and other nearby communities. It was also used at night to bring young people and adults to Evangelistic services. On Tiger's preaching Sundays, the Wiley congregation would drive it up to morning worship, and the Tiger Sunday School would go to Wiley for its preaching services. Ruling Elder Harold Fricks, a mechanical genius, operated the bus and kept it in repair free of charge, putting much of his own money into repair parts.

A NEW SERVANT IN THE KINGDOM
(Bulletin, June 1, 1939)

"Faint wishes, vague dreams, glimmering hopes, persistent prayers and hard work culminated in a sturdy, . . . school buss belonging to us, serving our Churches . . . 'How did we ever get along without it?'

"Outstanding among those contributing . . . too numerous to mention . . . have been the vision, mechanical skill exercised day and night and the undiscourageable will power of Ruling Elder Harold Fricks; labor given by our Men-of-the-Church; materials from practically every business firm in Clayton; no single request having been denied."

After two years of consolidated Bible Schools worked so satisfactorily, and a year of using the bus to come to Friday night services in Tiger, the Scott's Creek community asked to be transported to Sunday School and Church services. This worked wonderfully so long as we had sufficient leadership. A discarded panel truck was bought for \$30.00 and converted into a station wagon to operate on Boggs Mountain and in the White Orchard community. By 1941 our Sunday School attendance approached 100 and reached that number occasionally. In October of that year friends assisted us in buying a new Chevrolet chassis equipped with a Blue Bird Body for the use of our Churches. In December our nation became involved in World War II, and an exodus of people from the county began, taking toll from our leadership and most promising young people, and an inevitable decline in our attendance began.

The following from the RABUN COUNTY PRESBYTERIAN, May 2, 1940, refers to our Church bus at the end of its first year's service: "This 'servant in the Kingdom' has made possible more than 100% increase in Tiger's Sunday School and preaching services, and brought new enthusiasm to our growing congregation. This says nothing of the special services rendered our Bible Schools in summer, and the unusual opportunities brought, particularly, to the young people in all our Churches."

The County School Board leased the bus for week days during the school terms 1943-1944, 1944-1945. It continued to operate for Sunday School, Church services, Friday night preaching services in Tiger during fall and spring months; and our summer program of Vacation Bible Schools and Evangelistic meetings in all parts of the county.

Our most promising outpost was begun at Mt. Kelly, near Wikle's Store, Habersham County, in the summer of 1943.

Bible Schools and Evangelistic meetings have been held in the summer, and regular preaching services first Sunday afternoons throughout the year. The Sunday School has adequate leadership, and this particular community has not suffered so much as others from the war-time exodus. Inasmuch as this territory is in Habersham County, the work was taken over by the Rev. C. C. West, Clarkesville, Ga., May 6, 1945, when Mr. Helm announced his plans to move to Virginia.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Necessity was "the mother of initiative" in this project. More than 40 Primaries and Beginners were attending our Sunday School when its enrollment was largest. Small children came in from other Sunday Schools for our Church service, giving such a variation of ages that preaching to the entire group was difficult.

Mrs. D. F. Helm came to the Church's rescue with a unique idea. She took the children to the Church bus and led them in an hour of worship adapted to their special needs. Bible stories were told, choruses and children's hymns sung, and it was not unusual for this service to have larger numbers in attendance than that held by the pastor in the sanctuary. Parents of the children in attendance were lavish in their appreciation of the inspiration and instruction their children received from Mrs. Helm's hour of worship.

CRADLE ROLL

Mrs. C. C. Neal worked diligently and zealously on the Church's Cradle Roll during the years of our outpost expansion. In 1944 her enrollment reached 105. Most of these children were in unchurched families. At that time the entire membership of the Church was only 102. This is believed to be the only record in the General Assembly which gives a Cradle Roll in excess of the Church membership.

PLANS FOR BUILDING A NEW CHURCH

In early spring 1938 an informal congregational meeting was held after prayer service on a Wednesday evening . . . no written record was kept of the meeting, however . . . and it was unanimously decided to abandon the idea of a basement under the Church building and authorize the

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pastor to solicit financial aid from friends to either reconstruct the present building or erect a new one adequate for our needs. Mr. Roy Hitchcock, Athens, Ga., drew our first preliminary plans, proposing to make Sunday School rooms of the present Church and add a sanctuary. Dissatisfaction grew in the congregation because water stands on the present Church site and negotiations began for a different location. Attendance fluctuated so much in Sunday School and Church attendance that it was extremely difficult to determine just how much space was needed in the proposed building. The pastor found the Church had a host of friends eager to contribute if and when the congregation knew what should be built.

The following from THE RABUN COUNTY PRESBYTERIAN March 24, 1938, reveals how the congregation was thinking at that time:

" . . . The Tiger Church has dreamed of dedicating a permanent House of Worship to the Glory of God in meeting the spiritual needs of the community.....

"During recent weeks the vision has crystallized. The real need is for a Church sanctuary, conducive to worship, with facilities for religious Education . . . Plans are being drawn which will absorb the present Church in Sunday School rooms . . . adequate for present and future needs."

(The following page carries a special bulletin that was issued and circulated among our friends at that time)

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A great deal of thought, time and prayer was given by the pastor to the building project. Occasionally, some money would be given. In November, 1940, Mr. Clyde King, Atlanta business man, verbally agreed to build a new Church with recreational-educational facilities as a memorial to his wife who had recently died. He went so far as to select a picture of ~~of~~ the late Mrs. King to be reproduced in a painting and hung in the vestibule of the Church. Preliminary plans were drawn by Mr. James Doom, Atlanta, and copies sent to each of the King children for suggestions. A convenient day was sought for Mr. King to accompany Dr. Wm. V. Gardner, his pastor, to Tiger and consummate the agreement, but unforeseen circumstances kept him from coming. On December 23, 1940, he wrote Mr. Helm:

"It is all right about your being away on vacation during January. . . . As a matter of fact, I don't think you are going to be able to do much outdoor work before April, or May, anyhow."

Mr. Helm spent January in Richmond, Va., studying. Before the convenient date could be arranged for Mr. King, he died from a heart attack without having made a definite written agreement. His estate was approached with the project but the administrator did not see fit to press the matter.

Our Sunday School and Church attendance was still growing, still fluctuating. Labor and building material were scarce. A building site had not been decided upon. Pressed with his ministry in an expanding parish, and uncertain as to what should be built, the pastor did not emphasize raising the building fund; confident it could be raised without difficulty when the time was ripe for building. It was never clear to either the pastor or Session just how the Church's activities should be divided between outpost work and a centralized program in Tiger. Applications were filed with the J. Bulow Campbell Foundation, Atlanta, Ga., and with the Belk Foundation, Raleigh, N. C., and both agreed to assist if and when we were ready to build.

While in this state of uncertainty our people began leaving Tiger for Defense areas, War work and Military service, and attendance began declining.

"Aunt" Julia Roane, charter member of the Tiger Church, gave us one of Tiger's most desirable building lots just before she joined the Church Triumphant March 3, 1944.

The congregation immediately bought another lot for \$200.00 in order to get highway frontage, and was unanimous in this being an ideal location for the new Church. Building was still out of the question because of war conditions and the uncertainty of who would be in Tiger after the war. However, our building fund has steadily grown since we invested \$650, maturity value, in series "F" War Bonds in October, 1943.

IN MEMORY OF "AUNT JULIA"
(Bulletin May 4, 1944)

"The Home-going of Mrs. T. E. Roane created a vacancy in our ranks and left a vacuum in our hearts. Charter member and faithful worker in the Tiger Church, exemplary Christian: We remember and associate her name with all that is pure, noble and good in our county.

"'Aunt Julia' left a permanent memorial, gift of her husband, in one of the finest building lots in Tiger for our new Church. Our congregation is purchasing adjacent property for 'street frontage' for \$200 in token of our love and esteem for her. \$100 for this purpose has been raised, already. Contributions above \$200 will be used for a memorial inside the Church. A baptismal font, a communion table, a pulpit have been suggested but the nature of the memorial is dependent on the amount received.

"Gifts are recorded in our BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE by donor's names and it is hoped every member of our Church, Sunday School and host of friends will have a part in this memorial.

"Contributions to this memorial may be brought to Tiger in the enclosed envelope next Sunday or mailed to Rev. D. F. Helm, Tiger, Ga."

