

Blaze

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First Presbyterian Church of Cordele, GA

Each month, Blaze highlights a member of Flint River Presbytery in the hope that a greater sense of community will assist all of us in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This month we highlight First Presbyterian Church of Cordele, GA.



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The church has never been large having peaked in membership in the 1950-60s at about 125 congregants. While much smaller today (average Sunday attendance is 20-22), it is still a vibrant, alive congregation reaching people for Christ and ministering to the community and one another. The congregation is a pleasing mix of young and old and includes two young families, three grade school children and two toddlers. Through necessity a side room to the sanctuary was recently remodeled and converted to a nursery. Additionally, all the pews have been upholstered and refinished.

One way we are touching people in the community is through a new message board sign that has a new, humorous or thought provoking message each week. It has drawn a number of comments from individuals in the community. The message that garnered the most comments was, "There are no atheists in Hell." Think about it.

First Presbyterian Church of Cordele was organized on March 15, 1891 with seventeen members. Later that year, the old Crisp Academy was purchased from the city for \$150 to use for worship. It was remodeled over the years and served the church until 1949 when the present building was dedicated. This new building included seven beautiful stained glass windows which continue to bless the congregation and the community today.



The sanctuary with its beautiful stained glass windows.



We also participate in various ministries in the community and the world. Last year, we helped sponsor a short-term mission couple to Africa with a gift of \$1,000. They are returning this year and we will no doubt assist them again. We, also, recently gave \$1,670 to a church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana for flood relief. We, also, participate in Samaritan's Purse

"Christmas Child" and "Trees for Troops" at Christmas time. Additionally, we respond to emergencies in the community as needed.

Sunday School and worship are held every Sunday and are led by Rev. Dr. Tom Mueller, a retired minister who has served the church for the past eight and one-half years. An ecumenical prayer time is held every Wednesday at noon to pray for renewal in the nation. The Lord's Supper is served on the first Sunday of each month and on Christmas Eve and Easter. Covered dish dinners are held on fifth Sundays.

In short, small does not mean dying. We are alive and well in Cordele and invite you to join us anytime.

Rev. Dr. Tom Mueller



Many thanks to Rev. Dr. Tom Mueller for providing the information to tell us about First Presbyterian Church of Cordele, Georgia.