

NORFOLK PRESBYTERY  
BAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
BAYSIDE, VA.  
1955

CHURCH HISTORY

PASTOR

Rev. John E. Johnson, D. D.

ELDERS

Wm. Graham, Jr., Clerk  
Hiram J. Greer  
Geo. L. Guthrie, Jr.  
J. A. Holland  
N. F. Krippendorf  
Ernest D. Ney

DEACONS

Frank Harrington, Jr., