

Recalling hurt, hope and Haiti

Churches mark anniversary of deadly quake

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LAWRENCE — Remembering the earthquake that hit Haiti nearly a year ago was important to the people who gathered at the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville last night.

Members of the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, Shiloh Baptist Church of Trenton and Kingdom Church of Ewing gathered at the Lawrenceville church for a service and Haitian-themed reception to commemorate the anniversary of the earthquake,

which took place shortly after some members from each of the churches arrived in Haiti to do mission work last year.

The service was organized to pray for the people of Haiti and talk about plans for continued missions to the country.

Organizer Leigh Stuckey,

director of worship ministries at the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, said they brought together members from the three churches to

remember the earthquake and also to commemorate the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville's 20-year involvement in sending missionaries to Haiti.

"We've been sending medical teams and mission teams to Haiti since 1991, so we're (also) celebrating that," she said.

During the service, songs were sung, music was played and an

"instant" choir headed by The Rev. William Heard of Camden serenaded the congregation with spiritual melodies. The choir, made up of people from different churches, had only one rehearsal before the start of the service.

"That subject is fitting not only as we remember our brothers and sisters in Haiti but remember brothers and sisters around the world who are wrestling and struggling with their own sense of tragedy and trauma."

The Rev. Darrell Armstrong

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The Rev. Darrell Armstrong speaks to parishioners yesterday about his experiences in Haiti during the days following the earthquake of 2010. The Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville observed the earthquake's anniversary during their worship service yesterday. Above, pictures and quotes from the days following the earthquake hang from fishing lines at the church.

