

D A R I E N C H U R C H

S A V A N N A H P R E S B Y T E R Y

INTRODUCTION

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Darien, Georgia, on May 2nd, 1897 requested its clerk (John G. Legare) to prepare an historical sketch of our church, under the direction of, and subject to the approval of the Session.

The Darien Church having been independent originally the Presbyterial Records do not account for its origin, so its origin is somewhat a matter of doubt as the early records fell into the hands of children (while the book was lent to a friend) and not knowing its value mutilated it, by tearing off a part of the record containing the account of the establishment of the church at Darien and some names of early members (This was in 1861-68?). Having used such information open to us, we have endeavored to make this sketch as accurate as possible.

"The Presbytery of Georgia embraced all the territory to the west of the Savannah River and and south of Brooks County. The following churches comprised this group: Midway, First Church of Augusta, St. Augustine, Darien, St. Marys.

Dr. McWhir soon after declining the call of the Augusta Church commenced his labors at Sunbury and Springfield and in 1809 commenced preaching in the Court House in McIntosh County where he succeeded in organizing a church subsequently transferred to Darien (Gillett). The Court House at this time being situated just south of Sapelo Bridge, 12 miles from Darien and was removed to Darien about 1820. Reasons for the removal was on part of page torn from record.

The first record of Sessions is as follows: Dec. 12, 1821. Session met, all members excepting Gen. McIntosh present. At this meeting it was resolved that Presbytery be requested to attend to

the Ordination of the elders, namely Messrs. Rees and Kell, and install the pastor, Rev. S. S. Davis, (This was in Mr. Rees's writing - Signed F. A. Goulding, Oct. 30, 1869).

The Acts of the Legislature of Georgia for 1820 show that the Church was incorporated "The Independent Presbyterian Church of Darien, Ga., Dec. 13th, 1820.

This charter declares John Kell, Wm. Carnochan, Ebenezer Rees, Jonothan Sawyer, Roswell King, Anson Kimberley and Chas. Champagne and their successors in office: "A body corporate under the laws of Georgia by and under the name of Trustees of the Independent Pres. Ch. of Darien." This act requires that on the first Monday in each year the congregation shall meet and elect five trustees to serve the ensuing year." This charter was amended May 16 1821 by changing the name to, "First Pres. Ch. of City of Darien." As we see the church organized by Rev. McWhir in 1809 was removed to Darien in 1820.

We find on Apr. 13, 1822 that John Kell was to attend Presbytery at Midway Meeting House.

About this time Wm. King was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry and sent to Princeton College to pursue his studies.

In May 1824 there was a revival and gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Harris Neck in this County brought about by the preaching of a Methodist brother Rev. McVail. There were 25 additions to this church, one member by request being immersed!

In Nov. 1825 Presbytery censured the Church for not being represented at its session This church made "Such a dignified response for non-attendance that Presbytery almost apologized!

On Jan. 6, 1827 the death of Gen. John McIntosh is recorded, and March 26, the death of James Nephew, and on Nov. 17, 1827 the death of John Kell. Three elders out of 4 in 12 months!

On Feb. 17, 1828 there were elected elders: Donald McDonald, Thomas King and Bayard E. Hand.

The Church at this time stood where the Ford Motor Co. now stands (1941). The present site of the Church was then occupied by the McIntosh Academy.

Records of 1829 show a Presbyterian Church at Harris Neck considered a branch of Darien Church.

On May 12, 1831, Mr. Thomas Law was required to satisfy Session "as to report of his having married a couple."

On May 13, 1831 death claimed Mr. Donald McDonald and on March 17, 1833 a member was publicly excommunicated. A general treatise on "worldly amusements" gives an idea as to the ex-communication.

On Jan. 25, 1835 Mr. Henry Atwood was elected elder, and a negro woman received into the Church.

April 2, 1840 "the congregation and pwe-holders deplore the severing of the pastorate of Rev. N. A. Pratt, a beloved pastor.

The Methodist Church seems to have been organized at this time as several members were dismissed to the church.

July 19, 1842 Ebenezer Reese passed to his reward at the Ridge.

On Dec. 5, 1856 Rev. Francis R. Goulding became 7th pastor and served until its disintegration in 1862 when he moved to Roswell, Ga., where he died. It is said that "The Young Marooners" was written while he was in Darien.

We find during 1856-57 a colored minister Joseph Williams "A

most worthy man, a member of this Church) preaching most effectively. Many were added to the Church. Later we find five negroes admitted to this Church. Evidently, Ebenezer Church must have been organized for colored people as it seems to have had no white members.

Jan. 27, 1860 Session met at Elder William J. King's home at Harris Neck, he being confined to bed (He died 8 days later).

May 14, 1861 Mr. Goulding recorded 59 white members 61 colored - in all 120 members. He also records this: The last service in the Presbyterian Church in Darien was held Mch. 9, 1862 under the pastorate of Rev. F. R. Goulding. Ere the next Sabbath the community was scattered by the approach of the enemy, who soon burned every church and dwelling except the Methodist Ch. which was saved by accident." He concludes thus "God bless the Darien Church and cause that she being dead may yet speak through the savor of her good name."

Mr. Goulding laments in 1869 the church's extinction but God in His providence ordered otherwise as we can now testify.

In 1870 (Jan. 31) Presbytery sent a son of the Church baptized in 1823 to re-organize it, Rev. C. B. King. A meeting was held at the Methodist Church on the Ridge on Sunday Jan 30, 1870 and the following former members were called upon to present themselves: Mr. T. P. Pease, Mr. George Faires, Mr. L. E. B. DeLorme, Mrs. T. P. Pease, Mrs. Faires, Mrs. Eveline Blount, Mrs. A. J. Blount. Communion was held "the elements" distributed to some 22 communicants, some of other churches.

Those who could, handed in their letters of dismissal to the Clerk of Session, Mr. T. P. Pease, Rev. John Quarterman to supply the newly organized Church.

In 1874 it was determined to build a church and a committee appointed to solicit funds for the purpose.

Jan. 16, 1876, Rev. A. B. Curry became pastor of the Church. Early in 1875 R. K. Walker, Walter A. Way and Edmund Blount were elected by the congregation "as a committee charged with the duty of building a church. This building was finished early in 1876 at a cost of \$4100.00. The lot upon which it stood given by Mr. J. H. McIntosh, upon condition it be used for a church.

July 18, 1878 Elder T. P. Pease was claimed by death. In year 1883 the Manse was built at a cost of \$3036.63. This building committee was Robt. Mitchell, Adam Strain, George Faires, R. K. Walker and Henry Todd.

In 1883 the colored church, "Grant Chapel" was begun. It was finished in 1894.

On Feb. 8, 1885 Rev. James Bradshaw became pastor. During his pastorate considerable missionary work in this county was done. At Manchester belonging to the Atwood family. Preaching was held once a month here for several years.

Rev. N. Keff Smith became pastor Oct. 25, 1889. In 1890 Henry Todd, a wealthy colored man, not a member of our church, but of the congregation, died leaving this church \$2140 being 10% of his estate. With this money the Trustees bought lot No. 111 of the City of Darien with the improvements thereon for \$1875.00 and lots 118 and 119 where the Church stood before War and several other pieces of property.

During 1890 the Assembly chairs were bought for \$375.00.

On Oct. 11, 1891 the Church employed Candidate J. D. Taylor "To more effectively reach the colored people." In 1892 the colored church was organized. It was first called "Second Presbyterian Church" later changed to "Grant Chapel for a very worthy colored member of our Church, John Grant who died in 1887.

On Feb. 7, 1892 Ebenezer Church was organized at Crescent by order of Presbytery. By this we lost 16 members among them "one of our most generous, sincere and useful Elders: R. K. Walker "who had spent thousands of dollars for the benefit of our Church and the cause of the Church at large and to whom we are most indebted for our Church and Manse buildings". This was not a successful venture as a church.

For six months the Church in Darien was without a pastor but preaching services were conducted by officers until 1894 when Rev. T. M. Hunter became pastor.

On Oct. 2, 1898 Darien and community was visited by a terrific storm and tidal wave and several of the most liberal members were so financially crippled that the Church suffered accordingly.

On July 6, 1899 our beautiful Church was entirely destroyed by fire, catching from a building 200 feet away. It was insured for \$2000. This was collected without difficulty. The seats, pulpit, organ and other furnishings were saved. Steps were immediately taken to rebuild. The elders and deacons met in the Knights of Pythias Hall on July 7 and made the following recommendations:

First: Session call a meeting of congregation in the Methodist Church on the Ridge on Sunday July 9th.

Second: That steps be taken to rebuild immediately.

Third: That Thomas A. Baily, John G. Legare and Albert E. Dimmock be elected building committee, with full power to act for the congregation.

Fourth: Our Methodist brethren having kindly tendered us the use of their church buildings, both in Darien and on the Ridge, that their offer be thankfully accepted and the community thanked for expressions of sympathy and proffers of financial aid.

The Congregation met on July 9 and adopted all recommendations and added James Walker and W. S. Mallard to building committee.

It was at first decided to replace the building with wood, so as to as nearly resemble the old structure but later plans were made for a concrete, slate-roofed building. Almost immediately \$1000 was subscribed. The Committee employed Architect Laine of Atlanta. Work was not begun until Dec. 11, 1899. On Feb. 4, 1900 Elder James Walker resigned, a great misfortune!

Our Methodist bretheren furnished us freely with buildings in which to worship. May the Lord reward them! Rev. Lynn is termed a faithful pastor and acceptable preacher beloved by his people."

Lastly we feel we have the blessing and presence of the Triune God blessing the misfortunes to our spiritual edification.

May the members of our Zion ever "Take pleasure in her stones and honor the dust thereof":

May the God of the Covenant ever bless and care for this vine of His own planting and make this Church perfect in every good work.

MINISTERS OF THE DARIEN CHURCH

William McWhir	1809	Henry K. Rees (Supply)	1852
Samuel Davis	1820-1822	N. H. Sloat "	1853
John Joyce	1823-1825	James T. Waite "	1854
Nathaniel A. Pratt	1826-1840	Rodney Dennis	1854-1856
John Winn	1840-1843	Francis R. Goulding	1856-1862
John Jones	1844-1847		

THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES!

PASTORS OF THE RE-ORGANIZED CHURCH JAN. 31, 1870

John Quarterman	1870-1874	L. R. Lynn	1899-1901
J. W. Montgomery (supply)	1874	N. Keff Smith	1901-1908
R. W. Way "	1875	W. S. Milne	1908-1911
Albert B. Curry (Pastor)	1876-1877	S. G. Hutton	1912-1913
Henry F. Hoyt "	1878-1879	M. E. Peabody	1914-1917
Albert B. Curry	1879-1883	F. C. Gray	1918-1918
J.D.A. Brown (supply)	1884	John C. Blackburn	1918-1920
James N. Bradshaw (pastor)	1885-1889	J. W. Smith	1921-1921
N. Keff Smith "	1889-1892	F. M. Baldwin	1922-1938
A.S. Vaughan (supply)	1893	John S. Steele	1938-1940
W. O. Grace "	1893	Charles Spencer	1941-1941
Thomas M. Hunter (Pastor)	1894-1897	R. O. Wright	1942-1942
Lucius R. Lynn "	1898	Edward Beale	1942-1943

John Girardeau Legare,

Clerk of Session,

Darien, Georgia, Aug. 3rd, 1897.

J. Lewis Russell

Hoga Smith
Rev Roy E. Watkins

1949-1950

1951-1957

1958 -

1903-85
Mrs. Chappin
from book

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Darien, Ga.

The First Presbyterian Church of Darien, was established according to record (the history of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.--Gillette) in 1802.

Stacy calls it the "Mother of Presbyterianism in Georgia. Gillette says: "Dr/ McWhir, after declining the call of the Augusta Church commenced his labors at Sunbury and Springfield, Georgia, and in 1809, began preaching in the Court House in McIntosh County, where he succeeded in organizing a church". The Court house was at this time near the present site of Eulonia, on the Coastal Highway.

Dr. McWhir was pastor of the churches of Bryan, Liberty and McIntosh, until 1820, after which he began his labors in Darien, remaining until 1837.

In 1862, or thereabouts, the church was destroyed by fire being rebuilt in 1874, when it was moved to its present site which was given by Mr. James McIntosh. This lot was originally used by the old McIntosh Academy but after the church burned it was decided to rebuilt on this spot, where it has since stood.

In 1900, the church was again burned and in the same year reconstruction of the present building was commenced and in July 1901, it was dedicated by Dr. Albert B. Curry---a former pastor.

Just when the Woman's Society was organized is not known, but it is believed to be the first organization of Presbyterian women in the Savannah Presbytery. When the church was burned in the sixties, these loyal women banded themselves together to help rebuilt it.

Mrs. Theodore Pease, was the first President; Mrs. Edmond Blount Vice President and Mrs. Walter Way, Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Forte was the oldest of thirty-two members and these women were instrumental in raising nearly \$4,000, towards the church fund besides buying the furniture at a cost of \$175.00. This was saved when the church was burned in 1900, and is still in use.

The present Auxiliary was organized in 1923, its first President being Mrs. F.M. Baldwin; Vice President Mrs. L.M. Bearler; Secretary, Mrs. D. L. Whitesides; Treasurer Mrs. C.R. Walker. For many years prior to this, two good women, Mrs. L. M. Bealer and Mrs. C.O.S. Mallard would meet and sew, in order to hold the "Ladies Aid" together. Societies were formed at different times but it was not until it became an Auxiliary that it has really functioned as it should. The present officers are Mrs. Bealer, President; Mrs. N.G. Haynes, Vice President; Mrs. D.L. Whitesides, Secretary, and Mrs. C.R. Walker, Treasurer. From this church, has gone Miss Julia Walker who is a Home Missionary in the mountains of North Carolina. Miss Walker began her work under Dr. Guerrant in Kentucky, working there several years. Since then she has been engaged in working among the mountain people of North Carolina, going to places which are unable pay a worker. As soon as she establishes the work in one locality she goes to another place and begins over again. She truly "endures hardness as a true soldier of Jesus Christ". Miss Walker is now in Ingalls, North Carolina.

The Darien church has started numbers of young ministers in the work, - among them being Rev. J. Q. Quarterman; Dr. Albert B. Curry; Dr. T. M. Hunter and Dr. L. R. Lynn, now President of Thornwell Orphanage.

The present Pastor, Rev. F. M. Baldwin is accomplishing outstanding results with the young people in his field. He is their beloved Bible Teacher and, being keenly alive to the advantage of young people's conferences, sees to it that many of his church, young people, attend both the State and the Presbytery's conferences.

DARIEN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

From the church records it appears that there was a Sunday School as early as 1804. There are no Sunday School records until 1879. It must have been re-organized in 1876, as this question is in church records for that year. Have the Elders visited the Sunday School during the past month?

First record of a Superintendent 1879, 1880, L. B. Davis, and James Walker, Assistant. There was a colored Sunday school in 1880 under the care of the white church. R.K. Walker, Superintendent and J. G. Legars, Assistant, elected October 17, 1880, served until 1889.

In 1889, T. S. Quarterman resigned and A.E. Dimmock was put in his place, serving until 1901. Resigned as he was moving to Valdosta.

In 1892, the colored church was organized as a separate church and sessions minutes' show that in 1897 the Darien Church was aiding them financially.

David Sinclair elected in 1901, served until 1903.

C. R. Walker elected in 1903, serving until the present time, 1935.

HISTORY OF MANSE.

The Manse has no special history. It is a modern frame building, on land donated by the McIntosh's.

AN AMUSING ACCOUNT OF THE RE-BUILDING OF THE CHURCH - EARLY SEVENTIES

I am told that before the War Between the States, the Presbyterian Church of Darien was situated upon the lot just across Highway 17 from the County Jail. This building was burned when Col. Shaw's negro troops were ordered to entirely destroy Darien in the March to the Sea!

When in the seventies the struggling group decided to use the lot given by Gen. McIntosh for a "female seminary." This is the lot upon which the present church stands.

Miss Maggie Bailey told me these facts.

"When the church was being rebuilt, the loyal women banded themselves together to help in this undertaking. They made money by selling ice-cream and giving chicken suppers so that the joke was "the Presbyterian Church was built by chicken suppers and ice-cream which was sold while Court was in session - ice cream was a novelty in these days and it sold well.

Mrs. Theodore Pease as president and Mrs. Edmund Blount, V. Pres. of (as far as we know) the first Woman's Auxiliary of the church. Mrs. Walter Way was secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Forte was the oldest of the 32 members, who were instrumental in raising \$4,000! They also bought the pulpit desk and chairs at a cost of \$175." These are treasured furnishings of the present church.

Emma Legare Whitesides

(Signed) Emma L. Whitesides.

(SESSION RECORD)

"On Sept. 2, 1900 our new church building, just finished, was dedicated to the service of God today by our former beloved Pastor, Rev. A. B. Currie, who was assisted by Pastor L. R. Lynn, and Pastor McCollough of the Methodist Church. A large congregation of our brethren of the Methodist and Episcopal churches joined us, by invitation of Session, in this service.

Hereafter all services will be held in our own Church (we have been using one of the Methodist buildings). This new building occupies the site of the old church, a wooden structure, recently destroyed by fire. Our new building is of tabby concrete with a slate roof, given by a former member, Mrs. Augusta Pease of Florida."

The metal from the old bell was re-cast and due to the efforts of a committee, headed by S. Axson Way this bell was restored to the building, money for the expense raised by voluntary contribution of friends of all denominations in the community.

The pulpit desk and chairs are those saved from the old church. A new organ (reed) was presented by Arthur Konetzko in memory of mother, a German, who lived and died here.

Dr. Currie's dedicatory sermon was from Psalm 24-7 "Lift up your heads O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in."

Mrs. P. S. Clark and Mrs. Florence Lachlison were featured in a beautiful duet.

DARIEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1736 - 1949

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In celebration of the bi-centennial of the Presbyterian Church of Darien Georgia, April 14, 1936, the Rev. Arthur M. Martin, Pastor of Eastern Heights Presbyterian Church Savannah, gave an address: "Ancient Landmarks of Calvinism in America", of which the following sketch is a part.

After the address Dr. A. L. Patterson, knowing the amount of research required, moved a rising vote of thanks be accorded the author.

These facts have been assembled by the church historian, Mrs. D. L. Whitesides, and typed, as a loving service by Miss Lillie S. West.