Our Sunday School began giving first Sunday offerings to AUNT JULIA'S MEMORIAL. Interested friends helped. Our bonds now total \$2600.00.

Mrs. Robert Cannon keeps OUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE, and keeps a permanent record of each gift made by all contributors to our building fund.

EXPERIMENTS WITH CHURCH VISITORS

The varied, comprehensive nature of the pastor's growing work was such that he felt the need for a helper to visit in the homes of unchurched people. Miss Billie Gammon Davis of Brazil did this most acceptably in the Wiley com-

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munity in the summer of 1942 but she was a volunteer worker and only remained three months.

Miss Ellen Lee Bridewell, Donaldsonville, La., helped us with Bible Schools while Miss Davis was at Wiley, learned of her work and became interested in helping a full year. Friends supplied money to buy an automobile and provided a salary of \$75 per month. Miss Bridewell visited un-churched families in the county, helped with Bible Schools, Sunday Schools and Young People's Work at King Memorial and Wiley. She organized a Home Department in Bible study, using the Uniform lessons, with an enrollment of considerably over 100. A trained typist, Miss Bridewell assisted the pastor in his correspondence with more than 100 Service men.

Just as we began to realize how much a full time Church Visitor could mean, and feel we could not get along without one, Miss Bridewell's year was up and she entered the Assembly's Training School, Richmond, Va., to be trained for a full time Christian worker, and we were unable to find a successor.

CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUAS

This title was given to our annual, summer program held in strategic centers of the county in which we had Vacation Bible Schools in the morning, visitation by our staff in the afternoon, Evangelistic preaching at night and endeavored to make a contact for our Lord with every person in the community. Volunteer workers were secured from all parts of the South.

OUR CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUA PROGRAM

"IS cooperative in design and promotion; boys, girls, young people and adults of all denominations and those with no Church affiliations are welcomed to Bible School and Evangelistic preaching services;

"IS our finest opportunity to teach, preach and live the Spirit of Christ, assisted by talented, trained, experienced teachers and preachers freely giving time, energy and spiritual resources in His service;

"IS highly appreciated throughout Rabun County as our tent is set up in strategic centers, young people and adults transported from nearby communities, for Educational-Inspirational-Evangelistic programs designed for every member of the family . . ."

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We quote from THE RABUN COUNTY PRESBYTERIAN, Aug. 29, 1940:

CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUA SEASON CLOSES WITH TIGER COMMENCEMENT

"197 were enrolled in this Bible School. Friday evening, August 16th brought the two weeks to a close and saw a throng of people overflowing the tent into available outdoor space for one of the best commencement programs of the year. Every department revealed remarkable work had been done but the young people's pageant was unusually impressive. (52 young people enrolled in that particular class and took part in the pageant THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD written by the pastor.)

"Compiled statistics show a total of 630 children were taught in our 6 schools and about 40 volunteer teachers were employed. Large, appreciative audiences came to our evening services. In addition to those uniting with our Church large numbers have professed faith in Christ to serve others; even larger numbers have reconsecrated their lives to His service."

Again, from THE RABUN COUNTY PRESBYTERIAN, Sept. 4, 1941:

FACTS ABOUT OUR CHRISTIAN CHAUTAUQUAS

"696 children and young people were taught in Bible courses. Literally thousands found their hearts turned from time to Eternity in the preaching services held in our tent for central localities and nearby communities in the evenings. Sections in which we were invited were passed by for lack of time and resources.

"Our sincere gratitude goes to scores of volunteer workers and to all those who made this, our best summer program, possible . . ."

In Tiger, as well as other parts of the county, children came from all denominations. People came to preaching in the tent, regularly, who seldom went elsewhere. Transportation was provided for Bridge Creek, Boggs Mountain, Scott's Creek, White Orchard, Liberty and other communities. A mother of another denomination was overheard, after a commencement program, saying: "This is the finest thing my children have ever had a part in. . ."

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Matheny, students in Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., spent the summer of 1944 assisting the pastor in this program. Among the preachers who helped with Evangelistic preaching are the following: Dr. J. Edwin Hemphill, 1939; Dr. F. C. Talmage, 1940; Dr. A. J. Kissling, 1941; Rev. Don Bailey, 1942; and Rev. R. T. Gillespie, 1943; and Rev. Cecil Thompson, 1944.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

We have never had a strictly denominational program. Our meetings have been instructive-inspirational-recreational in form, and have attracted young people of all denominations and and those with no Church affiliations. Books of the Bible have been taught by the pastor; inspirational talks made by him; Mrs. Helm has led the group in singing, and indoor games have been played in the Church after the services closed. These meetings have been held on Friday nights. Attendance has varied from a very small number to almost 100. Sixty-eight were counted at one meeting, only two of them were Presbyterians and this was by no means an unusual service. Ninety-two were counted on our volley ball court during a Saturday afternoon's games in the spring of 1939! Our bus has been used to take this group to Atlanta, Athens and other places on educational trips; it has broadcast programs under Mrs. Helm's direction from both WSB and WGST, Atlanta, and also the Athens station.

On November 5, 1944, the congregation commemorated the seventh anniversary of Mr. Helm's pastorate. Judge T. S. Candler brought the principal address at the hour of the morning worship. Felicitations were brought by Rev. Roy Davis, pastor of the Clayton Baptist Church, several people from Clayton attended, and a bounteous dinner was served by the Woman's Auxiliary.

OFFICERS OF CHURCH

Ministers

B. W. Baker--S.S.....	1922-1926
L. B. Gibbs--T.S.....	1926-1927
P. D. Miller--S.S.....	1927-1929
L. B. Gibbs--S.S.....	1929-1937
D. F. Helm--Pastor.....	1937-1945

Elders

W. R. Ussery.....	1922-.....
C. C. Neal.....	1936-.....
J. H. Fricks.....	1936-1944

Deacons

Ralph Carson.....	1936-.....
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Trustees

M. L. Harper.....	1943-.....
E. G. Watts.....	1943-.....
Ralph Carson.....	1943-.....

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STATISTICAL REPORTS

1923-1924 - Current Expenses \$115 - To benevolences \$120 - Sunday School enrollment 95; 2 members added by profession and 4 by letter.

1924-1925 - Six members were added by profession and two by letter. - \$116 was contributed to benevolences and \$174 to current expenses. 114 were enrolled in two Sunday Schools.

1925-1926 - \$241 contributed to benevolences - Current Expenses not recorded. - Woman's Auxiliary reported 7 members and \$53 given to benevolences - Sunday School enrollment 103 - 3 members added on profession and 2 by letter..

1926-1927 - Auxiliary reported 7 members and \$51 given to benevolences. - Young People reported 30 members and \$5 given to Foreign Missions - Church added 1 member by profession and 1 by letter - Contributed \$68 to current expenses and \$240 to benevolences - Two Sunday Schools reported 62 members.

1927-1928 - Church added 6 members on profession and one by letter - Gave \$230 to benevolences - Reported 45 in Sunday School with expenses of \$55 but did not report other current expenses, Auxiliary or outpost Sunday School.

1928-1929 - One was reported added on profession, one by letter; total membership 24 - Pastor paid \$60 - \$109 given to benevolences - Total expenditures \$314 - 40 were reported in Sunday School but no statistics given on Woman's Auxiliary.

1929-1930 - \$70 given to benevolences - Pastor paid \$60 - Current expenses \$87 - Tiger had 42 in Sunday School but outpost was not reported - Woman's Auxiliary reported 12 members, contributed \$38 to benevolences.

1930-1931 - Pastor paid \$60 - \$88 given to current expenses, making total of \$148 to local Church work - Tiger reported 70 in Sunday School and 45 at Timpson - Auxiliary had 10 members, gave \$33 to benevolences - Total to benevolences \$175. - Three members added on profession, 1 by letter.

1931-1932 - Nine members added on profession - \$159 given to benevolences - \$60 paid the pastor - \$106 to current expenses, making total of \$324 - Auxiliary reported \$38 given to benevolences - 59 reported in Sunday School and 37 in Timpson outpost.

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1932-1933 - 3 added by profession, making total membership 37 - \$167 given to benevolences - \$60 paid pastor - Total of all expenses \$236 - 12 members in Auxiliary - 33 in Tiger Sunday School and 35 in outpost.

1933-1944 - 35 reported in local Sunday School, 33 in Timpson outpost - 3 members added on profession, 2 by letter - Pastor paid \$60 - \$117 contributed to benevolences.

