

FALL GATHERING HOLSTON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Holston Presbyterian Women held their Fall Gathering at Strawberry Plains Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 6, 2008.

Susan Smith from our Presbytery gave us a review of the 2008 Bible Study, "Jubilee!! Luke's Gospel to the Poor".

We had a Praise Group from Cedar Creek Presbyterian Church that sang our prelude, offertory and special music.

Our main speaker was Rev. Martin Riley, the Director of Sunset Gap in Cosby, TN. He spoke on witnessing to others and the thing that most of the women "grabbed onto" was that to witness you need only to tell your story. Share how Jesus has been active in your life. It was truly a wonderful message.

Our offering went to Olivet Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They were one of the flood victims and lost their entire mission store, which was housed in their basement. Out of only 73 women, we collected \$710.00 for them.

We also had a display of items from the Fair Trade Market. The women really "gathered" around their tables. They had a wonderful selection of items: jewelry, wood carvings, purses, candles, coffee and on and on.

Our theme was "Now Is The Time" and the women at Strawberry Plains carried it out with our name tags and table decorations. It was wonderful and the food was excellent.

Everything was beautiful. My only regret is that there were not more women there to enjoy it with us.

Jackie Riddle, Moderator HPW