A SKETCH OF THE DARIEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A colony of 177 Scottish Highlanders embarked at Inverness Scotland Oct. 18, 1735, bound for a new world. James Oglethorpe, founder of Georgia, had sent for them to defend the southern frontier against Spanish invasion.

In January of 1736 they took their stand on the north bank of the Altamaha River by the site of Fort George. They named their settlement "Darien", in memory of the ill-fated colony of Scots in Panama and defiance to the Spanish who had destroyed the Isthmian Darien.

The colony was led by John McIntosh, mahr, whose name the county now bears - McIntosh.

Later the town was called New Inverness, and the district took the name of Darien.

These Highlanders brought with them their minister from Scotland, Rev. John McLeod, a native of the Isle of Skye.

Among the first buildings erected was a chapel for divine worship. Here the first Presbyterian congregation in Georgia worshipped under the leadership of the first Presbyterian minister.

This we consider the beginning of Presbyterianism in Georgia.

These stalwart Highlander defenders of the frontier were destined for a hard struggle. The border wars with the Spanish, and the Battle of Fort Moosa (1740) (near St. Augustine) in particular greatly decimated their numbers. In 1741, after controversy with the Colonial government, Rev. John McLeod moved to South Carolina.

After Bloody Marsh, March 1742 (which battle brought to a successful end of the border wars) the Highlanders, no longer needing the protection of the fort, scattered to landed estates about the district, leaving the town and church at New Inverness

well nigh deserted.

This did not mean, however, the end, but the spread of Presbyterianism. The scattered Scots became pillars of Presbyterianism wherever they went, notably, at Midway in Liberty County and in the Independent Church in Savannah. Those who remained finally restored the town and church at Darien.

When the Presbytery of Georgia was organized in 1821, the churches at Darien and St. Marys were the only Presbyterian churches in this section. Augusta and Mt. Zion to the north were the other two members of this Presbytery. Darien was represented at this meeting, by its elders, Gen. John McIntosh and its recently called minister, Rev. Samuel S. Davis. There were other Presbyterian ministers from Sunbury, Midway and White Bluff near Savannah. The pastorate of the Independent Church was unsettled at this time.

For over a hundred years following the settlement at Darien, successive colonies of Highlanders came out from Inverness to Georgia strengthening the cause of Presbyterianism and determining that the form of Calvinism in Georgia should be Presbyterian instead of Congregational.

Soon after Presbytery was organized, there were other Presbyterian churches formed at Savannah, First Church, in 1827, and at Bryan Neck 1830.

The Presbyterian Church has grown ever since. After 200 years of Presbyterianism in Georgia ancient land-marks still stand - Huguenot columns which were erected by French Calvinists in 1562 by Admiral Coligny at Parris Island, S. C. and at Mayport, Fla., setting off the coast of Georgia.

First Churches

New Inverness, Darien		1736
Midway	Liberty County	1753
Independent	Savannah	1755
Brier Creek	Burke County	1766
Walnut Creek	Burke County	1789

These last two combined into one at Waynesboro 1810.

The Synod of Georgia 1845.

Organized with the following Presbyteries:

Hopewell, Georgia, Flint River, Florida and Cherokee. Synod of South Georgia and Florida organized with Savannah (formerly Georgia Presbytery) as a member.



Darien - organized 1809

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Highlander Memorial
Darien, Georgia

A memorial to the Scotch Highlanders who founded Darien in 1736, was unveiled May 14, 1936, with Dr. Tait McKenzie of Philadelphia (who designed the tablet) present.

The beautiful monument of pink Georgia marble is the gift of the Georgia Society of the Colonial Dames of America, St. Andrews Society and the Society of Colonial Wars in the state of Georgia.

Judge A. R. McDonnell, President of St. Andrews Society of Savannah, presented the memorial.

It was unveiled by young John Mohr McIntosh of Savannah and is placed in a triangle beside Highway 17, at the Oglethorpe Oak in Darien. This spot is henceforth to be called "New Inverness Place".

The bronze panel set in the marble commemorates the valor, ideals, tradition and culture of the Highlanders of Scotland who founded New Inverness two hundred years ago. Dr. McKenzie adapted the panel, which has been styled "a distinguishing example of the sculptor's art" from his Scottish American War Memorial at Edinburgh. The panel shows the characteristic organization of a Highland band, with eight pipers, two tenor drums, four small and a great drum.

Emma L. Philander

*Historian: Women of the Church
Darien, Ga.*

June 1- 1950.

The Debt Presbyterians Owe Highlanders

In order to defend the Georgia colony from the invading Spaniards who were in Florida, General James Oglethorpe decided the best men for this dangerous and important task were Scottish Highlanders, who were known for their "fierce bravery in battle".

So in 1735, one hundred fifty of these staunch Scots left their homes in Inverness, Scotland for frontier life in a new land. They settled on the north branch of the Altamaha River. They named the settlement "New Inverness" and the district was called Darien in remembrance of that ill-fated band of Scots who previously attempted a settlement on the Isthmus of Darien.

In selecting these brave Scots, General Oglethorpe made a wise choice for besides their valor in war, they made a favorable impression on the native Indians who greatly admired the colorful tartans of the Highlanders and resulted in such a friendly relationship that the General formed his body guard from these Highlanders. We find the Scottish soldiers ably defended the southern boundaries against the Spanish but not only were these men able fighters, they were godly folk as well, as can be testified to by bringing with them into the new land their own minister, John McLeod. One of the first buildings erected in the settlement was a house of worship, where Rev. McLeod held services until his departure into South Carolina.

About 1740 we find the Scottish settlement "greatly diminished". This was perhaps due to current wars but mainly in defense of Bloody Marsh where the destiny of the Georgia colony was decided. The Spanish invaders were finally driven from Georgia at this battle.

After this peace and security prevailed to such an extent that the settlers felt that since they no longer had to stay close to the protection of the forts they were now free to settle elsewhere in the colony. Many established estates and homes sprang up all through the land.

This dealt a heavy blow to the Presbyterian Church but while the Mother Church was weakened, Presbyterianism was "scattered abroad" elsewhere. Midway Church in Liberty County and the Independent Church in Savannah were results of the exodus from the original church.

In 1821 the Presbytery of Georgia was organized with Darien and St. Marys the two churches in the coastal area. At the organization were Rev. Samuel S. Davis, a northerner, and General John McIntosh, an elder from the Darien Church. For some time Darien and St. Marys were the only two Presbyterian churches in this section; Midway becoming Congregational (due to the English Congregationalists who later came to Georgia?)

In 1755 the Savannah Church was established an "Independent Church" which it remains to this day - a blessing not only to Savannah but to the entire south-land.

We can identify today many of the old Scottish names: Baillie, McKay, Dunbar and McIntosh for whom the county is named.

*Emma Legari Whitlender
Historian of the Church
Darien, Georgia*

June 1 - 1950

LATER INCIDENTS OF INTEREST

Darien Presbyterian Church

April 11, 1937.

The Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches share in the estate of Mrs. Sarah Bailey's estate. This involves an inheritance of several thousands of dollars.

April 26, 1938.

At a congregational meeting today, Rev. F. M. Baldwin resigned, after serving the church sixteen years.

Sept. 4, 1938.

Young John Steele preached his first sermon today. He and his young bride have moved into the Manse. He is another "first" pastor: others being Dr. A. B. Curry, Dr. T. M. Hunter, Dr. L. R. Lynn and Rev. John C. Blackburn, all beginning their pastorates in the "Mother Church."

Feb. 3, 1939. Eugene Britt, Mrs. D. L. Whitesides, Bill Haynes and John Steele planted a foundation planting of beautiful shrubs around the church.

May 8, 1940.

At a meeting of our women today Mrs. Helen Hopkins Mallard announced she had presented the church with a \$1500 Hammond Electric organ, in memory of her parents.

It was dedicated May 24, 1940.

Nov. 13, 1940.

New pews which have just been installed, were dedicated. All 21 pews have been presented as memorials.

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Narrative Report 1949
First Presbyterian Church, Darien, Georgia

The past year has brought many progressive steps. Our work has been well planned, so that all our obligations have been met. Attendance at all meetings has been splendid, many new members have been added.

The Birthday was an enjoyable occasion and the O.V.O. program an inspiring one, the offering being \$26.50.

In August three women from Grant Chapel were sent to Stillman, our group contributing \$23.00.

Usually we hold two meetings a month, except during July, August and September with only one. When we met in September it was an inter-denominational meeting, women from all other Protestant groups were guests. A program was planned to use a woman from each group, this was followed by a reception in our Church annex. The meeting was much enjoyed.

Our study books were read and later reviewed. "Which Way Japan" was given at an all-day session. Mrs. George Miller presented the book in a most interesting manner and Mrs. Mitchell, who has travelled extensively in Japan, gave some high lights on the educational situation in Japan.

The Women of the Church furnished flowers for each church service during the year and sponsored suppers for our newly organized Young Peoples' Group.

Azaleas were planted to beautify the church grounds.

Our Joy Gift amounted to \$23.00 and all White Cross work was finished and an additional \$7.00 was sent.

Our women had the privilege of attending a Training Class led by Mrs. Hahayan. We were guests of the Brunswick group.

(Mrs. D. L.) Emma Legare Whitehead
Historian Women of the Church.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF
DARIEN, GEORGIA, 1950-1951

This Church Year has been marked by a substantial increase in average attendance at our regular meetings, and by an encouraging number at our special meetings, and by the participation of more of the membership of the Women of the Church in its activities than in recent years.

We may attribute this trend to the leadership of our President, Mrs. Britt Spann, who has seen to it that every member possible has been appointed to be chairman of a committee or a participating member, or has been asked to take part on a program during this past year. The high standard of our Bible lessons is another urge to attend, as well as the interestingly prepared program material, which has been well presented. Another thing, we have stricken from our rolls the names of members of other churches, who by reason of a flurry within those church bodies, became members of our church, but who have now been transferred back to their own churches, or who have moved from Darien, taking their Church letters with them. Mailing and residence addresses have been carefully re-verified, and transportation provided to the place of meeting of all members able to attend.

During April, 1950, an evening circle was born under the sponsorship of Mrs. Britt Spann and Mrs. J. L. Russell. This Circle was well organized and continues under the sponsorship of Mrs. Spann alone, since Mrs. Russell moved to Jesup early in February. By virtue of her part time services to the Public School System of McIntosh County, as Visiting Teacher, she is eligible for membership in either circle. This makes her an ideal Sponsor for the evening circle.

Our Budget for the year was set at \$510, including a contribution of \$10 to Mission Haven. The Business Women's Circle has assumed \$80 of this budget, which has been met and exceeded.

Mrs. Spann was elected delegate from the Women of the Church to go to Montreat, but since she, as Visiting Teacher, had to attend ~~six~~ weeks of Summer School last summer, as the University of Georgia, with conflicting dates, found herself involved in an intensive study course under a visiting professor, and could not be excused for a week to attend the course in Woman's Work at Montreat. She had to withdraw as delegate on short notice. Thereupon we decided not to appoint an alternate, but to send her instead this coming summer. Arrangements to consummate this are being made.

Listed below are our local officers and committee members, with their superiors in a column opposite each name:

Mrs. E. Britt Spann, President	Mrs. Robert L. Holland, 310 Kinzie Ave. Savannah, Ga.
Mrs. H. H. Bryan, VP (Now Evening)	Mrs. Clyde A. Taylor, 8 Hanover Square, Brunswick, Ga.
Mrs. D. E. McDonald, 2nd VP	Mrs. Norman Way, 1227 Sycamore Ave., Brunswick, Ga.
Mrs. John McIver, Treasurer	Mrs. William E. Thompson, 510 E. 59th St. Savannah, Ga.
Miss Lillie S. West, Historian	Mrs. D. L. "Hitesides", Darien, Ga.
Mrs. D. E. McDonald, Spiritual Growth	Mrs. N. H. Nesbit, Box 1664, Savannah, Ga.
Mrs. Hugh Manson, World Missions	Mrs. W. F. Martin, Jr. Flemington, Ga.
Mrs. Tom J. Davis, Church Extension	Mrs. J. F. Browning, Riceboro, Ga.

Mrs. Guy Amason, Education	Mrs. J. H. Chaffin, Jesup, Georgia
Mrs. Edwin Gale, Annuities and Relief	Mrs. W. O. Latimer, Box 64 St. Simons Island
Mrs. Mary J. Hunter, Stewardship	Mrs. T. J. Ferrell, 1521 St. Mary's Drive Waycross
Mrs. W. E. Williams, Assembly's Special Causes	Mrs. J. E. Brewer, 401 W. Jessamine Ave. Fitzgerald
Mrs. Hugh Manson and Mrs. Stafford Townsend, Clothes for World Relief	Mrs. F. L. Perry, Sr., 225 Mechanics Ave Thunderbolt, Ga.
Mrs. Tom Davis, Mrs. Guy Amason, Mrs. Ray Browder, Care of Church Lawn	Chairman Group No. 1 Mrs. Ewell Nelson, Vidalia, Ga. Chairman Group No. 2
Mrs. Jack Bluestein, Chairman of Interracial Work	Mrs. J. L. Britt, Darien Ga. Chairman Group No. 3.
Mrs. Claudia Rogers, Chairman of Business Women	Mrs. S. G. Norton, Palmetto Ave. Brunswick, Ga. Chairman Business Women

Two large duffle-bags of good clothing were shipped overseas.

With the aid of the Sea Island and Jesup Presbyterian Churches two delegates from the Darien Negro Presbyterian Church were sent to a conference at Stillman Institute.

Family Night Church Suppers and Sings were held on May 7th and September 24th, and a Supper followed by a pageant and Christmas Tree Was held December 20th.

On January 24th we had an all-day World Mission Meeting, with talks by Miss Gussie Frazer before and after lunch. We asked five nearby Presbyterian Churches to be our guests, and invited members of all Darien Churches to come to the talks. The Church was filled for both sessions, 62 had lunch, in all, and raised \$35 for Miss Frazer's expenses.

On February 14th we had an all-day White Cross and General Meeting at the Community House and filled our assignment before the day was over.

Members of the Women of the Church furnished suppers for the Youth Fellowship Group until it disbanded after the resignation of Mr. J. L. Russell, which became effective February first.

Officers, Committee Chairmen and members attended the following meetings, Presbyterian, Brunswick, April seven attended; Officers' Training Class, Savannah, April, ten attended; Group Meeting October, three attended.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lillie S. West, Historian

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WOMEN OF THE CHURCH
DARIEN, GEORGIA,

HISTORIAN'S REPORT 1951-52

The women of the Church have had a very profitable year. The group meets twice each month; all meetings are well attended. Early in the new church year an Officer's Training Class was conducted by Mrs. D. L. Whitesides. The attendance at this class was most encouraging.

Our budget for the year was \$600.00. This has been met and all special causes have been contributed to as follows:
Birthday \$28.70, O. V. O. \$31.25, Joy Gift \$42.30, World Missions \$148.71, Church Extension \$41.30, Blessing Boxes \$24.81. At a special request our group gave \$5.00 to the Red Cross to provide Christmas Cheer for patients in Camp Stewart Hospital. The president, Mrs. E. B. Spann was sent to Montreat. Five delegates attended Presbyterial at Blackshear and nine went to Group Conference at St. Mary's. Three negro women were sent to Stillman and \$50.00 was given toward Grant Chapel (Colored) building Fund. Two bags of used clothing was sent to a protestant orphanage in Japan, at the request of Mrs. Earl Sullivan, wife of a U. S. A. Officer in Japan. Mrs. Sullivan is a member of our Darien Church. Our White Cross quota has been promptly filled.

Due to the kindness of Foote and Davies of Atlanta, Ga., the pulpit Bible has been beautifully rebound, for which we are most grateful.

A Men's Group has been re-organized and the women provide suppers at their meetings each month.

The Young People under the leadership of Mrs. Ira Rabb, have also become re-activated and a Pioneer Group is showing much to encourage due to the leadership of Mrs. Hoge Smith and Mrs. D.L. Whitesides.

Perhaps the highlight of the year is the procuring of a pastor, Rev. Hoge Smith. He and Mrs. Smith came to the Church in October 1951. We are truly grateful to God for sending us these fine workers, under whose leadership much has already been done and we are hoping for better things this coming year. Just previous to the coming of the new pastor the Manse was thoroughly renovated by the deacons and then cleaned by the women. New venetian blinds have been purchased, the Church Yard mowed and cleaned, shrubbery trimmed and planted and a new hose purchased.

A pantry shower was given our new pastor and a fellowship supper and vesper service given in welcome.

Our study books were read and reviewed at a special session. At this time we had as guests, the Evening Circle. Mr. Smith conducted the intensive study, "Applied Christianity" at an evening class, and the Circle studies on "These Things Abide" were given each month.

Our women use "Day by Day" as a daily devotional. The Survey and Observer are also favorites for programs.

In February our group was privileged to have Mrs. Wallace Martin, Jr. president of Savannah Presbyterial to visit our group. Her

talk was not only inspiring but full of useful information as to plans for women's work in the year ahead.

We humbly thank our Lord for the many blessings we have enjoyed during the past year and we pray that we shall continue to go forward under His leadership.

Signed Emily B. Varnedoe
Historian

Narrative Report of Women of the Church - 1953
Darien, Georgia

The year 1953 has been a profitable one but it has also brought discouragements. First we lost three of our most useful families - no little loss to an already small group! But God has blessed us in other ways and His work has gone forward. We feared we'd have trouble raising our budget but we not only met all obligations but ended the year with a surplus - So God works!

Of the thirty three women enrolled, only twenty one are in any sense considered active, but these twenty one are faithful in attendance and generous in gifts.

For the past year we have enjoyed having in our midst Rev. Hoge Smith, Jr. and his family. The Smiths were on furlough from their work as Missionaries in Brazil. With their sister, Virginia Smith, (also of the Brazilian Mission) they brought us many fine lectures on their work in this field, giving us a better idea of their problems.

As they were preparing to return to Brazil, a little bird told us they sadly needed a new portable organ, as their old one was practically gone. One of our members visited a music store in Savannah, found just what the Smiths needed, so free-will offerings brought the \$50.00 necessary to buy the organ.

Then another little bird told us Virginia was contemplating marriage to Rev. L. M. Hinderlite (also a Missionary) of Recife. Again the word went around and enough was contributed to purchase for the newly-weds a set of spoons in their selected pattern.

When the time of departure was near at hand a family-night supper was planned. Mr. Ewell Nelson was a guest and after a fine meal was enjoyed, Mr. Nelson gave us an illustrated talk on mission work here at home in Savannah Presbytery.