1934-1935 - Pastor paid \$79 - Benevolences \$116 - Total of \$277 to all causes local and benevolent - 9 members added by profession, 5 by letter, making total of 53 members - Auxiliary report not included

1935-1936 - 7 members added on certificate; - \$96 contributed to benevolences - Pastor paid \$90 - Total contributions \$254 - S. S. enrollment 53 - No statistics available on Auxiliary.

1936-1937 - 9 members added on profession, 4 by letter - Total membership 70 - 88 enrolled in S. S. - \$120 contributed to benevolences - \$105 Pastor's salary - 28 reported in outpost Sunday School - 83 in Vacation Bible School. Woman's Auxiliary reported full program, \$41 contributed to benevolences but did not give number of members.

1937-1938 - Benevolences \$67 - Pastor's salary \$120 - Auxiliary 12 members, gave \$33 to benevolences - S.S. reported 48 members.

1938-1939 - 6 added on profession, 2 by letter - Total 77 members - \$141 contributed to benevolences - \$150 paid pastor - Weekly, non-denominational young people's meeting reported - Total contributions \$393.

1939-1940 - 12 added on profession, 7 by letter - Total 94 - 3 Ruling Elders and 1 Deacon - \$187 contributed to benevolences - \$150 paid pastor - Total contributions \$510.

1940-1941 - Pastor paid \$210 - 3 members added on profession, 4 by certificate, total membership 101 - Total benevolences \$197 - all contributions totaled \$594. - S.S. enrollment 118

1941-1942 - 4 members by profession, 7 by letter; total 87 - \$210 paid pastor - \$172 contributed to benevolences - \$616 total all gifts - 140 in Tiger S.S. - 15, Timpson - 20 Needy Creek outposts

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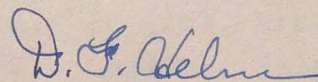
1942-1943 - 12 on profession, 3 by letter - Total membership 102 - pastor's salary \$210; - Benevolent gifts \$237 - Total contributions \$786 - S. S. enrollment, including 101 in Cradle roll 224.

1943-1944 - \$229 to benevolences - \$210 paid pastor - Total contributions \$853 - 2 added on profession - Net membership 102 - S.S., including 105 in Cradle Roll, 187 - Woman Auxiliary gave \$50 to benevolences.

1944-1945 - 3 members added on profession, 1 by reaffirmation - Communicants total 108 - Pastor paid \$210 - Benevolences \$203 - Total gifts, including \$836 to building fund, \$1479 - 94 enrolled in Sunday School.

The Church has paid the full 10% MAF dues for the pastor since the Fund began.

The data in this record was collected and compiled by the pastor in May, 1945.



D. F. Helm, Pastor

5-24-45

Date

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CHURCH ROLL

Tiger

1. Bramblett, Mrs. John
2. Cannon, Mrs. J. D.
3. Cannon, Mrs. Robert
4. Carson, Ralph
5. Carson, Mrs. Ralph
6. Elliott, Mrs. Elisha
7. Elliott, Ellen
8. Elliott, J. C.
9. Elliott, R. E.
10. Gilstrap, Ruth
11. Gregory, Mrs. DeWitt
12. Hollifield, Mrs. Nora
13. Hollifield, Lloyd
14. Justus, T. C.
15. Kelso, Mary Norma
16. Neal, C. C.
17. Neal, Mrs. C. C.
18. O'Neal, Mrs. Bill
19. Ramey, Mrs. Harry
20. Ramey, Mrs. Bell
21. Scroggs, Mrs. Lex
22. Stroud, Mrs. Bruce
23. Thornton, Mrs. Effie Lee
24. Watts, Mrs. Earl J.
25. Watts, E. G.
26. Watts, Mrs. E.G.
27. Watts, Calvin

Clayton

1. Bleckley, Mrs. James
2. Forester, Wylene
3. Fuller, Wiley T.
4. Fuller, Mrs. Wiley T.
5. Harper, M. L.
6. Harper, Mrs. M. L.
7. Prime, George W.
8. Prime, Mrs. George W.
9. Ramey, H. J.
10. Shepherd, Jacquelyn
11. Henslee, Ruth

Clayton (Rt. 1)

1. McDowell, Miss May
2. Shook, Mrs. Clifford
3. Smith, Mrs. Andrew
4. Turpin, Mrs. Nellie Y.

Clayton (Rt. 2 Scott's Creek)

1. Patterson, Wm.
2. Watts, Mrs. Ralph
3. York, Mrs. M. S.
4. York, Venus
5. York, D. C.
6. York, Mrs. D. C.

Clayton (Rt. 2 Timpson)

1. Blalock, Mrs. Fred
2. Coleman, Mrs. Frank
3. Coleman, Ethel
4. Crane, Mrs. Dan
5. English, Mrs. John
6. English, Mrs. Porter
7. English, Ralph
8. Hollifield, Mrs. Mary
9. Hollifield, Ruth
10. Kilby, Mrs. Otto
11. Phillips, Clarence
12. Phillips, Mrs. Clarence
13. Phillips, Mary Jane
14. Phillips, Nellie Mae

Non-Residents

1. Arrendale, Nell
2. Arrendale, Dr. H. C.
3. Burns, Mrs. Earl
4. Farmer, Mrs. Hazel Y
5. Hollifield, Bernice
6. Hunt, Mrs. John
7. Kilby, Arlesia
8. Kirk, E. C.
9. Kirk, Mrs. E. C.
10. McConnell, Myrtle
11. Shedd, Mrs. Earl
12. Smith, Henry
13. Trusty, Howard
14. Tursty, Mrs. Howard
15. Trusty, Harley

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CHURCH ROLL (continued)

Non-Residents cont'd

16. Ussery, W. R.
17. Ussery, Mrs. W. R.
18. Ussery, Carolyn
19. Ussery, Randolph
20. Kilby, Mrs. Carlos
21. Staton, Mrs. Azzie
22. Staton, Lima
23. Wilson, Mrs. Bill
24. Woodall, Doris
25. Woodall, Cecil
26. Philyaw, Carolyn
27. Beck, Mrs. Helen Y.
28. Pennington, Mrs. Josephine Y.

In Service

1. Arrendale, Tom
2. Holcomb, Annie
3. Hollifield, Claude
4. Jones, Howard
5. Staton, Claude
6. Watts, Reuben

Other Presbyterians Living in Clayton

1. Swanson, G. S.
2. Swanson, Mary Ruth
3. Swanson, Ralph
4. Wall, Mrs. Calvin
5. Deadwyler, Mrs. John
6. Smith, Mrs. Lula

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Tiger Presbyterian Church
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Woman's Auxiliary

HISTORY OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The minutes of the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of Presbyterial at Toccoa, April 28, 1924 is the first record we have of Tiger Auxiliary. Mrs. W.R. Ussery is listed as President, and Miss May McDowell as Secretary. Miss Sadie Boyd reported for Tiger School, which for a long time struggled with difficulties, but accomplished much good.

The Auxiliary was organized in 1923. Miss Annie Creelman invited Mrs. Charles H. Newton, President of the Athens Presbyterial to visit Tiger, and together they organized a Society for Bible and Mission Study, which grew into Tiger Auxiliary.

The Charter Members were:
Mrs. B.W. Baker
Mrs. S.R. Ussery

Mrs. T.E. Roane
Miss May McDowell

These four members came from Tiger School and four others came from churches in the community, namely:

Miss Creelman
Mrs. Robinson, Lakeland, Fla

Mrs. Garnet Taylor
Mrs. T.A. Arrendale

In 1940, Mrs. T.E. Roane is listed as President, and Miss May McDowell fills two offices.

In November 1923 Tiger School was opened, and the teachers, Miss Sadie Boyd, Miss May Blackwell, and Miss Clara Collins, became active members of the Auxiliary. In 1929 the Auxiliary was active and helpful in the building fund and did not fail to help with all the Church Benevolences.

In 1928 the Auxiliary votes some outstanding events. Miss Annie Crawford, Presbyterial President, visited the Auxiliary for two evenings, explaining the Presbyterial Standard. There was also an interesting speaker on Tuscaloosa School for Negroes. Miss Edith Hodgson visited the Auxiliary and taught two Bible lessons, Luke 1 and 4 and sang for us. Mrs. Hoyt Miller was a welcome and interesting visitor, also other missionaries from Korea and Japan. Mr. Baker and Mr. Gibbs taught the Mission Study classes, and Mrs. Hosala taught the Bible classes. We counted the visit of Mrs. Goetchins from Washington, D.C., a great pleasure and privilege.

