

Presbyterian Women
Presbytery of South Alabama
Moderator's Report
2010 – 2011

As I think back on this past year, I was struck by a phrase that Miss Barbara McCommons used in the history that she wrote for her Church (First Presbyterian, Andalusia) where she referred to the work of our Presbytery being like a kaleidoscope. Every turn of the kaleidoscope's mirrors reveals the many different works involving our women.

We started our year off with the twenty-third annual Spring Gathering that was held at First Presbyterian Church in Andalusia. Four workshops were offered for the approximately 70 women who attended. Judy Persons (Missions) gave a very moving talk introducing the recipients of the Mission Scholarship Fund, a mother and daughter, Lisa and Aubry Bell. Lisa and Aubry are members of the Geneva Presbyterian Church, where there is no organized PW, but someone not only reached out but STRETCHED out to them and they will be joining a group going to the Yucatan. Mission Haven was the recipient of our offering.

We were honored to have the 2010 AL/MS held in our Presbytery in July.

In the fall, we met again as a Presbytery at First Presbyterian, Bay Minette. Four very inspiring women spoke of faith, hope, love and all of God's blessings even in times of trial. The Presbyterian Home for Children was the recipient of our offering and the proceeds of a gift shop.

Over this past year, this Presbytery has, as other Presbyteries have, gathered thousands of pounds of food for the hungry and made hundreds of items of clothing for both the young and elderly. Our works have touched people needing mosquito nets and even to Iraq, where a member's son asked for balls and school supplies for local children. Bibles, backpacks and shoeboxes have been donated. Also, at various county fairs, people were asked to come and visit our churches. The approximately 400 women of the Presbytery of South Alabama have worked tirelessly in the year 2010. We strive to live by the belief that where much is given by our Lord, much should be returned to His Glory.

Respectfully,
Betty Sweet, Moderator