One of the pulpit chairs sadly needed a new bottom, so that was whisked away to return beautifully restored by an interested worker.

Our group became especially interested this year in the Quitman Home. Last spring Mrs. J.R.B. Branch, who has lived 25 years in China and "knows whereof she speaks" gave a lecture on that country, its problems and our relation to those problems. As a result, \$103.00 was realized which was used to provide cornices and drapes for the living and dining rooms at the Home. Pictures were also donated; one a water color original, work of a New York artist formerly of Darien.

In May we celebrated the Birthday with a party at which an

original skit (written by Mrs. Hoge Smith, Jr.) was presented. While it afforded much merriment, it taught us a great deal about the needs of our Missionaries.

When the offering was all in, even we were somewhat surprised to find it amounted to \$72.00.

Our programs for the year have been under the direction of Mrs. John McIver who has ably planned these programs each month.

The Circle Bible lessons - "Portraits of the Master" from Mark, were presented each month by the leader, Mrs. D. L. Whitesides.

The Intensive Study was held in two daily periods with Rev. Hoge Smith, Pastor, leading. Although these classes were held in the mornings we found much profit in drawing aside from our worldly cares. The classes were well attended and much interest manifested.

Easter Sunday we united with the other Churches in the town in a sunrise service. At the regular morning service later, the offering for Over-Seas Relief was taken. This amounted to \$47.26.

We also united with our sister churches in a Thanksgiving service.

In the summer our Pastor attended the conference at Masenetta Springs. During his absence we enjoyed having Rev. Frank McElroy to preach for us and bring us information about the Quitman Home.

In October we were fortunate in having Miss Lois Ellis visit us and give an over-all picture of her work in Church Extension. Being a teacher at Stuart-Robinson School she delighted us with her experiences there.

At the Sunday School Institute in Flemington we had seven in attendance and five of our women attended Presbyterial in Vidalia.

Our night circle under Mrs. Conrad Rogers met once each month. They have the programs and Bible study. While only ten in number they have aided substantially in helping us with our budget.

The Mens' Group is also a small one but quite active. They have a supper meeting once a month with an inspirational speaker.

While our Youth Group is not as large as we'd like, they

accomplished much under the direction of our Pastor's wife, Mrs. Smith. Jack Amason, one of the seniors, attended the Conference in Waycross bringing back many fine suggestions. We miss Jack, who has gone to Ft. Myers, Florida, to make his home.

Perhaps the most encouraging work of our Church is the fine Sunday School under Mr. J. L. Britt, Superintendent. Attendance is exceptionally good - the number of young fathers in attendance is inspiring.

A Bible School was held in the summer with an average of 50 in attendance. At its close a picnic was provided on the Church grounds. Mrs. T. J. Davis thought the entire Sunday School deserved a treat, so she invited us to her home on the river for a swimming-boating party concluding with "hot dogs and fixins" cold drinks and watermelons. Old and young had the best time - ever!

Mothers Day was observed with a suitable program in Youth Fellowship and Rally Day we celebrated with suitable exercises.

Other special programs were the one for Our Very Own - \$64.00 was contributed to this cause.

Our Church owns a wheel chair which is used by needy patients in the community. This year we were given another chair which will give additional help to invalids here.

Besides the money raised for Overseas Relief, three bags containing 66 pounds of clothing have been sent and a special Christmas box has been sent to aid needy Korean children.

Two delegates from Grant Chapel were enabled to attend Stillman through the \$50.00 contributed by the Presbyterial. About \$90.00 has been raised by the Church to supplement the amount designated in our budget. This is for Grant Chapel Building Fund.

Our report closes on the high light of the year. On November 6th we were hostess to District Conference. About sixty attended. Mrs. Warren Lott, Chairman, presented a fine program which was concluded by a chorus of negro boys under the direction of Elder George Hall of Grant Chapel singing spirituals and other selections.

Space does not permit us to record all the activities of the past year, but we do feel very grateful to God for giving us so many blessings, chief of which is being fortunate in having as our President Mrs. H. B. Manson under whose leadership we have been enabled to make such progress.

Next year we hope to do even better.

(Mrs. D. L.) Emma L. Phillips, Historian
Darien Presbyterian Church
Darien, Georgia

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REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN 1954
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DARIEN, GEORGIA

If there are youngsters in the family, from time to time we measure and weigh them to see if they are growing strong and healthy. So, at the close of the church year, it is fitting for us as an organization to check our growth.

As we look backward over the year's work we are encouraged to note, that with God's help we have progressed. True, there have been set backs. Three of our most useful members were lost. Mrs. Thomas Davis to Independent, Savannah, Mrs. Herbert Bryan, to Texas and Mrs. D. G. Brigdon, to Eastern Heights, Savannah. But we gladly welcome back Mrs. Guy Amason from Ft. Myers, Florida.

Early in the year the Budget Committee presented a budget of \$900. This has been met we are happy to say and we have exceded this sum by over \$70.

The president, Mrs. Mary Hunter had a luncheon meeting at her home early in the year when a O. T. C. was held. All officers were furnished packets of literature and Presbyterian women given each month.

In January a Family night supper was held. Dr. Torrence of Savannah was guest speaker. About 45 attended.

On January 18, W. P. Bealer was elected ruling elder and William Thaggard and T. B. Dalby deacons. There were installed January 31.

Mr. Bealer has also served as president of the men of the Church, who meet once a month. The women have been preparing these suppers until during the summer months the men decided to meet at "Crescent Lodge" with Mrs. Thomas Hopkins furnishing the suppers. This proved so popular the men voted to continue meeting with Mrs. Hopkins during the year.

The books of Acts was given at the monthly meeting of the women. These were given by Mrs. D. L. Whitesides. In October Rev. Hoge Smith, pastor, gave the intensive course of study in Ephesians. The classes held two successive mornings were well attended.

The study book "Where 'ere the Sun" was presented by Mrs. F. D. Mitchell and Mrs. J. R. B. Branch who with Dr. Branch spent 25 years in China. Dr. Branch was formerly connected with the educational department of Yale University. The other study book "God, Man and the City" was read by the group, so was not reviewed.

Mrs. D. E. McDonald, World Mission Chairman sent five bags of clothing to Overseas Relief and Mrs. H. B. Manson sent a bundle to Korea.

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HISTORIAN REPORT, 1954

First Presbyterian Church, Darien, Ga.

Mr. C. R. Walker, senior elder, whose birthday was January 19th was remembered each week by our women with some dainty dish. This year we had barely finished this "Work of love" when on Sunday, April 19th, just after he had attended Sunday School, Mr. Walker was suddenly stricken and that night went to his eternal reward. His is greatly missed.

Our church has two wheel chairs which we lend to needy patients in the community.

We collected on Christmas cards to sent to our Brazilian Mission.

In April we held a weeks evangelistic meeting with Rev. Ray Nelson of Flemington conducting. This was a most satisfactory meeting.

In March Rev. Stegall of Savannah attended our Family night supper and brought with him a color film made during his 35 years in Africa. On October 19th Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Secrest of Savannah gave us an inspiring message of the work in our Presbytery and in November, Rev. Langdon Henderlite of Recife, Brazil spoke morning and evening at the church. He married Virginia Smith, daughter of our pastor.

We united in a union Easter morning sermon and also at the graduation service when five of our young people graduated. These were Barbara Britt, Iris Jean Robert, Jesse Varnedoe, Shirley Ann Bryan, and Mary Lou Townsend.

In June Mary Lou and Robert Speed were married at a lovely afternoon ceremony at the church. On the Wednesday following Lorene Townsend (a sister) was married to Lt. Wm. Reitz and is now in Germany where Lt. Reitz is stationed.

During the summer we enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Vernon Crawford of the Synodical Inter-Racial work. She and several officers of the group were entertained at a luncheon at the home of the president, Mrs. H. B. Manson. represented the Presbyterial as Inter-racial Chairman. They spoke of the work in progress here on the new building being erected to take the place of Grant Chapel which is too small for the needs of the negro congregation. This building with annex containing an educational building amply takes care of the needs of the negroes here.

We have a fine Sunday School with an enrollment of about 65. Attendance is good. Several teachers attended the Institute at Hinesville in November. Jack Amason attended senior camp and David and Myer Bluestein, Pioneer Camp.

We held our annual picnic on St. Simons. A fine time being had by all.

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HISTORIAN'S REPORT, 1954
First Presbyterian Church, Darien, Georgia

The Christmas season was observed with a pageant, carols and such, followed by a tree and presents as well as refreshments.

Special contributions have been made to Thornwell, Overseas Relief and lately a set of dishes costing \$50 was sent Quitman Home.

The Evening Circle with Mrs. Don Robert, president, assumed \$125 of our budget. This circle took over the White Cross quota.

Beautiful flowers have been arranged each Sabbath in the Church.

We took the Joy Gift, the Blessing Boxes in addition to other gifts.

Five attended Presbyterial.

In October our president, Mrs. Mary Hunter, was forced to resign due to ill health. We pray for her speedy recovery.

Day by Day is widely used by our women and at a recent drive 17 new subscriptions to the Survey.

But space will not permit us to tell of all the many activities of our church so we close this report with the resolve to "forget those things which are behind we shall press forward" towards greater endeavors in the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. D. L. Whitesides
(Mrs. D. L. Whitesides)

Historian's Report, 1954
First Presbyterian Church, Darien, Ga.

Officers 1955

President	Mrs. H. B. Manson
V. President	Mrs. D. E. McDonald
Treas.	Mrs. W. G. Haynes, Jr.
Secty	Mrs. John McIver
Historian	Mrs. D. L. Whitesides

Chairman

Spiritual Life	Mrs. Hoge Smith
World Missions	Mrs. Guy Amason
Assbly's Special Causes	Mrs. R. H. Manson
Activities & relief	Mrs. A. T. Bearse
Church Extension	Mrs. Thomas Hopkins
Christian Education	Mrs. T. B. Dalby
Stewardship	Mrs. Peter Fischette
Social Activities	Mrs. Will Williams
Flowers	Mrs. Jack Bluestein
Sponsor for Evening Circle	Mrs. Gale

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HISTORIAN'S REPORT - 1955

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DARIEN, GA.

OFFICERS FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DARIEN, GA.

Pastor - Rev. J. Hoge Smith.

Elders

D. E. McDonald
W. P. Bealer
J. L. Britt
J. E. Britt
A. E. Willis

Deacons

John McIver
W. E. Thaggard
T. B. Dalby
Ira Rabb
Cephas Lunsford

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

J. L. Britt

Teachers.

Adult - Mrs. D. L. Whitesides
Seniors - Mrs. Hoge Smith
Intermediates - W. E. Thaggard
Juniors - Mrs. Edwin Gale
Primary - Miss Iris Jean Robert
Beginners - Miss Jacqueline Bluestein

Music

Miss Bessie Lewis - Church Organist
Mrs. D. L. Whitesides - Sunday School Organist

HISTORIAN'S REPORT - 1955
 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DARIEN, GA.

Membership

Women of the Church, Darien, Ga.

Active

Mrs. A. T. Bearse
 Mrs. Jack Bluestein
 Mrs. J. R. B. Branch
 Mrs. F. E. Chambers
 Miss Stella Corlette
 Mrs. T. E. Dalby
 Mrs. Peter Fischette
 Mrs. J. R. Fair
 Miss Ann Lee Haynes
 Mrs. W. G. Haynes, Jr.
 Mrs. Mary Hunter
 Mrs. Thomas Hopkins
 Miss Bessie Lewis
 Mrs. H. B. Manson
 Mrs. R. H. Manson
 Mrs. D. E. McDonald
 Mrs. John McIver
 Mrs. D. F. Mitchell
 Mrs. Hoge Smith
 Mrs. Emily Varnedoe
 Mrs. W. E. Williams
 Mrs. A. E. Willis
 Mrs. S. W. Popwell

Inactive

Mrs. R. J. Anderson
 Mrs. J. A. Britt
 Mrs. J. L. Britt
 Mrs. E. R. Beason
 Mrs. R. W. Clancy
 Mrs. A. A. Fair
 Mrs. L. A. Gillis
 Mrs. J. T. Holmes
 Mrs. W. P. Phillips
 Mrs. G. C. Bennett

Evening Circle

Mrs. Don Robert
 Mrs. Ira Rabb
 Mrs. Conrad Rogers
 Mrs. J. E. Britt
 Miss Alice Woodward
 Mrs. R. S. Townsend

Meetings - Second and Fourth Wednesdays

Evening Circle - Third Mondays
 Mrs. Gale Sponsor.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT - 1955

OF THE WOMEN OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DARIEN, GEORGIA.

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As we near the end of our church year, it is well that we pause and give thanks; for truly "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

While few in number, our members are generous and faithful in their support of the Lord's work. With Mrs. H. B. Manson, as president, we have been inspired and encouraged, when discouragements came and we feared we'd fall short financially and fail to reach our goal of \$800.00, our budget for the year.

Early in the year Mrs. Manson gave each of us a copy of the vows we made upon uniting with the church and she urged us to re-dedicate ourselves and try to live up to our promises.

As our special objective for 1955 we took Grant Chapel. The Committee on Church Extension had replaced the tiny one-room church with a spacious building sufficient to the needs of our colored friends. But besides the building there were furnishings to be bought and our group pledged itself to furnish the pulpit items. This was accomplished at the cost of \$643.50 for the ten items.

Mrs. Thomas Hopkins, Church Extension Chairman was able to raise enough through perennial contact to also buy a beautiful pulpit Bible. On July 31 at 4 P.M. the building was dedicated with appropriate services attended by white and colored alike.

World Mission season was observed with special programs and prayer season and reading the study book.

Our Goal of \$219.00 was raised. During the season we had letters from Miss Gussie Fraser on Formosa, the Hoge Smiths Jr. of Brazil and we were specially fortunate in having Miss Hallie Covington of Marion, S. C., a missionary (retired) of the U.S.A. Church.

Miss Covington spoke of her work in Korea which was most interesting.

Several Duffle bags of used clothing were shipped over seas.

ing group did the White Cross allotment.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT - 1955

OF THE WOMEN OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DARIEN, GEORGIA.

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The Birthday Party was held at the spacious home of Mrs. Peter Fischette. She presented the Birthday Objective in a unique way. She wore a hat bearing a replica of the hospital in Japan to which the offering went. Mrs. Fischette had some difficulty presenting the objective while trying to balance her unusual head-gear but she came through with flying colors. Appropriate refreshments emphasized "the birth day". An offering of \$58.50 was taken.

In the Spring Mrs. Hoge Smith held a program on Spiritual Enrichment. Also in April Mr. Smith gave a talk on what we Presbyterians believe. It was most helpful.

In October Mr. Smith in two sessions of one hour each gave the lessons in the Intensive Bible Study: "Love - in Old and New Testaments".

In July we held Vacation Bible School. This was well attended.

Youth Rally on St. Simons was attended by Jack Amason, -Davis and Meyer Bluestein, Keith Gale and William Ethington went to Pioneer Conference. Upon his return, David united with the church.

The following children were baptized: Tommy Leigh and Robert Dalby and Guy Holt Amason III.

Our church united in an Easter Sunrise service and at morning service an offering was taken for Over-seas Relief.

During the O.V.O. season we had Family Night supper. Rev. and Mrs. Sam Crouch of Lyons were guests. After supper Mr. Crouch gave a splendid inspirational talk on O.V.O.

we were represented at District Conference, Synodical and Presbyterial.

October, 26th. we met with Mrs. Thomas Hopkins at her home "Crescent Lodge" for an all-day meeting. In the morning Mr. Smith outlined our study book, "You Can Witness", and told of many ways we can help prepare for evangelistic meeting being planned.

A special treat came when Mrs. Hopkins showed the film "The Song of the Shining Mountain" - Climax to an enjoyable day.

Study books, church papers and Day by Day are generally used - One young father uses Day by Day as help in his family altar

The men of the church with Mr. W. P. Bealer as President, meet once a month. These are supper meetings, well planned and with good speakers. At a recent meeting Col. Suggs, Chaplain at Camp Stewart, gave the fine message.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT - 1955
OF THE WOMEN OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DARIEN, GEORGIA.

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The men were represented at Synod and Presbytery. Our Pastor attended the Messanetta Conference.

On Jan. 9, in accordance with the church charter, trustees were elected and the pastor was unanimously elected to serve another year, with a small increase in salary.

September 11, we had the pleasure of having Rev. and Mrs. McQueen of the Birmingham, Ala., Church as guests and Mr. McQueen was guest preacher on this occasion. We have also had Mr. and Mrs. Secrest several times as visitors.

Another guest preacher was Rev. James Garvin of Texas, son-in-law of the Smiths.

Our local work has not been neglected. Under the supervision of Mrs. G. C. Bennett the church grounds have been neatly kept. Flowers for the sanctuary placed each Sabbath. The entire annex has been re-painted and silver ware, tablecloth and other needed equipment purchased or replaced.

Programs under Mrs. D. E. McDonald, Chairman have been well presented.

The Bible lessons from Romans given by Mrs. D. L. Whitesides.

The following young people are attending college: Jack Amason, John Britt, Barbara Britt, Mary Sue Rogers and Jesse Varnedoe - Our prayers and good wishes go with these younger members of the church.

Several of our congregation have been ill recently. We thank God for their recovery.

Mrs. H. H. Johnson, a faithful and well beloved member went to her reward after a long illness. We shall miss her.

Many other activities are not recorded for lack of space but there are some pleasant occasion we will mention briefly: The Christmas Pageant, the Sunday School Easter party and the Pinnic on St. Simons

The young people enjoyed a swim in the pool and afterward we spread a bountiful supper under the lovely trees. At Thanksgiving an offering was taken for Thornwell. Blessing Boxes have yielded a goodly amount.

The men of the church attended the Rally held in the Brunswick church when Dr. P. D. Miller spoke on Church Extension.

As the year closes we are planning on a "Candlelight Service", when we expect to invite the other demoninations to join us in our Christmas Service.

(Mrs. D. L.) Emma Legare Whitesides
Mrs. D. L. Whitesides, Historian.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY FOR 1956

THE SESSION

J. HOGE SMITH, MODERATOR.

J. L. BRITT (CLERK OF SESSION, AND ELDERS, J. E. BRITT,
A. E. WILLIS, D. E. McDONALD, AND WILLIAM P. BEALER.

THE DIACONATE

JOHN E. McIVER, (CHURCH TREAS., THOS. B. DALBY, CEPHAS
LUNSFORD, AND IRA RABB, AND WILLIAM THAGARD.