Tiger Auxiliary in 1940 reports a full corps of officers.

The Church at Tiger has the good fortune to claim Rev. and Mrs. D.F. Helm as Shepherds of the flock, full of activity in the vineyard, and always ready for good work, carrying on the work done by the former pastors and their helping wives, Mr and Mrs. B.W. Baker and Mr and Mrs. L.B. Gibbs.

Signed:

Mrs. George D. Thomas
Historian Woman's Auxiliary
Athens Presbytery

Typed and filed in Presbyterial binder
April 1945.

Emma P. Ivy
Mrs. J.S. Ivy
Presbyterial Historian

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TIGER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Annual Reports, 1946-1951

C. W.
C. 1946-1952
W. 1948/49-1951/52

1945-46: 49 communicants; 1 infant baptism; S.S. Enrollment, 17;
No gifts reported to Benevolences; Pastor's Salary, \$91.00;
Current Expenses, \$74.00

1946-47: Communicants, 33; S.S. Enrollment, 17; Total to Benev-
olences, \$14; Pastor's Salary, \$80; Current Expenses, \$40.

1947-48: Added on Certificate, 1; Communicants, 33; S.S. Enrollment,
79; Total to Benevolences, \$94; Pastor's Salary, \$90;
Current Expenses, \$112.

1948-49: Added on Profession, 2; Communicants, 31; Total to Ben-
evolences, \$64; Pastor's Salary, \$40; Current Expenses, \$94;
Building Expense, \$20.

1949-50: Added on Certificate, 5; Communicants, 46; S.S. Enrollment,
66; Total to Benevolences, \$78; Pastor's Salary, \$120;
Current Expenses, \$104; Building Expense, \$17.

1950-51: Added on Profession, 1; Added on Certificate, 2; Adult
Baptisms, 1; Communicants, 48; Total to Benevolences, \$149;
Pastor's Salary, \$150; Current Expenses, \$243; Building Expense,
\$3514.

Date Apr. 3, 1952

L. B. Sibbs
Pastor

Filed May, 1952

(Mrs.) Gene H. Howell, Historian

Women of the Church
Athens Presbytery

ANNUAL HISTORY OF TIGER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. A.M. Moore

Due to changes in pastors the church seems to be going through a period of spiritual depression. Several years ago it was a progressive, aggressive little church with interest running high, but such is not the case to-day. The new minister and the congregation have an uphill climb to bring the church back to its past strength. Preaching is held twice a month on 1st and 4th Sundays.

There are two Elders in the church and no Deacons. There are 33 members with 17 enrolled in the Sunday School. Mr. W.R. Ussery serves as Superintendent of the Sunday School. There are two teachers, namely: W.R. Ussery and the minister, Rev. A.M. Moore. Mrs. Mildred Stroud is Pianist.

The church is not selfsupporting but the congregation pays \$15.00 per month toward the pastor's salary. The other is paid by the Home Mission Committee.

An Evangelistic Service was held during the summer with Mr. Ben Buzzard preaching. There were no additions to the church at this meeting.

A Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted by Rev. Chester O'Neal assisted by two girls from Toccoa Falls Institute. There was an enrollment of 30 in this school.

Plans for future expansion : There is \$3,000 in the bank and the church owns a lot for a future church building.

One wedding has taken place among our members : Miss Carolyn Philyaw and Mr. Tom Shirley.

No death have occurred.

Signed:

Filed at Montreat
April 1947

C.C. Neal, Clerk of Session

Mrs. J. Stanton Ivy, Historian
Presbyterial Auxiliary

Tiger Presbyterian Church
Tiger, Georgia

TIGER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1947-1949

At the Stated Spring Meeting of the Presbytery, April 15, 1947, Rev. A.M. Moore was received from the Presbytery of Pine Bluff, and the Committee of Home Missions reported:

"Rev. A.M. Moore, formerly of Warren, Ark., came to us March 1st to serve the Rabun County Churches. We are certain Mr. Moore is particularly gifted for this work, and we heartily welcome him to our Presbytery". (Minutes of Presbytery)

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery to install Mr. Moore as Pastor of the Tiger Church reported to the Presbytery as follows:

"The Commission appointed by the Athens Presbytery to install Rev. A.M. Moore as pastor of the Tiger Presbyterian Church met at the church at 3 p.m., May 18, 1947. Present: Rev. Chas. E. Bell, Rev. C.P. Phillips and Ruling Elder R.H. Philp. Absent: Rev. R.A. Forrest. Rev. Chas. E. Bell presided, preached the sermon and propounded the constitutional questions. Rev. C.P. Phillips charged the pastor. Elder R.H. Philp charged the congregation. After the singing of an hymn the Benediction was pronounced by Rev. A.M. Moore. The minutes were read and approved and the Commission adjourned with prayer by Rev. C.P. Phillips. C.P. Phillips, Secretary."

In the summers of 1947 and 1948, Daily Vacation Bible Schools were held jointly by this church and the Tiger Methodist Church, one year in the Methodist Church, and one year in the Presbyterian. During his pastorate, Mr. Moore visited in the community, and maintained a regular schedule of services in the church. There were three additions to the membership of the church during these two years: Mrs. A.M. Moore, by letter from the Presbyterian Church of Warren, Arkansas; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mincemeyer, of the Timpson community, on profession of their faith. In the fall of 1947, the Presbytery's Home Mission Committee included in its report to the Presbytery this statement:

"In the Rabun County churches, Rev. A.M. Moore is doing excellent work. Evangelistic Services and Vacation Bible Schools have been held." (Minutes of Presbytery)

Again, in the fall of 1948, the same Committee reported:

"We are due thanks to Rev. A.M. Moore for continuing the good work in the Rabun County churches. He has conducted Special Services and Vacation Bible Schools in his churches."

During the first part of their pastorate, Mr. and Mrs. Moore lived in the manse which had been built at Tiger in 1928-29. Although the people of the Tiger Church did not want any change in this arrangement, some of those connected with the work felt that a change would be advantageous, and steps were taken to secure a house in Clayton and to dispose of the Tiger manse. The following extracts from the Minutes of Presbytery deal with this matter:

"Rev. C.P. Phillips, Supt. of Home Missions, presented the necessity of selling the manse at Tiger and of securing one at Clayton. He also urged the construction of a church on a lot in Clayton. He requested that the Home Mission Committee be granted the au-

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thority to secure a loan of \$4,000.00 from the Assembly Home Mission Committee for the purchase of the Clayton Manse. Presbytery authorized the Home Mission Committee to proceed with this work and granted the authority for the loan." (op.cit., 9-9-47)

"Active plans are now in progress for opening our work in Clayton proper. A lot for a church there has been purchased and paid for and doubtless a house to be used as a manse for the Rabun County churches will soon be secured. The Assembly's Executive Committee of Home Missions will provide a loan to enable our securing a house at this time. It is contemplated to sell the manse at Tiger as soon as possible." (op.cit., 10-14-47)

"Our Presbytery has reason to be thankful for the constant activity of Rev. A.M. Moore in the Rabun County Churches. The Moores are now living in a manse at Clayton purchased for the use of the churches of Rabun County." (op.cit., 4-13-48)

"The Constitutional provisions having been met, Athens Presbytery is called by the Synod of Georgia to meet on September 15, 1948 for the purpose of authorizing the disposal of the manse property of the Rabun County Churches and of attending to any matters arising out of the above action." (op.cit., 9-15-48)

There seems to be no further report concerning the consummation of the sale of the Tiger manse, but the sale was carried through as contemplated in the above actions of the Presbytery.

From the Minutes of a Called Meeting of the Presbytery, held at Commerce, March 3, 1949, we quote the following:

"The call was read and found in order as follows:

'We, the undersigned ministers and elders of Athens Presbytery, do hereby petition the Moderator of Athens Presbytery to issue a call for a meeting of the Presbytery as soon as the constitutional requirements have been met; for the purpose of transacting the following business: 1. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. A.M. Moore and the Tiger group of churches and to grant a certificate of dismissal to Tuscaloosa Presbytery. 2. To transact any other business arising from the above.

Signed:

C.E. Bell, G. Fred Smith, Paul Bohn, C.L. Dennis.'