TRUSTEES FOR THE CORPORATION

THOS. B. DALBY, CEPHAS LUNSFORD, IRA RABB, WILLIAM THAG*
ARD, AND ROBERT MANSON.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

THOS. B. DALBY, SUPT. WILLIAM THAGARD, ASSIST. SUPT.,
MRS. IRA RABB, SEC'Y & TREAS., TEACHERS: MRS. D. L.
WHITESIDES, MRS. J. HOGE SMITH, MR. WILLIAM THAGARD, MISS
ILIS ROBERT, MISS JACKIE BLUESTEIN AND MRS. HUGH MANSON.
Mrs Ed. Cole

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

MRS. THOS H. HOPKINS, PRESIDENT, MRS. D. E. McDONALD,
VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. JOHN E. McIVER, SEC'Y, MRS. WILLIAM
G. HAYNES, TREAS.

MEN OF THE CHURCH

WILLIAM P. BEALER, PRESIDENT, THOS. B. DALBY, VICE PRES-
IDENT, JOHN E. McIVER, SEC. & TREAS.

W.O.C. will meet with Mrs. Hugh Manson Wednesday, the
25th at 3 O'Clock. Evening Circle to be announced.

Presbytery of Savannah meets Tuesday -24th at Eastern Hts.

Suppose God Were A Business Man

Have you ever tried to estimate what your situation would be if God were a good business man who applied all the modern techniques of accounting to His dealings with you?

First of all, He would have you charged with the stock in trade with which you started out in life. How much do you suppose He would estimate your good heart as being worth? How much more for a good pair of lungs, two good eyes, a fairly strong back, and an equally good digestion? What would the total be?

Then He would have to figure in all your talents, capacities, and special facilities. He would give you credit for training them, of course, but He would charge you up with the raw materials out of which you had made your skills.

Then He would have to charge you with a certain amount for the goodwill that comes to you as a result of living in a community where there is a church. The police costs are so much less in that kind of a town, and there are so many other benefits.

Then suppose He charged you up with all the advantages you enjoy for which you have never paid anything. As Jesus once said, "other men labored and ye are entered into their labors."

You would have to reckon on the advantages that have come to you because you were born into a Christian home, as a member of a Christian family, and those all have a cash value.

Then there are the benefits of twenty centuries of Christian civilization. Measure those by the standards of life which prevail in almost any non-Christian land in the world.

And when you have done even this much computing, cast your eyes back over the record of your gratitude. Measure, if you can, your own attitudes toward those in need, those who have sought your help, those who had a right to expect you would be patient with them.

The probabilities are that the account will be rather badly out of balance.

—Roy L. Smith

Deeds

*Our deeds determine us as much
as we determine our deeds.*

—George Eliot

People's Relationship to Problems

Increasingly the problems of the world are being recognized as human problems—centered in man, not in things. The remedy will be found in the things of the spirit. Help must come from life—ultimately from the Source of Life. Divine Life must reach and change human life. The human material with which we work is of eternal significance. It is of vital and highly multiplying influence.

—from *Planning the Good Life*

THE following persons were installed as officers and Committee Chairmen of the Women of the Church at the meeting held Wednesday at the church:

PRESIDENT----- MRS THOS. HOPKINS
VICE- PRESIDENT.....MRS D. E. McDONALD
SECRETARY..... MRS. A. T. BEARSE
TREAS. MRS. WM. G. HAYNES
HISTORIAN.....MRS. D. L. WHITESIDE
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN :
SPIRITUAL GROWTH....MRS. J. HOGE SMITH
WORLD MISSIONS.....MRS. H. B. MANSON
CHURCH EXTENSION.. MRS. P. A. FISCHETTE
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.MRS. T. DALBY
ANNUITIES & RELIEF. MRS. W. E. WILLIAMS
STEWARDSHIP . MRS. MARY HUNTER
GENERAL FUND AGENCIES MRS. R. H. MANSON
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES MRS. Edw. CALE

The Second Year Of A Great Emphasis Begins

The new calendar year and the new church year look toward a second phase of the denominational-wide Forward With Christ emphasis. With one-third of the total three-year program behind us, it is well to look backward at what has been planned and has been accomplished thus far. Has at least one-third of your church's aims been reached—in *evangelism*, in winning new souls to the Church; in *churches*, establishing new congregations where needs are great; in *world missions*, increasing the number of missionaries each year; in *education*, enlarging enrollments of Sunday Schools and gaining additional men and women for full-time Christian service; and in *stewardship*, increasing benevolence-giving and developing a stronger stewardship program in your church?

With two more years ahead for the Forward With Christ emphasis, there is time to complete the program to the fullest and there is an opportunity to accelerate your own progress if it is lagging. It is a good time for each member of every congregation to take stock of himself on this first day of the new year.

Following last year's theme, Christ Our Saviour, a study of the Christian Faith—the 1956 theme will be Christ Our Teacher, emphasizing Christian Family Life. Excellent material and literature for all uses are available to help members in the new study.

Another Year Is Dawning

Another year is dawning!
Dear Master, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.
Another year in leaning
Upon Thy loving breast,
Of ever-deepening trustfulness,
Of quiet, happy rest,
Another year of service,
Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training
For holier works above.
Another year is dawning!
Dear Master, let it be
On earth, or else in heaven,
Another year for Thee!

—Frances Ridley Havergal

Make Use of Opportunity

The need of the world is pressing, the golden opportunities are slipping past. If we go about the work of God with mental timidity or qualified enthusiasm, we shall make no impression on our generation. Passionate devotion, joined with a cool and reasoned confidence—here is a two-edged sword that shall smite and win the victory.

—Woods

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DARIEN, GEORGIA.

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At no time is the historian aware that "our days are passing swiftly", as when it comes time to write another year's report. But while the year has gone swiftly, it has been a happy and profitable one.

We've had our discouragements its true - We have lost some of our most faithful and generous members. Among those are the John McIvers, who moved to Vidalia. John was our church treasurer and Harriet an officer in the Women of the Church and Minna from Sunday School.

In January 1956 when new officers took over, our new president, Mrs. Thomas Hopkins held a class of instruction as to how to properly use the Work Books, and the duties of each officer. This resulted in more efficient officers than ever before.

A budget of \$900 was adopted - A lot of money for 22 women to raise, but as the year draws to a close we feel that the goal will be reached with God's help.

An evening group, less than ten, with Mrs. J. E. Britt, president, meet regularly and contribute a considerable amount to the large group.

Early in the year we launched a visitation program to welcome new comers to our church and at the same time act as a prelude to a series of meetings in March when Rev. Albert Dimmock, Associate Director of Evangelism in the General Assembly U.S. conducted the services. While these ~~five~~ sermons did not bring the visible results we had hoped for, we were all blessed by the soul-stirring messages brought by this concentrated man of God.

This Fall we had a second "visitation" when ten Women made 75 visits in one week. Since "Enlargement", is our year's theme, this seemed the best way we could think of to enlist more women for Christ.

Family night suppers from time to time brought the members of the entire church into closer fellowship. January 17, at the first of these suppers we were privileged to have Mr. Jules Spachs as speaker. Mr. Spachs is a layman engaged in educational work at "The Fifteenth of November" School in Garachuno Brazil. His talk held us spellbound.

We had Miss Ruth Hillhouse conduct a training class in February. Mrs. Jenkins, District Chairman came with her.

We had a beautiful Birthday party. Those on the programs wore lovely robes which had been brought from the Orient. These lent a festive and colorful air to the occasion. The offering amounted to \$64.50.

Special days were appropriately observed. We ^{united} ~~united~~ with the other churches in Easter Sunrise service. We sponsored World Day of Prayer and took an offering of \$16.50 towards promotion of peace in a restless world.

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Thanksgiving was ~~celebrated~~^{commemorated} with services at the Baptist Church, others uniting in the Service.

Mother's Day brought a special service. The Sunday school put on a Rally Day program.

In our community it is customary for the churches to take turns sponsoring the Commencement Service. This year was our turn - Mr. Smith brought the inspirational message, while the mothers decorated the stage of the auditorium with beautiful floral arrangements in class colors. Three of our young people were among the graduates.

Bible School was held July 20th - August 3 with a registration of 70. The average attendance was fine. The women of the Church furnished cold drinks at recess each day and a picnic closed the session.

We have an active group of Men of the Church with Mr. W. P. Bealer, President. They meet once a month with a supper meeting. These are well attended with fine inspirational speakers.

The men have represented the church at meetings of Presbytery and Synod. Our pastor attended the Massanetta Conference.

Five boys attended Pioneer Conference at Waycross. Two intermediates united with the church.

Our women attended District Conference at Blackshear and six went to Presbyterial in Statesboro.

White Cross work was done and 2 duffle bags sent to Overseas Relief and 1 to Stuart Robinson.

In September the pastor and Miss Bessie Lewis, Chairman of Negro Work were present when Rev. Cooley was installed pastor to replace Rev. Bridges Edwards, of Grant Chapel. Three women from Grant went to Spellman in Atlanta and two to Stillman Conference.

Our program chairman, Mrs. D. E. McDonald presented each program in an interesting and informative way. The Bible lessons were given each month. One lesson effectively illustrating the Jewish home of Bible days. This was in the form of a playlet which was well executed.

Our pastor gave the intensive study from Dueteronomy. These morning classes, of one hour each, were well attended.

The Study book "The Bright Future", was given at the home of one of our members. We had an all-day, covered dish affair with the book being reviewed in the morning. After lunch the regular meeting took place.

Blessing Box contributions were generous. Flowers were placed in the sanctuary each Sabbath by volunteers from the Women's group, who agreed to see to the flowers for a month at a time.

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On some occasions beautiful floral arrangements were placed in church as memorials to dear ones.

The extensive grounds of the church are neatly kept and plans for further beautification being made.

From time to time letters from Miss Gussie Fraser brought us interesting information as to her work as a missionary to Formosa. Miss Fraser is now at home on furlough and has agreed to visit the Darien Church in February when we plan a joint meeting with the men to hear her talk on her work in China.

Of course our Smith Missionaries in Brazil keep us informed as to their work there. At present ^{missionary} ~~meeting~~ the Hoge Smith Jr. family is expected home in December. We look forward to hearing first hand of the interesting work on the Brazilian field.

In September Rev. Hoge Smith, Sr. stated his intention to retire Jan. 1, 1957. We regret he finds it necessary to give up his work as pastor, ^{but} we are happy that Mr. and Mrs. Smith are to make their home permanently, in Darien. Recently the women gave the Smiths, five pair of organdy curtains for their home.

So our year, has been profitable to us in spite of broken bones, operations, and various illnesses which caused grave apprehension, All are well once more, for which we are thankful.

And so we close -- "forgetting those things which are behind, we press toward the mark, for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Amen!

Married

Nell Robertson to Carl Easten, August 26, at the Church.

Installed March 18th.

William G. Haynes, Jr.)
Louis A. Gillis) Deacons

Members - On Profession of faith.

Keith Gale
Robert Rabb.

(Mrs. D. L.) Emma Legari Whitlender
Historian Women of the Church
First Presbyterian Church, Darien, Ga.

1957 REPORT OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DARIEN, GEORGIA

Budget for 1957 - \$1,022.00

Since the first of the year the Darien Church has been without a pastor, but in spite of this handicap our work has gone on as usual through the Men's and Women's Groups, the Evening Circle and Sunday School.

An excellent Pulpit Committee has worked faithfully to keep us supplied with guest ministers. In cooperation with Columbia Seminary, students have been provided and Mr. L. A. Beckman, Executive Secretary of the Presbytery, has been most helpful in filling the pulpit. At present writing, we have hopes of a regular pastor.

Under Mrs. Thomas Hopkins' able leadership, the W.O.C. has accomplished much this year. Our group was represented at District Conference at Presbyterial and at a special meeting at Brunswick where Mrs. J. S. Ivey, Synodical President, was guest. Our president attended Synodical Training School.

Mr. W. P. Bealer is president of the Men's Group. He has attended Synod Presbytery and other meetings relating to the Men's work in the Church.

He was one of four commissioners from Savannah Presbytery to attend General Assembly in April. The Men meet once each month for a supper meeting followed by a program and usually a guest speaker.

The Evening Group with Mrs. J. E. Britt, Leader, has met regularly with the same programs and Bible lessons as a larger group. Though small in number, this group has helped substantially in raising the budget of W.O.C.

Family-night suppers have promoted good fellowship for all of our members.

We had one of our Sunday School members, Truett Jolley, of Boys' Estate, attend Youth Conference at Waycross.

During July, Rev. Montague Hope, an Englishman who had served the Church at Lithonia, Georgia, came to supply our Church. He and his family occupied the Manse, which had been made comfortable for them by the Women. This

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being their first visit to the Georgia coast, the Hopes thoroughly enjoyed their stay. During their visit we had our annual Sunday School picnic and "a good time was had by all."

During World Mission season, Mrs. H. B. Manson, Chairman, procured Miss Gussie Fraser to bring us a message of her missionary work on Formosa. Mrs. Manson has faithfully kept her cause before us. Mission books have been studied, duffle bags of clothing were sent over seas and White Cross quotas met.

Besides these duties, she has seen that the large Church yard has been mowed, the shrubbery trimmed, and has supervised the planting of the camellias and azaleas which were given the Church.

Mrs. T. B. Dalby, Chairman, Christian Campus Fund, has raised \$237.00 so far towards our quota this year.

A Generous contribution of linens were sent to Quitman Home. Thornwell was remembered by a special offering Thanksgiving and each month a contribution goes to them from the Sunday School.

Choir robes were made to supplement those on hand. A suitable program was given for the Birthday party and \$ 65.00 was contributed.

Rally Day was suitably observed. A Candlelight Service was held at Christmas for the adults and a Christmas tree for the children.

Mr. W. G. Haynes, Jr., well-known local artist, owns and operates Ashantilly Press. During the year, "Bill" prints the beautiful bulletins for the Church services, which are so greatly admired by visitors.

Sadie Hall and Ethel McIntosh were delegates from Grant Chapel to Stillman. Upon their return they gave glowing accounts of the conference. Ethel received her certificate this year and a proud woman she is!

Loving hands have provided flowers for the sanctuary each Sabbath; many were memorials.

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As we approach the Thanksgiving season our hearts are filled with gratitude for all the Lord has done for and with us, and we are now planning a happy Christmas observance.

On December 22, we plan on having a Candle-light Service for the college group. This will be followed by a "coffee hour." The small fry will have their usual tree and party.

At our recent meeting when the Joy Gift was taken, we were proud of the \$41.50 contributed.

Due to the generosity of our retiring President, Mrs. Thomas Hopkins, an individual binder has been provided for our Church records at Montreat. For this, we are most grateful.

Yes, we have had a profitable year for which we gave special thanks at a union Thanksgiving Service and as the old 1957 slips over Time's threshold, we can look forward with high hopes to 1958.

*(Mrs. D. L.) Emma Legare Whitson
Historian.*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DARIEN, GEORGIA

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH OFFICERS - 1958

President	-	Amason, (Mrs.) Guy
Vice-President	-	Hopkins, (Mrs.) Thomas
Secretary	-	McDonald, (Mrs.) D. E.
Treasurer	-	Haynes, (Mrs.) W. G. Jr.
Historian	-	Whitesides, (Mrs.) D. L.

Committees:

Spiritual Growth	-	Whitesides, (Mrs.) D. L.
World Missions	-	Bearse, (Mrs.) A. T.
Church Extension	-	Lake, (Mrs.) Gene
Christian Education	-	Dalby, (Mrs.) T. B.
Annuities and Relief	-	Williams, (Mrs.) W. E.
Stewardship	-	Manson, (Mrs.) H. B.
General Fund Agencies	-	Manson, (Mrs.) R. H.

OTHER OFFICERS

Homes	-	Popwell, (Mrs.) S.
Social Activity	-	Britt, (Mrs.) J. L.
Evening Circle Sponsor	-	Gale, (Mrs.) Ed
Flower Chairman	-	Manson, (Mrs.) H. B.
Bible Leader	-	Hunter, (Mrs.) Mary
Leader, Evening Circle	-	Rogers, (Mrs.) Conrad

ELDERS

W. P. Bealer	J. L. Britt
H. E. Willis	J. E. Britt

DEACONS

Ira Rabb	T. B. Dalby
W. H. Thaggard	W. G. Haynes, Jr.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent - T. B. Dalby

TEACHERS

Adults	-	Whitesides, Mrs. D. L.
Seniors	-	Amason, Mrs. Guy
Intermediates	-	Thaggard, W. H.
Juniors	-	Gale, Mrs. Ed
Primary	-	Thaggard, Mrs. W. H.
Pianist (Primary)	-	Amason, Miss Carolyn
Organist	-	Whitesides, Mrs. D. L.
Treasurer	-	Rabb, Mrs. Ira

MEN'S GROUP

Leader	-	Haynes, W. G. Jr.
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First Presbyterian Church.
Darien Georgia -
Elders.

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N. O. Bealer
D. E. Mc Donald
J. Legare Britt
J. E. Britt

Deacons

T. B. Dalby
Ira R. Rabb
Guy Amason Sr.

William Thaggard
Robt. H. Manson
Wm. G. Hayes Jr.

Officers Dr. O. C.

Mrs. Guy Amason
Mrs. H. B. Manson
Mrs. D. E. Mc Donald
Mrs. T. B. Dalby
Mrs. D. L. Whitendes

President
V. President
Secty
Treasurer
Historian

Evening Circle

Mrs. Conrad Rogers
Mrs. Ira Rabb
Miss Alice Broadrand

Leader
Secty
Treas.

Sunday School

Supt. T. B. Dalby

Secty - Treas.

Adult Leader

Seniors

Intermediates

Juniors

Principals

Music

Gene Lake

Mrs. D. L. Whitendes

Mrs. Guy Amason

Mrs. Edwin Gale

Mrs. Ira Rabb

Mrs. H. B. Manson

Mrs. D. L. Whitendes

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Our former pastor, Rev. J. Hoge Smith, having been retired, our church was for some months without a pastor - Nevertheless due to the help of Rev. L. A. Beckman, Presbyterian Executive Secretary and the co-operation of Columbia Seminary, our officers were able to keep the pulpit supplied until June 1958 Rev. Roy E. Watkins graduated from the Seminary and came to us as full-time pastor. His ordination and installation were the high lights of our Church's year.