Letters from the Tiger group of churches agreeing to concur with Mr. Moore's request were read to Presbytery. Motion was made and adopted that the pastoral relation between Mr. Moore and the Tiger group of churches be dissolved. Motion was made and adopted that a certificate of dismissal be granted to Tuscaloosa Presbytery. There were many expressions of appreciation for Mr. Moore's work and regret over his leaving the Presbytery."

Mr. and Mrs. Moore are remembered by the people of this church with love and appreciation for their faithful service.

In the Minutes of Athens Presbytery, October 12, 1948, Mr. Dorsey Brown, who was being received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, is spoken of as "student at Toccoa Falls Institute and assistant to Mr. Moore." During the interim between Mr. Moore's leaving, and the beginning of the next pastorate, September 1, 1949, Mr. Brown served as student supply for this church. During the summer of 1949, he conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School, held jointly with the Tiger Methodist Church.

Date: April 2, 1952

L. B. Sibbe, Pastor

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TIGER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1949-1952

On September 1, 1949, Rev. and Mrs. L.B. Gibbs returned to this pastorate. Mr. Gibbs was installed as pastor by a Commission appointed by the Presbytery, which reported as follows:

"The Commission appointed by Presbytery to install Rev. L.B. Gibbs Pastor of the Tiger Church met at the Church on Sunday, Oct. 23, 1949, at 11 A.M., and was organized by the election of Rev. E.L. Hill, Chairman. Present:

Rev. C.P. Phillips, Rev. E.L. Hill, Elder J.N. Hartford.

Rev. C.P. Phillips led the prayer.

Rev. E.L. Hill presided and propounded the Constitutional Questions and preached the sermon and Charged the Pastor.

Elder J.N. Hartford Charged the Congregation.

The service closed with the singing of a hymn and the Benediction.

E.L. Hill, Chairman."

The building proposed for the Tiger Church some years before had never materialized. The funds which had been raised for that purpose were invested in U.S. Government Bonds; the church was still using the one-room building, and some Sunday School classes were meeting in cars. Various possibilities were considered, such as moving the building across the highway to the church lot there, and adding to it; or constructing an entirely new building on that lot. The congregation finally decided, however, to add rooms to the building already in use, making it suitable for Sunday School and other phases of the church's program. A building committee was elected, consisting of: Messrs. William O'Neal, W.R. Ussery, E.C. Kirk, E.G. Watts, Mrs. Zella C. Ramey, with Mr. C.C. Neal as Treasurer and Mr. Gibbs as Chairman. Additional funds were raised, and the building program was carried out at a cost of about \$3500. Five rooms were added to the rear of the church, with one on either side opening into the sanctuary with folding doors, and the other three so constructed that they can be thrown together for any purpose calling for a large room. The actual construction was begun before the end of 1949, but, because of much inclement weather and the difficulty of securing materials, the work went rather slowly for a time, and was not completed until the late spring of 1950. As a part of the improvements on the church, the old part of the building was painted, inside and out, and gas heat was installed. Volunteer labor on the part of the men helped to keep the cost down, and the building stands as a monument to the love and devotion of members and friends of the church. At the dedication service, the congregation gathered for a fellowship supper in the new rooms, and this was followed by a most inspiring address by Dr. Harmon B. Ramsey. At this service, notice was taken of the fact that Rev. D. F. Helm, during his pastorate, had led the way in raising most of the money that was used for these improvements.

In the summer of 1950, a union Daily Vacation Bible School for the community was conducted by the three churches, Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian, and was held in the Presbyterian Church, taxing the capacity of the new rooms.

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1949-1952 continued

During the Religious Education Season in the fall of 1950, the congregation met for one evening each week, for four weeks, for supper and the study of the book "Beside the Hearthstone", by Lapsley. It was felt that this was a most worth while activity, and at the closing session the people proposed and adopted the plan of holding a monthly fellowship supper, to be followed by a program of some sort. This has been maintained regularly, and, with varied program features, has been a most successful part of the church's activity. During the year of 1951-52, we have had, as features of these meetings, the intensive Bible study of the Women of the Church, studies in Presbyterianism, and a report on the Jacksonville Men's Convention, by Mr. Joseph T. Stukes, of Rabun Gap, who had attended that meeting.

In November, 1949, Mrs. L.B. Gibbs, and two daughters, Betty and Julia, and two sons, Leonard and David, were received as members by letter from the Presbyterian Church in Woodstock, Virginia. In October, 1950, following services by the pastor, Miss Carol Watts united with the church on profession of faith. In May, 1951, Rev. Miles C. Wood, pastor of the Carnesville group of churches, preached in a series of evangelistic services in the church for a week. Following this meeting, Messrs. William O'Neal and Robert Cannon were received into the church from Baptist churches, their respective wives already being members of this church. Mrs. Louise Cannon Wilson, a former member of this church who had been living at Commerce, and Robert Burns Gibbs, were received by letter during the year 1951.

The church entertained the Presbytery of Athens for its Stated Fall Meeting, October 10, 1950, and was blessed by the fellowship of the Presbytery and its visitors.

In the winter of 1950-51, the pastor and his wife began a semi-monthly story hour for the children, meeting after dismissal of the public school in the afternoon. Various members of the congregation furnish refreshments, and usually the children play games after the story period. This has been well-attended, and promises to be a fruitful line of endeavor.

The union Daily Vacation Bible School of the community was held in the Baptist Church, June 13-29, 1951, with an enrollment of 101 pupils and 15 staff members. Those who represented the Presbyterian Church were: the pastor; Misses Carol Watts and Marvenia Crawford, of Tiger; Miss Rosemary Prime, of Florida, a grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.B. Prime, members of this church; Mrs. DeWitt Gregory and Mrs. Robert Cannon, both of Tiger.

Two members of the congregation finished college in 1951. Mr. Calvin Watts graduated from Piedmont College, married Miss Dorothy Stonecypher, of Stephens County, and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Miss Betty Gibbs graduated from Montreat College, served as Director of Religious Education in the Presbyterian Church of Rogersville, Tennessee, for a few months, and then married Mr. Robert S. Hawks, a Senior at Hampden-Sydney College, and a candidate for the ministry, under the care of Lexington Presbytery.

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Mr. W.R. Ussery serves faithfully as Superintendent of the Sunday School, and Mrs. Zella C. Ramey as its Treasurer. Mr. E.G. Watts has rendered good service as Treasurer of the Church. Miss May McDowell is President of the Women of the Church for the two-year term, April, 1951--March, 1953.

The church is rendering a useful ministry in the community, and is letting its light shine. Indications are that it has a great opportunity before it, even though it may not be large in membership. So many of the young people leave the community that the church's ministry must consist largely in leading the young people to Christ, training them for a few years, and then sending them out into the world to render their service elsewhere. Recognizing this opportunity, we thank God and take courage.

Date Apr. 2, 1953

L. B. Gibbs
Pastor

Filed May, 1952

(Mrs.) Irene H. Howell, Historian

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History Woman's Auxiliary

1948 - 1949

Auxiliary met at Tiger Presbyterian Church, April 15, 1948.
Mr. Moore taught Bible Lesson. "Study of Exodus" by Dr. Turnbull.

Mrs. Moore had charge of program and gave an interesting talk on work of the church for the coming year.

Miss May McDowell talked on first chapter of "Study of Home Life."

Mrs. Rowe read and discussed article in Survey.

Birthday Meeting in May, 1948 was specially good. Mrs. Moore gave devotional. Carol Watts read a poem, and play "Appointed to Serve" was given by Mesdames Zella Ramey, Rowe, Stroud, and Edith Cannon. A delicious supper was served after the program. A good number of members and Men of Church were present. Offering for Montreat and Assembly's Training School was \$10.00

June, July, August, September, and October Meetings were held at church with regular programs and Bible Lessons. "Study of Exodus" taught by Mr. Moore.

In October, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Bruce Stroud, Mrs. Robert Cannon, and Miss May McDowell went to Group Conference at Nacoochee and had a wonderful day.

The November meeting at Mrs. J. D. Cannon's will be remembered as one of our very best. Each one brought dinner and we had a grand social hour, and such good attendance. At Business Meeting, Mrs. Bruce Stroud was elected president and Mrs. E. G. Watts, reporter.

Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Watts, and Mrs. Stroud gave program. Mr. Moore taught Bible Lesson.

The December meeting was held at church December 16, 1948 with Mrs. Robert Cannon and Mrs. DeWitt Gregory as hostesses and Mrs. Cannon as leader was another "special" with regular program and singing of carols. Carol Watts read "Night Before Christmas" and we all exchanged gifts. Nine members present.

Women of the Church met at church January 20, 1949.

"Pack-a-towel" discussed. Mrs. Stroud read list of things to be put in. Mr. Moore taught Bible lesson. Mrs. Stroud, Miss McDowell, Mrs. Kennedy's, and Mrs. Neal gave programs.

February meeting with Mrs. Watts. "Learning the Uses of Money" discussed by five members. Bible lesson taught Mr. Moore. This being the last meeting Mrs. Moore would be with us, we presented her a pretty vase and gave her a handkerchief shower.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore have been a most faithful couple and it is with regret that we give them up but we trust that they will be very happy in their new home, Cuba, Alabama.

March meeting was at church. Prov. 3:5-6 was read by Mrs. Neal. I Cor. 10:31 by Edith Cannon. "Budgeting Time" was our lesson given by Mrs. Stroud, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Kennedy.

We spent some time making our annual reports.

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History Woman's Auxiliary

1949----1950

After Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Moore left, Mr. Dorsey Brown from Toccoa Falls Institute supplied our church until we could get a regular pastor. He and his wife had been helping with work at Wiley and Tiger and had already endeared themselves to us.

The Browns and Lewises, also from Toccoa Falls, gave our birthday program.

Devotional - "New Every Morning." "The Mercies of God"- Mr. Brown.

"A Trip by Plane"- Mrs. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis

Solo - Mr. Lewis

Marion Gregory brought the birthday cake and all brought supper. The men came to this meeting and added greatly to our pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. ~~M. E.~~ Harper were with us for the first time. Birthday offering was \$7.00

June meeting was at the church. Mrs. Stroud led program, "These Women". Miss May taught Bible lesson studying "Apostles Creed".

July meeting was at Miss May's. Nine members and several children were present. Mrs. Brown made interesting talk on prayer after brief discussion of Presbytery's Home Missions.

The Women of the Church held their meeting at Mr. Roane's August 12, 1949. This was a red letter day in our society. We had our first pastor and wife, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Baker, and our last pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Brown present. Also four of the six charter members of the church; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ussery, Mrs. Baker and Miss McDowell. Mrs. Bruce Stroud called the meeting to order.

Worship Period: "All Hail The Power of Jesus Name."

Scripture: Ephesians 4: 1-6 - Mrs. Baker

Prayer -- Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Zella Ramey read hymn, "Lord, Speak to Me." Mrs. Ramey gave program "Peaceful Change is Possible". Miss McDowell read the eighth chapter of "Confession of Faith" and the fourth chapter of Dr. DuBoiser's book, "We Believe."

During business meeting we looked forward to the coming of our dear Gibbes and planned a shower for them.

The society presented a Bible to Mr. and Mrs. Brown in appreciation of the good work they have done for us in the spring and summer.

The men joined us and we sang "Shall We Gather at the River", and several other hymns, closing with "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." The younger members served punch, sandwiches, and cookies.

September 15, 1949, we welcomed home Mrs. Burns Gibbs.

Mrs. Stroud presided. Mrs. Neal read scripture. Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Stroud presented program "Youth with Christian Convictions". Mrs. Gibbs talked of a friend who went to the Amsterdam Conference and of the Gibbs' work with colored people in Woodstock. Song "Take My Life and Let It Be."

October meeting at home of Mrs. Robert Cannon. Nine members; Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Ussery, Mrs. Stroud, Mrs. O'Neal, Mrs. Cannon and Miss McDowell, and one visitor Mrs. A. E. Skaggs of Portland, Oregon were present.

Mr. Gibbs led prayer and taught Bible Lesson "The Risen Lord." Group Conference at Wiley was planned and the Ladies planned to help Mrs. Gibbs with meals on Installation Sunday.

Program was given by Miss McDowell, Mrs. Neal, and Mrs. Watts. Bible reference; Mrs. Stroud, Mrs. Ussery, Mrs. Skaggs, and Mrs. Gibbs.

Mrs. Cannon served delicious refreshments.

November 1949 at Mrs. Gibbs'. Mrs. Stroud presided; called on Miss May to read prayer. Mrs. Gibbs thanked group for helping with meals on Installation Sunday.

Mr. Gibbs announced that there would be a meeting of the building committee next Sunday.

Mr. Gibbs taught Bible Lesson.

The Home Mission Study Book, "Missions at Grass Roots" was reviewed by Mrs. Robert Cannon, Mrs. W. R. Ussery, Mrs. Stroud and Miss McDowell.

"The Women of the Church" held their Christmas Program at the Manse Friday, December 16, 1949. Mrs. Gibbs led opening prayer. Christmas programs for Sunday School and Foreign Missions Study were planned. One of our good members, Mrs. Doris Cannon, was welcomed home and Mrs. J. V. Pittman, Baptist pastor's wife was welcomed as visitor.

Mrs. Robert Cannon, Secretary of C. E. and M. R., and Mrs. Edgebert Watts led program, "Joy to the World". Mrs. Gibbs was pianist and Mrs. Pittman, song leader.

During social hour the little Pittman girls sang several songs, presents were exchanged, and delicious refreshments served by hostesses, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Ramey, and Mrs. Gibbs.

The Women of the Church held their ~~Jane~~ meeting at church on a very rainy afternoon. Mr. Gibbs taught Bible Lesson, "The Church" from Dr. H. W. DuBoise's book, "We Believe."

Mrs. Neal led program, "One in Christ."

Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Ussery -- readers.

Miss May read an article in "Survey."

February meeting at Miss May's with Mrs. Stroud as co-hostess. Nine members and two visitors, Mrs. Tom Mitchell and Mrs. John Lee Patterson were present.

Song: "I'll Live for Him."

Bible Lesson -- Mr. Gibbs

Devotional -- Mrs. Stroud

"Take Home Pay" -- Miss May.

General Officers elected, new president to appoint chairmen to take place of cause secretaries.

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March, 1950, meeting with Mrs. J. D. Cannon. Mrs. Stroud could not be present because of Mr. Stroud's grandmother's death. Mrs. Watts presided.

Hymn: "What Will You Do With Jesus."

Bible Lesson; "The Life Everlasting" - Mr. Gibbs.

"Why Don't You Change?" - Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Bibbs.

During social hour, Mrs. Cannon served refreshments and the children, Mary Ann Gregory, Norene Cannon, Gary Gregory, and Dennis Cannon added to our pleasure.

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History Women of The Church

1950 - 1951

Officers for 1950-1951 were installed at April meeting at Mrs. Ussery's by Mr. Gibbs.

President: Mrs. E. G. Watts

V-President: Mrs. Robert Cannon

Secretary: Mrs. J. D. Cannon

Treasurer: Miss May McDowell

Historian: Miss May McDowell

Chairman: Spiritual Growth - Mrs. L. B. Gibbs

Chairman: World Missions - Mrs. W. Rr Ussery

Chairman: Christian Church Extension - Mrs. DeWitt

Chairman: Education - Mrs. Robert Cannon

Chairman: Annuities and Relief - Mrs. Bruce Stroud

Chairman: Stewardship - Mrs. C. C. Neal

Special Causes - Mrs. Zella Ramey

Social Activities - Mrs. Stroud, Mrs. Ussery, Mrs. O'Neal, Mrs. Ramey, Mrs. E. C. Kirk, and Mrs. Gibbs.

Mrs. Zella Ramey made some very attractive year books which have been useful.

Flower committees were appointed each month to put flowers in church.

Mrs. Gibbs taught Bible Lessons for year.

We had every meeting and used program material. Attendance fairly good.

The new Sunday Schools rooms were dedicated May 11, 1950. Speaker - Dr. Ramsey from First Church, Athens. Other visitors: Mrs. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Yarn, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Philp, Mr. and Mrs. Crumley, Mrs. Perteet, Mr and Mrs. Ben Hollifield. Women of Church served bountiful meal.

At the May meeting we had program on Tex-Mex and gave offering to that school. Members of "Women of the Church" assisted members of other churches in serving refreshments to Bible School children and helped Mrs. Gibbs with used clothing sale. Some canned fruit and vegetables for Thornwell, others gave money.