These services were conducted by Presbytery's Commission composed of Rev. Robert L. McBath, Brunswick, Dr. Shirley Guthrie, Jr., of Columbia Seminary, Rev. Henry Sneed of Sylvania, Rev. J. Hoge Smith, Darien and elders W. P. Bealer, Darien, and L. H. Quarterman of Flemington. Also Elder R. E. Watkins of Greenville, S. C. At the Conclusion of this service the congregation was entertained with a reception in the Church Annex.

Since Mr. Watkins' pastorate a marked improvement in church attendance and other activities has been noticable.

The Women of the Church have carried on faithfully, contributing substantially to local expenses as well as to church's causes.

At the first of the year, we were apprehensive as to reaching our budget but as the year comes to an end we find we've exceeded our gifts to church causes, and are sure the entire amount will be in by December 1st. Mrs. Mary Hunter made a fine Bible leader and we "Met Dr- Luke" and have a greater appreciation for this great servant of our Lord.

Our study books were read. Mrs. A. T. Bearse ably discussed them. Our programs have been well handled, our meetings well attended.

The Birthday Party was celebrated and an offering of \$68.00 was given. Mrs. G. C. Rogers has served as Chairman of the Evening Group. While few in number they regularly contribute to the budget of the W. O. C.

Mrs. Thomas Hopkins is Presbyterial Chairman of Business Women Group 4. The local group attended the rally at Flemington and plans are being made to entertain this group in Darien in 1959.

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Our women attended Presbyterial and District Conference.

A Survey has been placed in every home of the church this year. Day by Day is a favorite and the Observer is read and passed on.

Our men took as their project this year, the renovation of the Manse, as our pastor wished to make his home there. The lovely old house has never been so beautiful. The out-dated electrical fixtures were replaced with modern ones, Venetian blinds were installed. And not only the Manse but the church too was greatly improved and electric fans were installed adding to the comfort of the congregation.

We are specially indebted to Mr. Guy Amason, Sr., and his sons Walcott and Jack, who did most of the work. When our young pastor arrived he was given a pantry shower. His parents Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Watkins, Sr., of Greenville, S. C., accompanied him and stayed until the ordination. On January 12, at an impressive service three adults, Mr. W. E. Williams, G. Conrad Rogers and Edwin Gale united with the church upon profession of faith. Mrs. Williams also came into the church by transfer.

In June another impressive occasion was that of the baptismal service when the infants and small children of these parents were dedicated: Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lake presented their children; Roy, Amy and Jeffrey, the Guy Amasons, Jr. brought their two little ones, Paul and Diane. This was our young pastor's first baptismal service. His first marriage ceremony was that of William Hawthorne and Dennis Schlatsburg, which was solemnized at a quiet wedding at the church in June. On April 26, Elder J. E. Britt's young daughter, Barbara Jean, was married to Alexander Lanier Hunnicutt of Metter at a beautiful afternoon ceremony at the church. Rev. J. Hoge Smith pastor emeritus officiated.

- Three of our young people graduated from High School, Sandra and Jimmy Britt and Larry Gale.

Three of our Sunday School went to Hilton Head to the Conference. They were Caroline Amason, Robert Rabb and Buddy Sullivan.

On Jan. 1st. 1958, the church honored Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Whitesides

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IN HONOR OF THE
FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Legare Whitesides

their son and daughter

and the First Presbyterian Church of

Darien, Georgia

request the pleasure of your

company on Wednesday, the first of January

from four to six o'clock

in the church annex.



On August 31, our church bulletin carried the "news" "Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Wilkerson Sharpe announces the engagement of their daughter Carolyn Dayne to the Reverend Roy Edgar Watkins, Jr." We were thrilled!

Then on Oct. 10th. in Greenville, S. C., the "Big Event" took place.

Be began planning a gift and decided on silver, which could be engraved as from our pastor's first charge. The choice was a beautiful bowl.

When the honey-moon was over the happy couple arrived in Darien. In their honor, the W.O.C. entertained with a reception and open house at the Manse.

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with a reception upon the occasion of their 50th. Wedding anniversary-- The affair was in the annex of the church where this couple was married fifty years ago by Rev. N. Keff Smith.

Under the auspices of St. Andrews Parish D. A. R. a marker was placed on the church grounds to the "Cradle of Presbyterianism in Georgia."

Three men of the Church died during September; R. W. Clancy, Hugh Boyd Manson and A. Ellison Willis, Mr. Willis was an elder. And on Aug. 16, Mrs. Nan Stoner was one of the passengers on the K.L.M. ~~airliner~~ ^{airliner} which was lost at sea. A flower memorial ^{for her} was placed in the church ^{and} ~~memorials~~ ^{memorials} were sent Quitman Home for Mr. Clancy, Mr. Manson and other memorials were sent by members. A floral piece was given to Mr. Willis' family.

Family night suppers were served once a month and a Sunday School family picnic was given at the swimming pool.

A nursery is being maintained so that mothers may attend church and a Youth Group has been organized. Our group sent 100 pounds of clothing to Overseas Relief.

We welcomed the family of Dr. Richard Nutt to the ^{fellows} ~~Communion~~ of the Church and Mrs. Fred ~~Chambers~~ ^{Chambers} and Robert Gore also united by letter.

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White Cross work was done, the Georgia Home at Montreat was given 10.00. A candle light service was part of the Christmas season, and a Christmas tree and party were given the Sunday School.

Boy Scout Troop 219 with their sponsors have worshiped with us several times.

The colored group of Grant Chapel attended their several Conferences. In all 13 delegates went, some of these were young people, five went to Stillman.

As the year draws to a close we are making plans for '59. Our every Member Canvas begins Nov. 16th. A ~~communion~~^{communion} class is in progress. All these lift up our hearts and make us give thanks to our blessed Lord, "Who giveth us the harvest".

(Mrs. D. L.) Emma Ligari Whitesides
Historian Women of the Church
Darien, Georgia



A CHRISTMAS CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

the First Presbyterian Church
DARIEN, GEORGIA



Our beautiful bulletins are from
The Ashantilly Press, owned and
operated by William E. Haynes, Jr.,
one of our deacons.

● Bill has twice received national
honors for having his books among
the 25 judged best for the year.

He competed with some distinguished
presses, such as The Universities of
North Carolina and Oklahoma.

The Order of the Service

7 P. M. DECEMBER 20, 1959



THE ORGAN PRELUDE

Cantique de Noel

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 56

O Come All Ye Faithful

* THE INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S
PRAYER



The Light of Prophecy

THE SCRIPTURE READING :

2nd part of Selection no. 35 and all of no. 36,
in back of hymnal.

To be read responsively, Congregation seated.

ANTHEM

Lo How A Rose Ere' Blooming



The Light of God's Glory

SCRIPTURE READING : Luke 2 : 1—20

* THE EVENING PRAYER

* THE HYMN No. 58

It Came Upon The Midnight Clear



The Light of the World

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5 : 14—16

THE ANTHEM

Oh, Come, Oh Come Emanuel



THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Bethlehem Lullaby

* THE HYMN : No. 64

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

THE MEDITATION

* THE HYMN No. 55

O Little Town of Bethlehem



The Lighting of the Candles

With his Candle the Minister will light the Candles of
the Ushers, who will then light the Candles
of the Worshippers.

* THE HYMN No. 60

Silent Night, Holy Night

* THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION



* THE RECESSIONAL HYMN No. 57

Joy To The World

* THE BENEDICTION

* THE POSTLUDE

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen



* Congregation standing

Visitors and the Congregation are invited to a
Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall
Following the Service.

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PASTOR	Rev. Roy E. Watkins
ELDERS	W.P. Bealer, J.E. Britt
DEACONS	Chairman- T.B. Dalby Ira Rabb, Eugene Lake, Guy H Amason, William Thaggard William G Haynes, Jr.
CHURCH TREASURER	Guy H. Amason
S.S. Superintendent	T.B. Dalby
Teachers	Mrs D.L. Whitesides - Adults Rev. Roy Watkins Seniors Mrs R.L. Nutt " Mrs Ira Rabb Intermediates Mrs Edd Gale Juniors Mrs H.B. Manson Primary and Beginners

The First Presbyterian Church of Darien, being incorporated by an act of the General Assembly, trustees are elected in accordance with the Charter. These trustees have previously been elected to serve one year. This year, 1959 they were elected to serve three, instead of one year. These trustees elected are J.L. Britt, W.P. Bealer, W.E. Williams and R.H. Manson.

OFFICERS - WOMEN OF THE CHURCH-1959

Membership- 28

Budget - \$ 700.00

President	Mrs W.G. Haynes Jr,
Vice President	Mrs H.B. Manson
Secretary	Mrs R.L. Nutt
Treasurer	Mrs T.B. Dalby
Historian	Mrs D.L. Whitesides
Chairman:	
Spiritual Growth	Mrs Mary J Hunter
Christian Education	Mrs Thomas Hopkins
Stewardship	Mrs W.G. Haynes Jr
Church Extension	Mrs Eugene Lake
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OFFICERS - BUSINESS WOMENS CIRCLE

Chairman	Mrs William Thaggard
Vice Chairman	Mrs Edd Gale
Treasurer	Mrs R.S. Townsend
Secretary	Mrs Conrad Rogers
Sponsor	Mrs Hoge Smith
Membership	10
Budget	\$100.00
Meetings	Once a month.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DARIEN, GEORGIA

The past year has been marked with many blessings and some sorrows. On December 18th 1958 we were grieved to lose one of our elders, Mr Daniel McDonald. "Mr Mac" was such a gentle soul his passing brought grief to the entire community. Two of our Womens' group died during the year. Miss Mary Haynes and Miss Stella Corlette, a faithful and helpful member,

The Legare Britts left Darein to go to Decatur, Georgia. Another of our elders gone! Mrs Britt was our Chairman of Social Activities. Mrs Guy Amason and her daughter Carolyn left us for Florida. We miss these members very much, as Mrs Amason was one of our Sunday School Teachers and President of our Womens' Group.

New members are Mrs and Mrs S.W. Popwell from the Brunswick Church and DR J.R.B. Branch, who comes to us from Macon. Buddy Sullivan, Leigh Dalby and Thomas Hawley united with the Church by profession of faith. Nancy Nutt was baptized.

Our Church congregations have grown and our W.O.C. group while few in number are faithful in attendance. Our programs have been well presented.

In February the Business Circle was hostess to District 4, of which Mrs Thomas Hopkins is Chairman. There were 71 in attendance.

The Church also entertained Presbytery at thier spring meeting May 19th. At this meeting there were 28 Ministers and 22 ruling Elders. Mrs Dockery Brown Jr., Presbyterial President was also present.

The local W.O.C provided the lunch for the group, which included a number of visitors.

Two negro delegates were sent to the Keysville Conference.

The Presbyterial Center Fund to which the W.O.C pledged \$500.00 was completed.

Our Church has Youth Group of about 20, which meets for vespers each Sabbath evening. Our Pastor is the sponsor, After thier service, supper is served them by a member of the Womens' group. Quite often the boys and girls go over to Jekyl Island for a "cook out" and Vespers. Keith Gale is leader of the Young Peoples group.

About once a month the Church has a family night supper, followed by some visiting speaker. Often films are shown emphasizing some phase of our work.

Our Sunday School held an enjoyable picnic on St. Simons, with bathing, followed by a delicious outdoor supper.

The Mens Club meet once a month for supper followed by a program. Thier project for the year was the construction of an outdoor barbecue grill, which they built them selves. This group entertained the women at a supper prepared and served by them. There were even flowers on the tables',

A Nursery has been provided in the Church Annex where young mothers can leave thier children, in order for them to attend service. Fruit Juice and crackers are served by one of the Womens' group. A trust worthy nurse is also provided.

First Presbyterian Church -

Darien Georgia

At Easter there was a community sunrise service. This was preceded by a Good Friday service by our Pastor.

The Methodist and Presbyterian Churches united in a Vacation Bible School. Afterward one senior and five juniors attended the Hilton Head Conference.

One our number, Mrs Thomas Hopkins, is serving as Vice President of Presbyterial. She attended Montreat and Synodical when she was appointed treasurer of the Elizabeth McMillan Scholarship fund.

Gifts were made to Thornwell and Quitman Home. The Survey is popular and other Church papers are read. Day by Day, is the daily devotional for our families.

The Joy Gift was \$38.00 and other contributions are expected from the Candle Light Service.

The Birthday Gift was \$60.00. Blessing Boxes provided \$ 38.00

William P. Bealer and our Pastor represented our Church at Presbytery this fall.

Each Sabbath the sanctuary has been adorned with flowers, from our gardens. Special Memorials have been given for Mr and Mrs C.R. Walker, Mrs M.E. Durant, Mr A.E. Willis, Mr D.E. McDonald and Mr H.B. Manson.

On December 20th at our morning service a beautiful silver baptismal bowl (given in memory of Hugh Boyd Manson) was dedicated and immediately after, Mr and Mrs Eugene Lake presented thier little son, Mark Steven, for baptism. So Mark becomes the first to be baptised from the new bowl.

Another small addition to our Church is Roy Edgar Watkins III, infant son of our Pastor and Mrs Watkins. This young man was recently baptised at his father's home Church at Greenville, South Carolina.

As the year draws to a close we pray for Gods' blessing on our work for the year ahead.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DARIEN, GEORGIA

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Once we became accustomed to the idea of a short year, the Darien Group have experienced a busy and profitable nine months.

We have two groups, the Women of the Church and the Business Circle. This group, while small, helps considerably with the work.

Our congregation is rather scattered through out the county, but we keep in touch through Fellowship suppers, once each quarter, when we usually have a guest speaker.

During Spiritual Enrichment season, Mr Bass of St. Mary's Church brought the inspirational message.

Mrs George Taylor gave a fine talk on World Missions and Dr. J.R.B. Branch, of our community, gave an interesting talk on medical work in China. He has spent twenty-five years there training native workers.

Our Pastor, Reverend Roy E. Watkins, taught the book of Genesis, in our intensive study period. In our semi-monthly meetings one of our women leads the study from the Work Book.

Mrs S.W. Popwell, World Mission Chairman, sent 165 pounds of warm clothing to Overseas Relief; and sixteen blankets were collected and sent.

A Friendship Circle was organized with 17 members. A box has also been sent to the Quitman Home.

We had three programs on Christian Education. Our study books have been read and discussed.

Two Blessing Box offerings were taken, also one at Easter and the Birthday Party suitably celebrated.

This group was represented at Synodical, at Presbyterial and District Conference. One attended Synodical Training School.

We, as hostess Church held World Day of Prayer. It was inter-denominational and was well attended.

Five young people attended Hilton Head.

The Pastor has been active with the senior group. Each Sunday evening Vesper Services are held, with supper following. Often these Services were held at Jekyll Island's picnic area.

The Pastor conducted the Commencement Sermon at the School Auditorium.

The Cub Scouts with thier leaders, have twice visited our Church for Morning Service.

The Methodist and Presbyterians Churches conducted a joint Bible School very successfully.

We maintain a well equipped Nursery, with a competent woman in Charge, Some new equipment had been added.

The Business Women meet regularly and they contribute substantially to the Women of the Church.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DARIEN, GEORGIA

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On March 10, 1960 three elders were elected; T.B. Dalby, E.R. Lake and W.G. Haynes Jr. and at the same time three deacons were elected: S.W. Popwell, Edwin Gale and C.W. Amason. The Men meet each month and they represented the Church at Presbytery and Spring Rally.

The Mens' group took as their project this year, the renovating of the Church. Walls are softly tinted, the floors are refinished and the pulpit furniture has been re-upholstered in green velvet to match the lovely green carpet. The Annex, too has been re-done and the kitchen is sparkling clean also.

The Sunday School had an enjoyable family picnic at the Lions Club Picnic Ground. The samll fry enjoyed a swim in the pool, then supper was served under the trees.

And so the spiritual and social Life have been enriched, and a close spirit of cooperation exists throughout the whole Church.

So the year closes with hopes of even better accomplishments next year.

(Mrs. D. L.) Emma Ligare Whitesides

HISTORIANS' REPORT

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DARIEN, GEORGIA

Meetings twice each month

Roll 28

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT	Mrs Asa Bearse
VICE PRESIDENT	Mrs W.G. Haynes, Jr.
SECRETARY	Mrs D.E. McDonald
TREASURER	Mrs Mary J. Hunter
HISTORIAN	Mrs D.L. Whitesides

CHAIRMAN:

Spiritual Growth	Mrs Thomas S. Hopkins
Christian Education	Mrs T.B. Dalby
Stewardship	Mrs R.H. Manson
Church Extension	Mrs G.C. Rogers
World Missions	Mrs Spencer Popwell
Annuities and Relief	Mrs H.B. Manson
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<u>BUDGET FOR 1961 -1962</u>	\$ 600.00
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DEATHS

Mrs W.E. Thaggard, Sr.
 Thomas B. Durant
 Mrs Callie Wingo
 Daniel L. Whitesides
 James E. Holmes

WEDDING:

On December 23, 1961 by Rev. J. Hoge Smith, father of the bride,
 Janet Ruth Smith and Dennis L. Park were married at an afternoon wedding in the
 First Presbyterian Church.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *

DARIEN GEORGIA

SAVANNAH PRESBYTERIAL

Number on roll 28 - Women of the Church

As may be expected, the Darien Church has had its difficulties and problems the past year, but with God's help we have been able to work them out satisfactorily.

First our Pastor, the Rev. Roy Watkins resigned to accept a charge at Belton, South Carolina. With so many congregations trying to secure pastors, we were somewhat discouraged, but we were fortunate in having the help of Mr Sidney Anderson, Dean of Students at Columbia Seminary, in sending us students to fill our pulpit each Sunday until the 1962 graduates would be available.

Due to Mr Anderson's interest and help, and with an efficient pulpit committee we are happy to report having secured Mr Fred Moore, a '62 graduate to the Pastorate. Mr Moore has been extended a unanimous call by the congregation and he has accepted the call, so God willing he and his family will come to us in June; for this we are all thankful.

The Men of the Church have worked diligently to have the Church and grounds put in splendid condition and now work renovating the lovely old Manse is being started so as to have this ready for our "Manse Family" when they arrive.

Just recently, improvements have been made to the exterior of the Church. New concrete steps replace the worn ones, iron railings and awnings work wonders. The Men have also enlarged the out-door grill, where they cook their own suppers. Often they entertain the ladies at these suppers.

Our Officers have been fortunate in keeping our Church open. Each Sunday a supply comes to us from Epworth-by-the-Sea, on St Simons, or an Elder from the Brunswick Church. Mr Edward Lambright has helped us wonderfully.

During the summer months we had a student, Mr James Peacock and his attractive wife and small daughter to come to us. They occupied the Manse, which had been furnished by the W.O.C. for them to "Camp out" during their stay. We enjoyed having them

so much; we regretted having them return to Columbia to resume his studies.

The Women of the Church (as women have always been) faithful in thier service to the Lord. Under the leadership of our President, Mrs Asa Bearse we are planning a successful year in 1962.

During 1961 we have met our budget and have contributed to all Church causes.

We also have a Business Women's Circle, with Mrs William Thaggard , Chhairman who meet monthly and help greatly in the work of the larger group.

Our Sunday School with Mr T.B. Dalby, Superintendent, while small is faithful in attendance and contributions.

Mrs Thomas Hopkins , is entertaining on December 17th, with a Tea for prospectve members of our Church and Sunday School. We trust that this effort will bring forth fruit. *(It did)*

A large box of clothing has been sent to Over-seas relief and White Cross Quota filled. At Christmas we supplied a needy family with a large box of groceries and clothing.

Another gift from the Men of the Church was a lovely new Communion Service ^{lin}en cloth.

The sterling silver plates are memorials to Mr and Mrs L.M. Bealer, and were presented by thier son W.P. Bealer. Dr Hull gave the new linens.

On Mr Watkins, last Sunday with us his small daughter, Kathy Dayne, and Jack Amason Jr. were baptized. Also Nancy and William Thaggard were recieved into the Church, upon profession of faith.

Mr and Mrs Walter Atwood also united with the Church by letter from Tampa, Florida.

As a farewell gift the Watkins were presented with a check of \$53.00 from teh Congregation.

On January 1, 1961 three trustees were elected: these were W.P. Bealer, W.E. Williams and R.H. Manson

Minister Speaks At Church Here 100617

Where He Was Pastor 63 Years Ago

Some men, if providence is kind to them, are able to return to a place they sojourned 25 years before. Fewer men return after 50 years. Even more unusual is a Presbyterian minister who returned to Darien to bring the morning sermon on January 1 this year.

The remarkable minister is Dr. L. Ross Lynn who began his long and useful ministry at the First Presbyterian Church in 1898, 63 years ago.

A native of Atoka, Tennessee, Dr. Lynn's long and useful career in the ministry began when he accepted the call to the First Presbyterian Church at the age of 23 years. The elders of the Presbyterian Church here then, according to records, were Messers. Walker, Quarterman, Dimmock and Legare.

Are there members of the Presbyterian Church who can recall those days 63 years ago when Dr. Lynn was minister? The answer is yes, but they were, of course, quite young at the time. They are Mrs. Claudia B. Britt, Mrs. D. L. Whitesides and William P. Bealer.

The Darien Presbyterian Church is recognized as the oldest Presbyterian Church in the Synod of Georgia and a photograph used elsewhere with this article shows the church building as it was when Dr. Lynn arrived to be its minister. Fire destroyed the building a year after Dr. Lynn came here, on July 6, 1899. The church, was rebuilt in 1900 and only remodeling and the addition of an annex has changed it in those 61 years. Rebuilding was not an



The photo at left shows Dr. L. Ross Lynn when he began his ministry here as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of



Darien in 1898. The photo at right is Dr. Lynn when he returned on January 1 of this year.

easy task, but Dr. Lynn and the 59 communicants of that day were successful. Dr. Lynn was pleased on his return after more than three score years to find the handsome Presbyterian edifice so well preserved and with a total of near 90 members now.

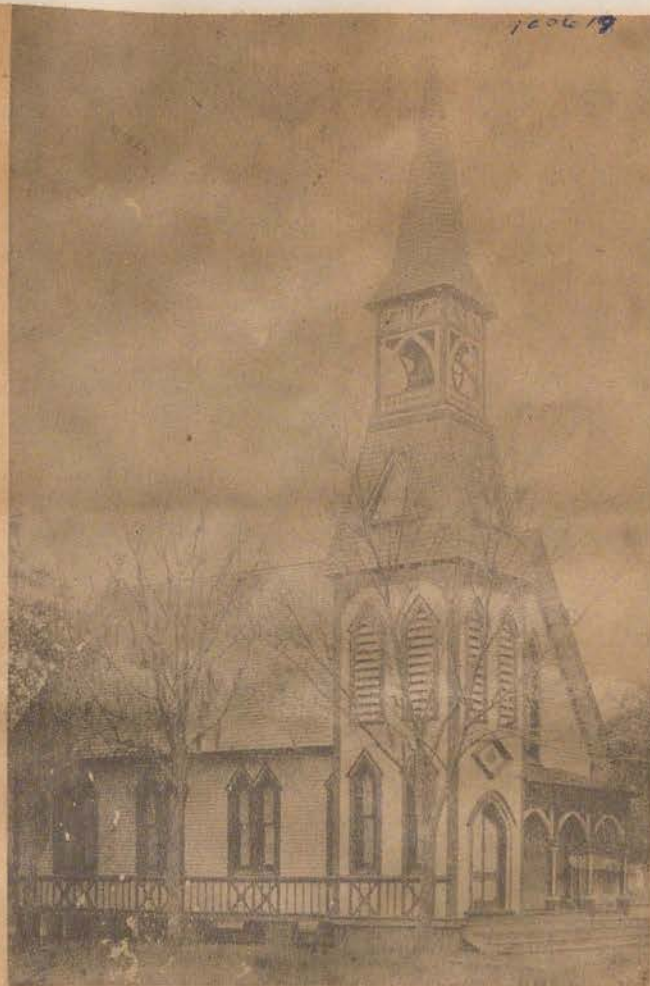
Dr. Lynn's ministry here was only the beginning of his long active and prominent part in the life of the Presbyterian Church. Upon leaving Darien in 1901 he served various churches, and in 1918 he began serving as President of the Thornwell Orphanage and pastor of the Thornwell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Clinton, S. C., which occupied his time for a quarter of a century, or until 1943. Dr. Lynn married Miss Edith DeWese in 1901 and together their years at the orphanage were very fruitful. Thornwell orphanage was founded the same

year of Dr. Lynn's birth, 1875, and during his quarter century there more than 1,800 children were cared for.

Upon leaving the orphanage in 1943, Dr. Lynn served a Florida church until 1948 when he retired at the age of 73. But this really was only the beginning of another kind of ministry for him. During the 12 years since 1948, he has preached at more than 45 churches, sometimes for only one service or for periods as long as three months. This ministry took him into seven states.

Dr. Lynn was accompanied to Darien earlier this month by his wife and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Lynn, from their home in Tallahassee, Fla.

The Presbyterian Church is as old as Darien itself, having been established in 1736. Many young men have followed Dr.



This photo shows the First Presbyterian Church as it looked when Dr. L. Ross Lynn was

its pastor in 1898. The building was destroyed by fire in 1899.



This photo shows the First Presbyterian Church soon after

it was rebuilt in 1900 while Dr. L. Ross Lynn was its pastor.

Lynn to the church here and at least 10 young ministers, like Dr. Lynn, have begun their career here. The present minis-

ter, the Rev. R. E. Watkins Jr., began serving his first pastorate here in 1958.

Young Larry Gale, was sent by the Church to Dallas, Texas to the Inter-National Youth Conference. He is the only delegate from Georgia to attend.

Our Men and Womens group were represented at Synods and Presbyterial Meetings.

Mrs Thomas Hopkins serves on the Synodical Board as Chairman of Christian Education.

Mr W.P . Bealer was a delegate to Synod, at Augusta.

On February 1961 we had a Family Night Supper, at which Dr W.C. McLaughlin was guest speaker. Being so well informed as to the Church work in China his talk was most interesting. But perhaps the highlight of the year was the visit from our old Pastor, Dr L. Ross Lynn, who with Mrs Lynn and thier daughter, Miss Elizabeth, came back to the old Darien Church, his first charge. Dr Lynn, began his Ministry as Pastor of the Darien Church 63 years ago.

It was during his pastorate when on July 6, 1899 the lovely old Church was burned. It wasrebuilt and dedicated July 1900. Only three of his old congregation are now living,

With Gods help nad his blessing we begin a new year, with hopes for even better accomplanishments then in 1961

(Mrs. D.L.) Emma Legare' Whitesides
Historian

Dr. L. ROSS LYNN, former minister of this Church and president of Thornwell Orphanage, will conduct the Worship Service this morning. It is an event in the life of a Church when a former pastor like Dr. Lynn retuns to visit its pulpit after the lapse of more than a generation. It is an honor to welcome Dr. Lynn back.

All pews in the First Presbyterian Church are Memorials as follows:

Rev. T.M. Hunter,	Pastor
Rev. F.M. Baldwin	"
John Garardeau Legare	Elder
James Walker	"
R.K. Walker	"
Jesse A. Britt	"
Daniel McDonald	"
Charles Reid Walker	"
Albert Eugene Dimmock	"
Charles O.S. Mallard & Lewis M Bealer	"

Members:

Mrs Emma Bealer Sinclair
Mrs Ellen Bailey
Mrs Sahar Dimmock Bealer
Mrs Lucy Downer Dimmock
Mrs Rebecca Sayer Hopkins
Mrs Abigail Austin King
Mrs Marion Campbell Manson
Robert Manson
Mrs Matilda McDonald
William Scriven Mallard
General Francis Hopkins
Captain Octavius Hopkins
Mrs Eliza King Hopkins and children,
Thomas S
Thomas S Mallard
Dr H.H. Johnson

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Memorials continued

Sally Ann McIntosh

Theodore Pitkin Pease

Mrs Augusta Powell

Lydia C. Walker

The Electric Organ

Presented by Helen H. Mallard, 1940

To the Hopkins Family

Choir Rail

Presented by A. Konetzo, 1909

To his Mother

Silver Baptismal Bowl

Presented by wife, Sarah Clark Manson

To Hugh Boyd Manson

Silver Communion Plates

Presented by son, William P. Bealer

To: Lewis and Sarah Bealer

SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY
First Presbyterian Church
Darien, Georgia

December 1962

History of the Women of the Church

In all, 1962 has been not only a busy, but profitable year. Our outstanding achievement was being able to secure a pastor.

There are so many calls for pastors we have been blessed in securing Rev. J. Fred Moore. He, with his attractive family, Mrs. Moore and two teen-age boys are now with us and we feel very grateful to God for answering our prayers. Mr. Moore's ordination and installation took place in the Darien Church. It is not often a congregation experiences both services. It was an impressive experience.

For the Moores the Manse was refurbished completely and the pantry was stocked to tide them over "getting settled."

During the period until our pastor arrived Columbia Theological Seminary was most helpful in sending students to supply the pulpit. In this way we grew to know many of our finest young ministers. We are grateful to Dr. Sidney Anderson, Dean of Students, for his assistance. Upon the occasion of the Lord's Supper Dr. Ludwig Dewitz of the Seminary came to administer the Sacraments.

On March 6th Darien was hostess to the District meeting. Mrs. Julia Bowen of Atlanta was guest speaker. There was a fine attendance.

During our World Missions season Dr. Reuben Torrey visited us showing slides of his work while in the Far East. Mrs. Grace Norton spoke at Group Conference. She is Chairman of Synod's World Missions. This meeting was held at an evening meeting of the Men of the Church, so they might enjoy Mrs. Norton's talk.

World Day of Prayer was sponsored by the Methodist Women. This church also helped with Vacation Bible School.

Our Birthday Party was an enjoyable occasion and the gift was \$43.10.

The Week of Spiritual Enrichment was observed and the study book "Not Like Other Men" was reviewed.

Mrs. Conrad Rogers of the Evening Group, who is our Church Extension Chairman, met with us and gave an interesting outline of this cause.

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We sent 29 lbs. to White Cross and filled our special quota. Blessing Boxes yielded a good amount.

Our church has been given several wheel chairs which we lend to those in need. Recently another chair was presented in memory of Mr. James Holmes. It was a gift of Mrs. Holmes.

There is a growing Evening Circle of business women who help considerably with the larger group. The Sunday School under the leadership of Supt. T. B. Dalby is slowly growing. Two went to Hilton Head. A picnic was held at the Lions' Club Park for the Sunday School. The young fry enjoyed swimming in the pool and all enjoyed the ample supper afterward.

The Church was represented at Presbytery by the pastor and Elder Dalby.

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Charles Wolcott Amazon has brought his young bride into the church and Mr. & Mrs. Rae Ehlen with their small daughter have united with the church. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Tait have transferred their membership from the Brunswick Presbyterian Church as they now have a home here, and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Crowson have joined us from Independent Church in Savannah. One member, Jesse Varnedoe, was transferred to Atlanta.

New choir robes have replaced the old ones.

Our beautiful bulletins are the work of W. G. Haynes, Jr., operator of the Ashantilly Press. Bill's handiwork is greatly admired especially by visitors. We are proud of Bill who practically grew up in the Darien Church. He competes with printers all over the south and his work rates among the best printed books in the Southern Books Competition which is held annually.

Last fall we suffered the loss of a "Mother in Israel", Mrs. Claudia Legare Britt, who died after a long illness. Besides her own services, she gave the church three ruling elders.

At the present, we are planning our annual Candlelight Service just before Christmas. This is a service eagerly looked forward to by the community. In preparation of the season our pastor is giving each Sabbath a sermon on the Nativity.

Loving hands place floral arrangements in the sanctuary each Sabbath. Many times these are memorials.

(Mrs. D.L.) Emma Legare Whitesides
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SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY
First Presbyterian Church
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1962-1963

Historian's Report

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The First Presbyterian Church Darien, Georgia



THE DIACONATE

THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1964

	1963	1964	Increase
Salary of Pastor	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	None
Supply Pastor	240.00	150.00	Down
Pastor's Annuity	450.00	450.00	None
Lights, Water, and Heating	400.00	300.00	Down
Cleaning of Building	300.00	400.00	Increase
Music	270.00	270.00	None
Church Stationery, Printing, and Postage	200.00	200.00	None
Presbytery Tax	90.00	100.00	Increase
Insurance	250.00	330.00	Increase
Repairs and Maintenance of Property	400.00	200.00	Down
Young Peoples Work	300.00	100.00	Down
Benevolences	250.00	500.00	Increase
Miscellaneous	50.00	100.00	Increase
	<u>\$8,200.00</u>	<u>\$8,100.00</u>	

Presbyterian Development Fund	\$160.00
Pastor's Group Insurance	\$162.09
Pastor's Car Allowance	\$200.00
	<u>\$8,622.09</u>

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Gay Auld

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Cynthia Jane Lake - daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Lake

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The First Presbyterian Church Darien, Georgia



THE DIACONATE

THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1964

	1963	1964	Increase
Salary of Pastor	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	None
Supply Pastor	240.00	150.00	Down
Pastor's Annuity	450.00	450.00	None
Lights, Water, and Heating	400.00	300.00	Down
Cleaning of Building	300.00	400.00	Increase
Music	270.00	270.00	None
Church Stationery, Printing, and Postage	200.00	200.00	None
Presbytery Tax	90.00	100.00	Increase
Insurance	250.00	330.00	Increase
Repairs and Maintenance of Property	400.00	200.00	Down
Young Peoples Work	300.00	100.00	Down
Benevolences	250.00	500.00	Increase
Miscellaneous	50.00	100.00	Increase
	<u>\$8,200.00</u>	<u>\$8,100.00</u>	

Presbyterian Development Fund	\$160.00
Pastor's Group Insurance	\$162.09
Pastor's Car Allowance	\$200.00
	<u>\$8,622.09</u>

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Historian's Report
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1964-65

On roll - 33

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While our group is small and scattered over the county, we are (as usual) faithful and active in all areas of the church's work; so in all we have had a profitable year.

Of major importance, as a congregation, is the completion of the big building program of an Education Building and a new Manse. The old Manse was in need of extensive repairs, so it was decided to sell the old building (which was removed) and the sale to go toward a new Manse. Funds were pledged by members and the Church Extension gave generous assistance, so on Nov. 22, 1964, at 3 o'clock impressive dedication services were held. Rev. Clyde Pratt, Extension Secretary of Savannah Presbytery was guest speaker. After the service a reception was held in the church parlor so that all could rejoice with us and give thanks to God for his many blessings and benefits.

Then came the problem of furnishings for the Education Building rooms but generous members again contributed and all needed equipment was obtained. The Men of the Church gave their time in the evenings to painting and doing the needed carpenters' work, making shelves, etc.

Open house was held at the new Manse nearby. Mrs. Moore, our "Manse Lady" being a gracious hostess.

A Community Thanksgiving service was held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church with "our" Mr. Moore bringing the message.

A community Christmas Carol service was held at the Baptist Church in Darien on December 20th.

Our group was represented at the District 3 Conference in Brunswick on Feb. 11th, Presbyterian and Synodical conferences. We are proud to announce that our Mrs. Thomas Hopkins has been appointed Director of Synodical Training School at Columbia Seminary June 14-20, 1965.

We have filled our White Cross assignment, two duffel bags have been sent to Overseas Relief.

Our Blessing Boxes brought in \$54.95; a special Mother's Day offering was taken for Presbyterian Homes. We observed World Day of Prayer and World-wide Communion.

In the summer a community Bible School was held at the Methodist Church, our teachers giving their services.

Our W.O.C. Christmas program was well attended. The Joy Gift was \$67.50.

Our pastor has had a busy year. He attended Montreat Conference, the Children's Conference at Augusta, Synod's Children's Work Conference, and he and his son, Joe, attended Senior-Hi Conference at Hilton Head, S.C., in June 22-27th.

Also Mr. Moore taught our W.O.C. a class in 1st John. After this he and his family left for a well-earned vacation in Alabama. During his absence our pulpit was filled by Mr. Clyde Pratt and Mr. Ed Lambright of Brunswick.

We had the pleasure of having our friend, Mrs. Clyde Taylor of Brunswick, bring a spiritual message and our Miss Gussie Fraser brought information as to her 40 years as a missionary in China.

Our community as well as our congregation was grieved at the death of William Porter Bealer on December 17th at the Glynn-Brunswick Memorial Hospital, Brunswick, Ga. Our church has lost a faithful and generous friend. Those of us who were lifetime friends are going to feel his loss deeply but we say "Well done, good and faithful servant". We know our loss is his gain.

Forgetting those faults which are behind, we look forward to the year ahead.