Mrs. Wilson Shaw and Mrs. George Weatherley were with us several times this year. Mrs. Weatherley gave program at Mrs. Zella Ramey's in August.

During Religious Education month, September, Mr. Gibbs taught "Beside the Hearth Stone" and women served supper on these four nights. The men enjoyed it so much that we decided to have monthly suppers.

In October we had Presbytery meet at Tiger Church and women served picnic dinner to about 60 people. We enjoyed Presbytery so much.

On November 8, Mr. Gibbs taught Home Missions Study, "The Changing South," and women served supper. Group Conference met at Wiley, October 27, 1950.

On November 16, Wiley Women of the Church and Tiger Methodist Women were our guests. We were indeed fortunate in having two missionaries speak to us: Miss Frazer spoke on China -- Miss Gardner on Japan.

At December meeting we started a local fund to be used to send cards to sick or bereaved or anyway needed. Mrs. Robert Cannon led program, "Come Let Us Adore Him." Mrs. Shaw gave Scripture reading.

During social hour gifts were exchanged and refreshments served.

The Women of the Church held meeting at Mrs. W. R. Ussery's, January 18, 1951, Mrs. Bruce Stroud as co-hostess. Ten members present.

Mrs. Stroud, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Shaw, and Mrs. Ussery presented the World Mission Program.

This being Mrs. Robert Cannon's birthday, the hostesses arranged cake with lighted candles on lace covered dining table and as we entered sang "Happy Birthday" to Mrs. Cannon; and was she surprised!

February meeting at church, eight present. Mrs. Neal had charge of program, "Each Reach One."

March Bible Lesson, "Paul's Prayers" - Mrs. Gibbs
Reports of all officers.

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WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

1950-51

List of Officers:

President
Vice President
Secretary
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Historian

Mrs. E. G. Watts, Tiger, Georgia
Mrs. Robert Cannon, Tiger, Georgia
Mrs. J. D. Cannon, Tiger, Georgia
Miss Mae McDowell, Clayton, Georgia
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Chairmen:

Mrs. L. B. Gibbs, Clayton, Georgia
Mrs. W. R. Ussery, Clayton, Georgia
Mrs. Marian Gregory, Tiger, Georgia
Mrs. Robert Cannon, Tiger, Georgia
Mrs. Bruce Stroud, Tiger, Georgia
Mrs. C. C. Neal, Tiger, Georgia
Mrs. Zella Ramey, Tiger, Georgia
Mrs. Bruce Stroud, Tiger, Georgia

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Women Of The Church

1951 - 1952

Officers for the Year:

President - Miss May McDowell
V-President- Mrs. Robert Cannon
Secretary - Mrs. L. B. Gibbs
Treasurer - Mrs. W. R. Ussery

Chairmen same as last year.

Bible Study for year: Ten Commandments - Mrs. Gibbs, program.

April meeting at church; "Higher Education," presented by Mrs. Stroud, Mrs. Robert Cannon, Mrs. Ussery, and Mrs. Neal.
Mrs. Gibbs taught Bible.

May Birthday Party at Miss McDowell's. Members present - nine, and nine visitors.

Mrs. Ussery, chairman of World's Mission presented Mr. Gibbs who talked on "How Wide is the Pattern". Offering to help African Women to become better Christians and have better homes.

June meeting poorly attended, no program except "Do your Tolerate Substitutes", Second Commandment by Mrs. Gibbs.

July 12, 1951: Meeting at church presented by Bible School teachers; Misses Rosemary Prime, Louise Ware, Dorothy Fricks, Mrs. Calvin Watts and Mrs. Gibbs. Splendid program on "Time in Costume." This program was repeated for Rabun Gap-Nacoochee Group at Mrs. Hemphill's summer home on Chechero.

August 1951: "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated."
Meeting out under trees; Edith Cannon leader.
Topic: "Christian Women's Money."
Bible: "Do you protectt the Sabbath", by Mrs. Gibbs.
Five women and Stephen Cannon present.

September 13, 1951: Six present
Song: "The Church's One Foundation".
"Is Our Church Christian" - Mrs. Stroud
Bible Lesson: "Do you honor your parents?" - Mrs. Gibbs.
Survey Article: "Church Loyalty" - Mrs. Watts.

Oct. 18, 1951: Mrs. DeWitt Gregory gave devotional and led program, Mrs. Ussery and Miss McDowell assisting.
Bible Lesson:
Group Conference announced at Homer, October 26. Mrs. Gibbs and Miss May went.

November 15, 1951: Home Mission Study

This was a dinner meeting and very much enjoyed by all present. We had several guests: Mrs. Crumley from Wiley; Mrs. Julia Shirley and Mrs. Philp and Betty Philp from Rabun Gap; Mrs. Yarn from Clayton Methodist and Mrs. Massee from Clayton Baptist.

Mrs. DeWitt Gregory, chairman of Church Extension, was in charge of program.

Miss May gave devotional.

Mrs. Philp sang.

Mrs. Edith Cannon, Mrs. Ussery, Mrs. Della Watts, Miss Betty Philp, Mrs. Crumley, Mrs. Yarn and Mrs. Massee reviewed the Home Mission Study book.

December 13, 1951: Mrs. Neal was with us after five months absence because of a broken hip.

Edith Cannon led program "She Feareth Not the Snow."

Bible Lesson, 8th Commandment, by Mrs. Gibbs.

We planned to give two Christmas gifts, one to Mrs. Neal who has been a shut-in so long, and one to Mrs. Kirk who has been so very faithful in keeping the church.

January 1952: World Mission program at church by Mrs. Ussery, Mrs. Watts, and Mrs. Neal.

Bible Lesson- 9th Commandment, by Mrs. Gibbs.

The ladies are making baby dresses to be sent to Africa.

Mr. Gibbs is teaching "James" at church suppers, January, February, and March.

February, 1952: A small number met at church. Mrs. E. G. Watts led program, "Some Ready-Made Patterns".

Mrs. Gibbs taught Bible Lesson, The Tenth Commandment.

In March we plan to have "Creative Designs" and work on Annual Reports.

Signed, Miss May McDowell, Historian

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(Mrs.) May H. McDowell Historian
Women of the Church
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1952 - 1953

HISTORY WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

OFFICERS

President-----Miss May McDowell
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Historian-----Miss May McDowell

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Stewardship-----Mrs C C Neal
Assembly's Special Causes-----Mrs E G Watts

Our Bible study was Colossians, taught by Mrs Gibbs at regular meetings and "The Holy Spirit Today", taught by Mrs Gibbs, at monthly Church Supper Meetings.

Miss Lilian Medlin, who worked in Rabun County in the early summer, led our April and June meetings. In April she gave a sketch of Martin Luther, and in June showed picture "The Story of Our Bible." Miss Medlin endeared herself to all who knew her while she was with us, and we will be more interested in her work in all parts of Georgia for having known her.

The best meeting of the year was the Birthday Party with the Rabun Gap Women of the Church. A large number of women from all Presbyterian churches in the Rabun County group and several visitors drove to Rabun Gap where we met Mr Philp who took us by bus on a scenic drive up Betty's Creek to the Happ's place, "Happ'N'So", where we were greeted by Mrs Hemphill, president of Rabun Gap Women of the Church. We had a splendid program and all enjoyed the lovely outdoor meeting in this beautiful setting.

We studied "Lives of Protestant Leaders" and the Survey at our meetings. Passed around "Frontiers of Hope" by Charles Gibboney for our Home Mission Study. Reviewed "Led in Triumph" by Ethel Taylor Wharton at our February meeting, then passed the book around for members to read.

We are looking forward to a visit with two old friends, Mr and Mrs Hoyt Miller, missionaries to Africa now on furlough. Mr Miller and his family once spent a summer in Tiger with his brother Dr P D Miller, who was pastor of the Presbyterian Church at that time.

We bought the Home Mission Study books for Primaries and Beginners, and Mrs Ussery and Mrs Wilson taught them in Sunday School and let children take books home to read.

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Twenty copies of Day by Day were distributed among the members each quarter. Several members subscribe to the Christian Observer and to the Presbyterian Survey.

We met our quota of twelve baby dresses for White Cross.

Our gifts to all benevolences amounted to \$46.93. Current expenses \$21.49.

Attendance has been good throughout the year, showing an increase of interest in the work. Two of our oldest members did not miss a meeting and two others missed only one.