A SERVICE
OF DEDICATION
FOR
EDUCATIONAL BUILDING
AND MANSE



the First Presbyterian Church
DARIEN, GEORGIA



SERVICE OF DEDICATION

the Educational Building & Manse

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22, 1964, AT 3:30 P. M.



The Order of the Service

Organ Prelude

The Call to worship

Doxology

Invocation — The Lord's Prayer

Hymn No. 1

The Apostles Creed

Introductions

Dedication Litany	Mr. Moore
Dedicatory Prayer	Mr. Thompson
Presbytery Greetings	Mr. Barnes
	Mr. Pratt

Hymn No. 287

Scripture Reading

Dedicatory Sermon	Mr. Harrington
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Hymn No. 345

Benediction

THE DEDICATION LITANY

The Minister:

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we do this.
To the glory of God the Father, who called us by
His grace:
To the glory of the Son, who loves us and gave
Himself for us:
And to the glory of the Holy Spirit, who
illumines and sanctifies us:

We dedicate these buildings.

The Congregation: *We give Thee thanks, O God.*

The Minister:

For the hallowing of family life:
For the teaching and guiding of the young:
For the upbuilding of all who believe, and the
perfecting of the saints:
And for the extension of the kingdom of God:
We dedicate the Educational Building.

The Congregation: *We give Thee thanks, O God.*

The Minister:

For the living comfort of the pastor and his family:
For the fellowship of the saints:
And with an expression of Christian love:
We dedicate the Manse.

The Congregation: *We give Thee thanks, O God.*

The Minister:

And now, as a people within the household of God:
In the unity of faith,
In the communion of saints,
In love and goodwill to all,
In gratitude for the gift of these buildings to be
an habitation of God through the Spirit:
We dedicate ourselves to the worship of God
and the service of His Kingdom:
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

The Congregation: *AMEN*

Cradle of Presbyterianism

Scots Organized Darien Church in 1736

THE MINISTER won't speak in Gaelic, but he will be speaking to the oldest Presbyterian congregation in Georgia when he dedicates today the new educational building of the First Presbyterian Church in Darien.

The graceful design of the new structure conforms with the quiet dignity of the grey stucco church edifice which has stood on the spacious "Presbyterian lot" for more than half a century in this picturesque coastal town. Together they are an imposing architectural unit, a far cry from the tiny chapel on the Altamaha River bluff less than a mile from this site which saw the beginning of this congregation—the cradle of Presbyterianism in Georgia—more than 200 years ago.

It was in January, 1736, that the Rev. John McLeod held the first church service in the new Darien settlement, preaching in Gaelic to a band of Scottish Highlanders. In that congregation were men and boys whose names still echo through the halls of history—Captain John McIntosh Mor, patriarch of the clan and hero of Moosa; his young sons, Lachlan and William, who were to win fame in the Revolutionary War; Captain Hugh Mackay, Lieutenant James Sutherland, Lieutenant Charles Stuart, and other heroes of Moosa and of the Battle of Bloody Marsh.

THE HIGHLANDERS had been recruited especially for this dangerous post, "almost in the very chaps of the Spaniards," and their minister had been as carefully selected. A native of the Isle of Skye, well known to some of the Highlanders—especially to Captain George Dunbar—he had been examined by the Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge and ordained by the Presbytery of the Isle, in preparation for his sailing with the Highland emigration on October 18th, 1735.

The instructions of the society to the Rev. Mr. McLeod were strict: "You . . . are not only to officiate as Minister of the Gospel to the Highland families going thither from this country and others there who may incline to join with you in public worship but also to use your utmost endeavour for propagating Christian Knowledge among the Indian natives in that colony, and in order thereunto you as soon as you shall

larly. Since the Indians were from the first very friendly with the Scots, visiting them frequently, that is more likely than that some of them attended both the church and school at Darien?

On Sunday, February 22nd, 1736, James Edward Oglethorpe first visited the Scots in Darien. The service that morning was a colorful one, with the Highland Company in full marching regalia, as they were to be reviewed later in the day by Oglethorpe.

JOHN Wesley visited Darien on January 2nd, 1737, and attended services in the chapel. He was "surprised to hear an extempore prayer before a written sermon."

"Alas my brethren!" he wrote in his journal that night. "I hear you record ye have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge."

However, he heartily approved of

now scattered over so wide an area. A "meeting house" was built about eight miles north of Darien, near what is now called Ebenezer. This was the place of worship for the inhabitants of the district, the parish and later the county, and a landmark for many years. Resident ministers, as well as prominent preachers from other districts and colonies visited and preached there, among them the Rev. Archibald Simpson of South Carolina. The meeting house served also as the center for important civic gatherings, and it was here that the Darien Committee met in January, 1775, and drafted the memorable resolutions in support of the resolutions passed by the "Grand American Congress." The name of Lachlan McIntosh heads the list of signers of this document.

In 1793, when McIntosh County was laid out from Liberty and the

well advanced in years and was forced to drive or ride a horse the sixteen-mile distance from his home at Fairhope to attend services. The old Meeting House was but half the way, and would have been far more convenient for him. He served as an elder in the Darien Church until his death in 1826.

The names on the roll during the first half of the nineteenth century were proud names—and so they are still: Sallett, Gignilliat, Houstoun, Forbes, Young, Forrester, Calder, Hall, Spalding, Cooke, Millen, Hand, King, Brailsford, McDonald, Durant, Lefils, Stiles, Atwood, Mitchell, Dele-gal . . . to mention only a few.

In 1856 the Rev. Francis Goulding, author of *The Young Marooners* and other books, became pastor of the Darien Presbyterian Church, acting in this capacity until the beginning of the war years, when it was of necessity closed. A note in the record book, signed by the Rev. Mr. Goulding at Roswell, Georgia, October 31, 1869, tells the tragic story: "The last service in the Presbyterian Church of Darien was held March 9, 1862, under the acting pastorship of Rev. F. R. Goulding. Ere the next Sabbath the community was shattered by the approach of the enemy who soon burned every church and dwelling in the place, except the M. E. Church, saved by accident. (Here is pencilled the date 1863.) The members of this church, numbering at last record 59 white and 61 colored members, total 120, was then scattered to the four winds and have never since, up to the present date been reorganized . . ."

BUT THE Presbyterian Church in Darien was not dead. On January 30, 1870, in the midst of the turmoil of the Reconstruction, a group of the scattered members met in the Methodist church on The Ridge (founded by coastal planters to escape the heat in summer) and reorganized. The Rev. C. B. King and the Rev. John Quarterman were present to lead them; T. P. Pease was elected Ruling Elder, and Robert Lachlison, Deacon. The Rev. John Quarterman was extended an invitation to preach one-half of his time to this church for the ensuing year, arrangements having already been made to furnish him with a house and part of his salary.

Soon a new church edifice was erected; later, when it was destroyed by fire, to be replaced by the present structure. There have been difficult years, but the church has prospered, and now marks another milestone in progress with the dedication of the handsome new educational building, under the leadership of the present pastor, the Rev. Fred Moore.

Two hundred and thirty eight years have passed since the establishment of the little church on the Altamaha River bluff in Darien, the first Presbyterian congregation in Georgia. Today there is but one of the old Highland family names on the membership roll—McDonald, a name that has been a part of it since the beginning.

Who can say that the spirit of the old Highland Scots who founded the church has not prevailed all through these years in which storm, fire, wars and tragedy have at times suspended—but never destroyed—this congregation?



New Wing Similar to Church Design

the congregation writing about them, "Yet it must be owned that in all instances of personal or social duty these people utterly shames our countrymen; in sobriety, industry, frugality, patience, in sincerity and openness of behaviour; in justice and mercy of all kinds, being not content with exemplary kindness to one another, but extending it to the utmost of their ability to even the stranger that is within their gates.

"Mr. McLeod, their minister, is a serious, prudent, resolute and (I hope) a pious man."

The final entry in Mr. Wesley's journal concerning that Darien visit of one and a half days, gives testimony to the persuasive powers of the Rev. Mr. McLeod. It reads, "I prayed extempore!"

THE BATTLE of Bloody Marsh in July, 1742, secured the southern frontier from invasion by the Spaniards, and the Darien inhabitants, no longer confined to the town, took up grants in the outlying district, particularly along the tidewater rivers. The little chapel in Darien could not serve the needs of the Highlanders

seat of government established at Sapelo Main (now Eulonia) the Meeting House was still the center for Presbyterian worship for the district—still spoken of as Darien. Nearly thirty years later, after the county seat had been moved to Darien, and the town had begun to grow, plans were made for a Presbyterian church building there. Friends from Liberty County came in to assist in the reorganization—notably the Rev. William McWhir, the venerable Irish preacher, teacher, and friend of George Washington. The Rev. Samuel S. Davis was called as minister; John Kell, Ebenezer Rees, James Nephew and General John McIntosh were

IN THE LONG roll of illustrious members of this church none shines more brightly than that of General John McIntosh. He was the officer of the Continental Line in command at Fort Morris, Sunbury, who, on November 20, 1778, when the British Lient. Col. L. V. Fuser demanded the surrender of the fort replied, "Come and take it!" The general, at the time of the re-organization of the church in Darien, was

By Bessie Lewis

come to understand the language of the said natives are not only to preach to and catechize them but also to keep a school for teaching them and others under your care in the said colony to read the Holy Scriptures and the Old and New Testaments and other pious and Godly Books."

THE REV. Mr. McLeod's salary was to be twenty-five pounds sterling per year, with twenty-five pounds extra for the first year, and the Trustees of Georgia were to grant to him three hundred acres of land.

There is no record that The Rev. Mr. McLeod ever actually served as a missionary to the Indians. But he did establish a school—probably in the chapel—where he taught the twenty-nine Highland boys and girls regu-

MEMORIAL TO
WILLIAM PORTER BEALER
BY THE
REV. DR. R. A. TORREY, JR.

DARIEN, GEORGIA. MCMLXIV
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WILLIAM PORTER BEALER
ARCHITECT
RULING ELDER OF THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
U. S., DARIEN, GEORGIA
BORN
IN DARIEN
NOVEMBER 28, 1888
DIED
IN DARIEN
DECEMBER 17, 1964



MEMORIAL TO RULING ELDER WILLIAM PORTER BEALER

As we meet for our service today the thoughts of many of us are going back to a week ago yesterday when we gathered to lay to rest the body of our valued friend and neighbor Mr. William P. Bealer. A highly respected citizen, a man of Christian maturity, a true Christian gentleman, kindly and gracious, ever seeking to help those around him, he will be greatly missed by all but especially by this Church, in which he has been a pillar and a ruling elder carrying important responsibilities for many years.

Our first impulse is to express sorrow because of his passing but on second thought we realize that while we feel a deep sense of loss we should turn our thoughts to dwell on the joy and fuller life into which he has entered. He has merely passed through the thin veil of life as we live it here, now, and life as it continues throughout eternity. As we think of our beloved and respected friend's going we should realize that all of us who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and placed our trust in Him have eternal life even now. At death, which may come to any one of us, young or old, at any time, we simply step from this present physical life into that continuing fuller richer phase of life that awaits us in the presence and glory of our Master. There we shall serve Him for all eternity in a more joyous and glorious life than we are now able to imagine.

As we think of our friend and day by day miss his presence with us our thoughts turn from our loss to his gain, the joy and rewards upon which he has entered. We also recall how faithfully he performed every trust and responsibility placed upon him. Now that he is gone others of you must take up these burdens and carry these responsibilities. May Mr. Bealer's life and faithful service be long remembered as an example and inspiration to each one of us.

(Substance of remarks made by Rev. Dr. R. A. Torrey, Jr. at the beginning of his sermon in the First Presbyterian Church of Darien, Georgia, December 27th, 1964.)

New members who joined our church in 1964:

Mrs. Larry Gale
Mrs. Michael Fischette
Mrs. David Bluestein
Col. & Mrs. Maurice P. Shaver
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Taylor
Mrs. F. L. Ridley

Baptisms: Denise Fischette, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Fischette.

Mrs. Michael Fischette

Respectfully submitted:

Emma Legare Whitesides (Mrs. D.L.)
Mrs. D. L. Whitesides, Historian

Women of the Church
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Savannah Presbytery
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February 8, 1966

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Mr. & Mrs. William Bell	Mr. & Mrs. Donald M. Forsyth
William Bell, Jr.	Mary Alice Forsyth
Catherine Bell	Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Sawyer
Derek Bell	Terri McBride Sawyer

Baptisms administered:

Catherine Davidson Bell	Mary Alice Forsyth
Derek Bell	Terri McBride Sawyer

This past year of 1965 has been a profitable and happy one for us all. Being a scattered group we have one meeting at a home each month and one church meeting per month. At our church meeting we have our intensive Bible study which Mr. Moore, our pastor, leads. Our Afternoon Circle numbers about 20, and of these, many of whom live quite a distance throughout the county, are faithful in their attendance. The Evening Circle meets once a month at a home. They number about 12 members.

Six ladies from our church attended the District Conference in Blackshear on February 2nd. On Feb. 24th we observed our World Mission giving with a family night covered dish supper in our church, with no outside speaker but conducting our own program. Gifts totalled \$70.00.

During 1965 a memorial gift was given by Mr. & Mrs. R. H. Manson in memory of William P. Bealer by the presentation to the church of a new pulpit Bible, the Bruce Rogers "World Bible". This Bible ranks among the great Bibles in the history of printed Bibles.

On April 20th the Savannah Presbytery met in our church, and the luncheon was prepared and served by our ladies. A very excellent attendance of men.

On May 26th our Birthday Offering was taken for Taejon Medical School and hospital, Korea, at a meeting in our educational building.

The 1965 Synodical Training School was held at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga., from June 14th through 20th, with our fine and capable Mrs. Thomas Hopkins as director. Mrs. Maurice Shaver attended this meeting, and gave us a moving and inspirational report of it later.

On June 22nd there was a family night covered dish supper held for the benefit of General Fund Agencies giving, which totalled \$30.75.

An interdenominational Vacation Bible School was held from July 5th through July 9th.

Our minister attended Columbial Theological Seminary from Oct. 11 to 22nd, where he was a member of the Special Continuing Education Program. Mr. Moore was selected by the faculty to participate in this program to study in the field of Christian Education, and was one of 11 ministers from 5 states to attend this first session. Because of the need of ministers for assistance in their continuing study, Columbia Friendship Circle has chosen Continuing Education for their support in 1965-66.

On October 19th five of our ladies attended the annual Savannah Presbyterial meeting, held in the Chapel-in-the-Gardens, Garden City, Savannah. At this meeting we were very proud of our Mrs. Thomas Hopkins, who was awarded a life membership in the Savannah Presbyterial in recognition of her outstanding work, and the directing of the 1965 Synodical Training School.

The highlight of 1965 for us certainly was the community county-wide evangelistic services held in Darien from Nov. 1st through 5th, with the renowned Rev. Dr. Henry E. Russell, of the Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tenn. giving us a series of inspiring and superlative talks. These meetings were held in the Darien Public School auditorium; although sponsored by our church, we felt that our small church could not accommodate the great number of people who could benefit by hearing Dr. Russell, and so all the denominations in the county were invited to participate, and there was an excellent turn-out every night. The wonderful support of the various ministers and congregations was a fine example of unity in the religious life of our community.

First Presbyterian Church
Darien, Ga.

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At one time during 1965 several of our young women took teacher training courses at Brunswick and 10 others took varied special teaching courses. A review of Covenant Life Curriculum was given by one of our ladies in a most interesting and vital talk.

Our White Cross and duffel bags quotas were filled; Blessing Box collections were taken twice during the year, and a special Mother's Day service for giving to Homes was held.

Our Joy Gift was taken at our Christmas Pageant, ably directed by Mrs. Thomas Hopkins, with the junior and senior choirs also participating. Because of illness of our organist and several members, our annual Candlelight Service had to be cancelled.

Our Sunday School continues to grow, and with our adding several new young couples to our church membership, we look forward to this year of 1966 with faith and promise and challenge in spreading our Christian work abroad and at home.

Respectfully submitted:

Natalie E. Haynes.
Mrs. William G. Haynes, Jr.,
Historian

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Feb. 8, 1966

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New members who joined in 1966 by affirmation of their faith, and baptized on June 5th:

Mrs. Elsie Garret Robert Garrett(son) Miss Dawn Garrett(daughter)

Baptisms on Aug. 21st: Donald Robert and Kimberly Ann Smith, twins
of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Smith.

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On May 15th a family night supper (covered dish) was given in the pastor's honor, and as a farewell gift of appreciation, he and his family were presented a silver tray from the congregation.

On April 20th, ten of our ladies attended the Savannah Presbyterial held at the St. Simons Island Church, at which time Mrs. Thomas Hopkins was elected as Presbyterian President for a 2-year term, 1966-68; we took pride in her gracious acceptance of this very responsible duty. Mrs. William Allen was also elected as Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Asa Bearse, Nominating Committee.

Mr. William Canady arrived to serve us as our summer pastor, on June 10th. He is a rising senior at Columbia Theological Seminary, and with his wife, Penny, came for the 3 months of June, July & August; everyone took them

to their hearts; and he served us well.

The second sad loss to our church was the death of our beloved Col. Maurice P. Shaver on July 21st. He was one of our deacons, and was a very fine, wonderful gentleman and friend -- and a most faithful member who contributed so greatly to the life of our church.

The Committee for Nominating a Minister Is:

R. V. Tait, Chairman
Edwin Gale

T. B. Dalby
E. R. Lake
Mrs. Thomas Hopkins

The 1966 Synodical Training School in Decatur was attended by Mrs. Thomas Hopkins and our "summer" minister's wife, Mrs. William Canady. This was again held in June at Columbia Seminary.

We have lost other members through their moving away from Darien; Mr. & Mrs. S. W. Popwell (Mr. Popwell had been one of our deacons); Mr. & Mrs. William Bell and their 3 children, who moved to Brunswick; They had only been with us a year, but had become church members; and also Mr. & Mrs. Frank Taylor, he to go into Service.

On August 28th we had a family night supper to bid farewell to Mr. & Mrs. Canady, who returned to Columbia Theological Seminary on September 7th.

Respectfully submitted:

Natalie E. Haynes
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Historian

September 10, 1966.

First Presbyterian Church
Darien, Georgia

BALANCE OF HISTORIAN'S REPORT FOR
1966
October 1, 1966 to December 31, 1966

As we are searching for a new pastor, all autumn we were grateful to have the services of different young seminary students to supply our pulpit on Sunday mornings.

We ended our year with a very fine Christmas Candlelight Service which was held on December 18th at 7 o'clock, followed by a social half hour with punch and refreshments. We had a splendid young people's choir, with enthusiastic little boys and girls of 5 and 6 as the youngest to participate. Mr. Art Jones, a Columbia Seminary student, conducted the service and gave the Christmas message.

We now go ahead into the new year with confidence and hope that we shall find a new minister to lead us.

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Natalie E. Haynes.
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February 13, 1967

Two more items to be added to the above report:

On October 13, 1966, several of our ladies attended the District III meeting at the Jekyll Island Presbyterian Church, which adjourned with a very nice luncheon following at Crews' Restaurant in the Wanderer Motel on Jekyll Island.

In the fall we started a morning prayer group which meets weekly for a half hour; and it is a rewarding time together, even though our group is small. We hope to continue with this group right on through 1967, and hope to see the number attending grow.

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This year has been in some ways a sad one for our church, first our minister, Mr. J. Fred Moore, tendered his resignation on April 17th, and left us as of June 1st, after 4 years of splendid service to his community and congregation. He accepted a call in McDonough, Ga.

On May 15th a family night supper (covered dish) was given in the pastor's honor, and as a farewell gift of appreciation, he and his family were presented a silver tray from the congregation.

On April 20th ten of our ladies attended the Savannah Presbyterial held at the St. Simons Island Church, at which time Mrs. Thomas Hopkins was elected as Presbyterial President for a 2-year term, 1966-68; we took pride in her gracious acceptance of this very responsible duty. Mrs. William Allen was also elected as Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Asa Bearse, Nominating Committee.

Mr. William Canady arrived to serve us as our summer pastor, on June 10th. He is a rising senior at Columbia Theological Seminary, and with his wife, Penny, came for the 3 months of June, July & August; everyone took them

to their hearts; and he served us well.

The second sad loss to our church was the death of our beloved Col. Maurice P. Shaver on July 21st. He was one of our deacons, and was a very fine, wonderful gentleman and friend -- and a most faithful member who contricuted so greatly to the life of our church.

The Committee for Nominating a Minister is:

Mr. R. V. Tait, Chairman

Mr. T. B. Dalby

Mr. Edwin Gale

Mr. E. R. Lake

Mrs. Thomas Hopkins

The 1966 Synodical Training School in Decatur was attended by Mrs. Thomas Hopkins and our "summer" minister's wife, Mrs. William Canady. This was again held in June at Columbia Seminary.

We have lost other members through their moving away from Darien; Mr. & Mrs. S. W. Popwell (Mr. Popwell had been one of our deacons); Mr. & Mrs. William Bell and their 3 children, who moved to Brunswick; they had only been with us a year, but had become church members; and also Mr. & Mrs. Frank Taylor, he to go into Service.

On August 28th we had a family night supper to bid farewell to Mr. & Mrs. Canady, who returned to Columbia Theological Seminary on Sept. 7th.

Respectfully submitted:

Natalie E. Haynes

Mrs. William G. Haynes, Jr., Historian

September 10, 1966.

First Presbyterian Church
Darien, Georgia

BALANCE OF HISTORIAN'S REPORT FOR
1966
from October 1 to December 31, 1966

As we are searching for a new pastor, all autumn we were grateful to have the services of different young seminary students to supply our pulpit on Sunday mornings.

We ended our year with a very fine Christmas Candlelight Service which was held on December 18th at 7 o'clock, followed by a social half hour with punch and refreshments. We had a splendid young people's choir, with enthusiastic little boys and girls of 5 and 6 as the youngest to participate. Mr. Art Jones, a Columbia Seminary student, conducted the service and gave the Christmas message.

We now go ahead into the new year with confidence and hope that we shall find a new minister to lead us.

Respectfully submitted:

Natalie E. Haynes
Mrs. William G. Haynes, Jr., Historian

February 13, 1967

Two more items to be added to the above report:

On October 13, 1966, several of our ladies attended the District III meeting at the Jekyll Island Presbyterian Church, which adjourned with a very nice luncheon following at Crews' Restaurant in the Wanderer Motel on Jekyll Island.

In the fall we started a morning prayer group which meets weekly for a half hour; and it is a rewarding time together, even though our group is small. We hope to continue with this group right on through 1967, and hope to see the number attending grow.

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First Presbyterian Church
Darien, Georgia
Savannah Presbytery
Synod of Georgia

HISTORIAN'S REPORT
for 1967

Pastor: William C. Canady
Elders:

T. B. Dalby	R. V. Tait
J. E. Britt	W. G. Haynes Jr.

Diaconate:	W. E. Williams	Edwin Gale
	W. E. Thagard	Ira Rabb

Treasurer & Deacon: R. H. Manson

Trustees:	T. B. Dalby	R. V. Tait
	R. H. Manson	W. E. Williams

Women of the Church - on roll, 43.

Officers for 1967-68

President: Mrs. Guy H. Amason
Vice Pres: Mrs. C. M. Fisher
Treasurer: Mrs. R. H. Manson
Secretary: Mrs. H. B. Manson
Historian: Mrs. W. G. Haynes Jr.

New Members: Mr. & Mrs. Herbert McClary by transfer of their Church letter.
Mr. & Mrs. R. V. Jackson, by transfer
Mrs. William Canady, by transfer
Curtis G. Reitz, by affirmation of faith

Baptisms: Tamara Jean Akins, infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Akins (Mrs. Akins is the former Iris Jean Robert, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. C. D. Robert)

Loss of members through moving away:

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene R. Lake and their 5 children to
New Bern, North Carolina in June.

Mr. & Mrs. William Allen and their 3 children to Florida
in July

Loss through death: Mr. Guy H. Amason, on March 23, 1967
Mr. William G. Haynes Sr., on April 13th
Mr. S. W. Popwell in November (former member
of this church)

Marriages: Miss Linda Poppell to Timmie E. Kicklighter, Sept. 23rd.
Miss Jean McQuaig to Rodney Oberly (non-member) Sept. 23rd.

Memorial Gifts: Mrs. Guy H. Amason presented to the church a guest book in memory of her husband, Guy H. Amason.

The first half of this year in our church history proceeded smoothly without a pastor and with the supplying our pulpit with very fine young Columbia Theological Seminary students. At the end of January Dean Olof H. Lyon, Dean of Students, Columbia Seminary, officiated at a congregational meeting to institute a call to Mr. William C. Canady, then a senior at the Seminary to come to us upon his graduation in June.

The first loss through death to our church was the passing of our former pastor, Rev. J. Hoge Smith, on January 28th. He was retired and had made his home here in Darien for several years, and was held in affectionate esteem by all his friends and congregation.

We held a family night covered dish supper for our World Missions offering, to which Mrs. Grace Norton of Brunswick, came and spoke to us.

The annual meeting of the Savannah Presbytery was held in Statesboro on March 29th, at the Pittman Park Methodist Church, as the new Presbyterian church there was in process of being built. Four of our ladies attended this meeting, and our own Mrs. Hopkins, President of the Savannah Presbytery, presided.

At the end of March the men of the church invited the ladies to a supper meeting; an interesting guest speaker was Mr. Ben E. James, Jr., of the Savannah Industrial Development Division.

On May 28th a family night supper was held at the church in honor of the departing Lake family to New Bern, N.C. Mr. Lake was an elder for many years, and he and his family will be very much missed by all of us; they were beloved by everyone, and contributed greatly to the ongoing life of our church and Sunday School. The Birthday Offering was taken at this occasion.

The first Sunday in June we had a Gideon Bible speaker supply our pulpit, Mr. E. G. Mann.

Then on June 11th our new minister, Mr. Canady and his wife, came. We are fortunate to have this nice, young couple to lead us. In July Mr. Canady was received into the Presbytery of Savannah; Dr. Frank A. Mathes, retiring Moderator, brought the message on, "God's Message to His Church Today." And on July 30th the installation and ordination of Mr. William C. Canady was held in our church. The moderator was Rev. Clyde Pratt; and guest preacher was Rev. Archie Davis of New Hope Presbyterian Church of Gastonia, North Carolina.

Vacation Bible School was held during the week of June 19 to 23rd.

In September our minister performed his first two marriage ceremonies, both on the same day, as it happened! One bride is a member of our church, the other was not.

In September our minister, Mr. Canady, started a series of Bible studies on Wednesday evenings. "What Presbyterians Believe" was the subject of the beginning studies, an interesting and informative session for several weeks. Our group is small, but we hope to increase this number this year.

A young people's group meets weekly at the Manse with Mr. and Mrs. Canady for spiritual enrichment and fellowship.

We closed the year on a high note with our annual Christmas Candlelight Service held on Christmas Eve, and followed by a delightful open house at the Manse. The choir wore their new robes at this joyful occasion, a gift of personal friends of our minister; and these same friends' generous gift also enabled our Mr. Canady to purchase new hymn books.

We go forward into this New Year with much hope and confidence, and strengthened by our new young minister's guidance and leadership.

Respectfully submitted:

Natalie E. Haynes
Mrs. William G. Haynes, Jr.,
Historian

January 13, 1968.

Women of the Church
First Presbyterian Church
Darien, Georgia
Savannah Presbytery
Synod of Georgia

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HISTORIAN'S REPORT
for 1968

Pastor: William C. Canady

Elders: T. B. Dalby R. V. Tait
J. E. Britt W. G. Haynes Jr.

Diaconate: W. E. Williams Ira Rabb
W. E. Thagard R. H. Manson
Edwin Gale David Bluestein
William Hawthorne

Treasurer: R. H. Manson

Trustees: T. B. Dalby R. V. Tait
R. H. Manson W. E. Williams
David Bluestein

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Women of the Church, on roll: 40

Circles: 2

Officers for 1968-69

President: Mrs. H. B. Manson
1st Vice Pres: Mrs. C. M. Fisher
2nd Vice Pres: Mrs. Thomas Hopkins
Treasurer: Mrs. R. H. Manson
Secretary: Mrs. W. G. Haynes Jr.
Historian: Mrs. W. G. Haynes Jr.

New members: Mr. & Mrs. Garry Pittman by transfer of their Church letter.

Baptisms: Curtis Howard, Jr. Robert Christopher Skipper
Henry A. Skipper III James William Skipper

Weddings: Miss Leigh Dalby, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T. B. Dalby
to Scott Purrington, June 30th.

Loss of members through death: Mrs. Mary Hunter, May 1st.

Memorial Gifts: Mrs. Maurice P. Shaver presented to the church
in memory of her husband, Col. Maurice P. Shaver,
the Interpreter's Bible Dictionary and Interpreter's
Bible Commentary.

Savannah Presbyterial presented to the church in honor
of Mrs. Thomas Hopkins, Presbyterian President 1966-68,
14 volumes of Layman's Bible Commentary.

The first event of our year was the World Missions season with a family night supper in February at which a film called "Dedication" was shown.

In March two new deacons were installed at a family night supper, Mr. David Bluestein and Mr. William Hawthorne.

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Six of our ladies attended the Women's Presbyterial meeting in Savannah April 2nd.

A project long needed doing and now fulfilled was the enlarging of our church kitchen in May, and in time for the wedding of our Miss Leigh Dalby in June.

Vacation Bible School was held from June 3rd to 7th, Mrs. William Hawthorne was in charge, a most able leader - and a large attendance made this Bible School encouraging and inspiring.

The District conference was in Jesup on October 10th, to which three of our ladies attended.

In early December we had a family night supper at which time our pastor told us about the possible church merger with the Reformed Church of America, to be voted upon in January.

The Wednesday night adult Bible class continues with a small but interested group, and we have many stimulating discussions after Mr. Canady's study. We have been recently studying about all the different denominations in this country, one by one. A most provocative subject which leads to many questions asked.

The church's one attainment this year has been the joint monthly meeting of the Men of the Church with both the Episcopal and Methodist men's groups. This has developed into a congenial "merger" of the three churches and they enjoy a fine fellowship together.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service terminates our year, this is an occasion which everyone looks forward to yearly.

Respectfully submitted:

Natalie E. Haynes.
Mrs. William G. Haynes Jr.
Historian

January 28, 1969.

Women of the Church
First Presbyterian Church
Darien, Georgia
Savannah Presbytery
Synod of Georgia

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HISTORIAN'S REPORT
for 1969

Pastor: William C. Canady until June 1969.
Without pastor balance of year.

Elders: T. B. Dalby R. V. Tait
J. E. Britt W. G. Haynes Jr.

Diaconate: W. E. Williams Ira Rabb
W. E. Thagard R. H. Manson, Treasurer
Edwin Gale David Bluestein
William Hawthorne

Treasurer: R. H. Manson

Trustees: T. B. Dalby R. V. Tait
R. H. Manson W. E. Williams
David Bluestein

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Women of the Church, on roll: 40

Circles: 2

Officers for 1969-70

President: Mrs. H. B. Manson
Vice-Pres: Mrs. Guy H. Amason
Treasurer: Mrs. R. H. Manson
Secretary: Mrs. W. G. Haynes Jr.
Historian: Mrs. W. G. Haynes Jr.

Baptisms: Selena Anne Pittman
Frank Thomas Glenn, Jr.
William Glenn

Loss of members through moving away: Mrs. William Canady
Mr. & Mrs. Garry Pittman

The first event of this year was the World Missions meeting, with a family night supper in our church in late February.

Also held in our church was the World Day of Prayer on March 7th with a good attendance.

Our pastor gave us an intensive Bible study in one session in April, followed by a picnic lunch.

Vacation Bible School was from June 9th through 13th.

Mr Canady resigned as of June 8th to enter the Army Chaplain School, and the members gave him and his wife a farewell supper, and presented them with a gift of appreciation.

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Darien, Ga.
Women of the Church, 1969

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On October 19th District III met at the Brunswick Presbyterian Church, to which seven of our ladies went. It was a most interesting meeting, with guest speakers such as the Juvenile Judge of Brunswick, the Sheriff of Brunswick, and Mr. Henderson McQuaig of O.E.O. They discussed the serious present-day problems of drugs among our young people and teen agers, and how communities can combat this every-growing problem.

On Dec. 23rd we had our candlelight service and Christmas Nativity tableau and pageant, with refreshments following this service.

After Mr. Canady left, we had young Seminary students supplying our pulpit all summer and some lay readers, elders from other churches. In September Mr. J. Sprole Lyons started supplying us and has continued to come every Sunday he could. He is a senior at Columbia Theological Seminary and will graduate in June 1970. He and his charming wife have made themselves most welcomed.

This past year we have done nothing startling; our church membership remains small but very loyal. And we hope this year to find a new leader for our flock.

Respectfully submitted:

Natalie E. Haynes
Mrs. William G. Haynes Jr.

January 21, 1970.

Women of the Church
First Presbyterian Church
Darien, Georgia
Savannah Presbytery
Synod of Georgia

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HISTORIAN'S REPORT
for 1970

Pastor: J. Sprole Lyons, as of June 14, 1970.

Elders: T. B. Dalby R. V. Tait
J. E. Britt W. G. Haynes, Jr.
C. M. Fisher, (ordained Jan. 31, 1971)

Diaconate: Edwin Gale William Hawthorne
Ira Rabb David Bluestein
W. E. Williams G. Conrad Rogers (ordained 1/31/71)

Acting Treasurer: David Bluestein

Trustees: T. B. Dalby W. E. Williams
R. V. Tait David Bluestein

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Women of the Church, on roll: 42 Circles: 3

Officers for 1970-71

President: Mrs. T. B. Dalby
Vice Pres: Mrs. Guy H. Amason
Secretary: Mrs. W. G. Haynes Jr.
Treasurer: Mrs. Laurence Scoville
Historian: Mrs. W. G. Haynes Jr.

Baptisms: None

Deaths of members: Robert H. Manson, Feb. 24th
Robert I. Rabb, March 5th (in service, Viet Nam)
William E. Thagard - May 24th
Mrs. Mary J. Phillips - June 14th

New members: Mr. & Mrs. Greg H. Caldwell, and their son, Chip,
by letter on November 22nd.

A congregational meeting was held in February to issue a call to
Mr. J. Sprole Lyons for pastor of our church. Mr. Lyons had
been supplying our pulpit during the entire fall of 1969,
coming every week faithfully from Columbia Theological Seminary.

Our White Cross project was headed by Mrs. W. E. Williams, and
was most successful in filling our quota of 50 bandages, 4 cotton
blankets and five aprons sent to the Congo. We also had our annual
World Missions offering taken in February.

The annual Presbyterial meeting was held in March at the First
Presbyterian Church, Brunswick, with a luncheon following at
Epworth-by-the-Sea Methodist Center.

The Birthday Offering was taken in May for Villa International, Atlanta.

In late May a memorial military service was conducted at the graveside for Lt. Robert I. Rabb, a helicopter pilot, who died in the service of his country in Viet Nam. Lt. Rabb was an outstanding young man in our community.

Our new minister, Mr. J. Sprole Lyons, came to us on June 14th to start his ministry here, having graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary early in June. On August 2nd a service of Ordination and Installation for Mr. Lyons was held in our church, with a reception following.

On August 19th Mrs. Scoville gave a lovely "stork shower" for our minister's wife, Mrs. Lyons, at which more than 30 ladies were present.

Mrs. Lyons organized a morning circle for the young mothers, and they had their first meeting in September. They meet once a month.

District III meeting was held in our church, with a seafood lunch at Archie's Restaurant following. This meeting held October 1st.

The community Thanksgiving Service this year was held in our church with Rev. C. E. Smith, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist Church of Darien bringing us the sermon. This service was held on Thanksgiving Eve at 7:30. The offering received went to the Empty Stocking Fund, sponsored by the McIntosh County Jaycees.

On November 11th to the great joy of Mr. & Mrs. Lyons and the congregation a baby daughter, Mary Alicia, was born, their first child.

Two memorials have been set up this year; an outdoor bulletin board in memory of Mr. William E. Thagard, Deacon, and for Lt. Robert I. Rabb a pair of spotlights which illumine the church at night, as they are located at either side of the church.

The Christmas Candlelight Service was held on December 23rd at 7:30. At the reception following our faithful organist, Miss Bessie Lewis, was presented a gift and check in appreciation of her many years of loyal service to our church.

At the congregational meeting of Oct. 25th, the following names were nominated for Elder: Mrs. Thomas Hopkins, Mr. Mac Fisher, and Mr. Ira Rabb. Mr. Mac Fisher was elected.

Several church family night suppers were held during the year.

Respectfully submitted:

Natalie E. Haynes
Mrs. W. G. Haynes, Jr.

Feb. 21, 1971.