Signed May McDowell
Historian, Women of the Church
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HISTORY OF WOMEN OF THE CHURCH
1953

Mr. L. B. Gibbs, our pastor, has given the Bible Study throughout the year, with Mr. Robert Barron as substitute at one of our meetings.

The April meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Sailing, our new member from Florida. Mrs. E. G. Watts and Mrs. Zella Ramey gave the program.

In May we had the Birthday Party at Tiger. Representatives from Wiley, Clayton, Rabun Gap and Tiger were present. Rabun Gap had charge of the program. Offering for Tiger was \$6.00.

June meeting was with Mrs. L. B. Gibbs. Some of the Clayton members were visitors. Mrs. Hemphill and Miss Lillian Medlin gave the program.

Mrs. Hemphill asked us to meet at her home, "Breezy Lodge", in July. Mrs. Ray, a visitor, gave the program. Mr. Barron taught the Bible lesson. There were several visitors present.

In August we had a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. William O'Neal. A good number of members and several visitors were present. One visitor, Mrs. Helen Winchell, sang, and another, Miss Fant, gave the program on "Time and Talents".

September--Miss May McDowell--hostess
Mrs. Bruce Alter--speaker
Mr. Gibbs--Bible teacher

October--Mrs. W. R. Ussery--hostess
Mrs. Hemphill--speaker, "Church Extension is News"

The group presented Mrs. C. C. Neal with a beautiful bedspread as a Golden Wedding and going away gift. Mrs. Neal has been one of our most faithful members for a good many years and we will miss her very much. We hope she will be happy in Demorest near her daughter-in-law.

In November we had a covered dish dinner at Mrs. Hemphill's, after which Mrs. Brown from Rabun Gap reviewed the Home Mission Study Book, "Jacob's Ladder". Mrs. Gibbs asked some of the women to give high lights of the Group Conference at Helen, and announced that we would have it at Tiger next fall.

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Mrs. Ussery, Chairman of Annuities and Relief, planned to have a Christmas and Sunday School program combined on Wednesday night before Christmas but owing to sickness could not have a full program. Had carol singing, Bible reading and Joy Gift offering of \$10.00.

Offering for year totaled \$82.92.

OFFICERS OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH
1953

President	Mrs. L. B. Gibbs
Vice-President	Mrs. DeWitt Gregory
Secretary	Mrs. E. G. Watts
Treasurer	Mrs. W. R. Ussery
Historian	Miss Mae McDowell

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Christian Education	Mrs. C. C. Neal
Annuities and Relief	Mrs. W. R. Ussery
Stewardship	Mrs. Robert Cannon
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Signed:

Mae McDowell
1953 Historian

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HISTORY OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH 1954

The Tiger Women of the Church have enrolled in the town and church Development Program which is sponsored by Emory University and the Sears, Roebuck Foundation. Our members generously and wholeheartedly entered into the project.

Much has been done during the year. A very attractive pulpit, a new entrance to the sanctuary, finishing the new floors and seats to the entire building, tables for the classrooms, beautifying the church grounds with shrubbery, flowers, and cleaning up a community flower plot, are all among the accomplishments of the Tiger Church.

The Tiger Women also met at the Church and had mission study, the book being Where E'er the Seen, presented by the Reverend L. B. Gibbs. The Clayton Women met with us. Before the presentation of the study book we enjoyed a covered dish supper and social hour together. We also made a woolen quilt; we sent it to a hospital in Korea.

We met at the manse for a spend-the-day party, covered dish dinner, and to finish the quilt.

Twelve dresses were made and sent in for White Cross Work. Miss Mae McDowell was in charge of this committee and did a good job of it.

A Christmas box of small gifts was sent to Quitman, Georgia.

Mr. Gibbs has been our Bible teacher with Mrs. Gibbs substituting. We have used the Presbyterian Womens Workbook, the survey and all other material suitable to a very small group, in addition to the World Mission studybook, Where E'er the Sun.

At the county wide Birthday Party at Rabun Gap Nacoochee School in May, we met in the Addie Richie Dining Hall to celebrate the 42nd anniversary of the birthday of the Women of the Church.

Mrs. Robert Cannon gave the devotional, Romans 10-11-15; Mrs. Watts and daughter, Carol, prepared a display table on "Indian work and mountain mission work." This working in with the program movie, "Now and Tomorrow".

At our July meeting, Mrs. Bertha Hasale, a former school teacher and Christian worker in our Church and Sunday School and women's work, visited friends and gave a wonderful program on the Congo. For the social hour we drove to Rabun Gap School and enjoyed a barbecue dinner given by the Men of the Church.

Our group of group of women sponsored the Christmas program, following the annual church supper. Contributions were taken for Joy Gift, and overseas relief.

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Officers of Women of the Church

President - - Mrs. Robert Cannon
Vice-President-- Mrs. Dewitt Gregory
Secretary - - Miss Mae McDowell
Treasurer - - Mrs. W. R. Ussery
Historian - - Mrs. E. G. Watts

Committee Chairman

Spiritual Growth	Mrs. L. B. Gibbs
World Missions	Mrs. W.R. Ussery
Church Extension	Mrs. Bruce Stroud
Christian Education	Mrs. Dewitt Gregory
Stewardship	Mrs. E. G. Watts
General Funds Agencies	Mrs. Salenger

Signed

January 20th
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Mrs E. G. Watts
HISTORIAN

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HISTORY OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH 1955

The year 1955 leaves us with few members left in the Presbyterian Church here at Tiger. Some have moved away and some have gone to Hemphill Memorial Presbyterian Church at Clayton. Mrs. W. R. Ussery, one of our charter members who has been living in Clayton for some time, has changed her membership to that church.

We shall miss her very much and our loss is their gain for she is a true Christian and an active worker in the church.

We have the same officers as last year (1954) and there is a very small group of us. We have used some program material but not all; however we have had all Bible lessons, taught by either our pastor, Mr. Gibbs, or by Mrs. Gibbs

We have our mission study books presented. We have finished White Cross quota, being ten children's dresses. One of the highlights of the year's work was our Women of the Church entertaining District Conference of the Women of the Church of Athens Presbytery in April. Mrs. Robert Cannon, President, welcomed the visitors. Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Ussery were on the decorating committee for this meeting.

We attended the county wide Presbyterian Women of the Church Birthday Program at Clayton in May.

The annual Christmas supper party and tree was celebrated again this year. A gift box was sent to a 13 year old boy at Thornwell.

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Mrs E. G. Watts
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Tiger-Wiley, 1978-1987

For the first half of 1978, this two-church field was served by Temporary Supply ministers. In August of that year, Rev. Charles M. Gibbs, Jr. became Stated Supply, and served in that capacity through June, 1985. In August, 1985, Rev. Robert W. Bevis became Temporary Supply and was installed as Pastor, February 23, 1986. He still serves in that capacity at the end of 1987.

Tiger - This, the first Presbyterian church organized in Rabun County (September, 1922), is now, at the end of 1987, the smallest in active membership. There is a faithful nucleus in the church, who attend worship and Sunday School regularly, and maintain the building and grounds in excellent condition. With the help of friends who attend in the summer, they have recently fully equipped a kitchen in the educational part of the building. The size of the congregation has decreased because so many of its young people, having become fitted for useful occupations, have gone elsewhere to work. The attendance increases in the summer and the church will enroll some who come regularly as affiliate members. The church gives generously to the benevolent program of the Church; to capital fund drives; and to special calls, as Hunger Offering and the Joy Gift. Its request for Presbytery's aid on the pastor's salary for 1988 has been decreased from the amount for 1987. The church is incorporated. The active membership, December 31, 1987, is 22.

Wiley - Under the leadership of Mr. Bevis, the church has become more active, with congregational committees, and every member of the church assigned to one of four Congregational Care and Support Groups. The list of accomplishments from July, 1986, through December, 1987 is: new roof on church building and Fellowship Hall; new ceiling in the sanctuary; both buildings painted inside and out; new parking lot; new organ; new hymnals; new pew Bibles; rotary system for the Session; incorporation of the church; net gain of seventeen members; publication of a cookbook by the Women of the Church.

As there are a number of summer visitors attending regularly, some of these have become affiliate members. The active membership of the church has decreased its request for Presbytery's aid on the pastor's salary for 1988.

This history was written by the Rev. Mr. L. B. Gibbs of Clayton, Georgia, now retired, and an early worker in the Rabun County field.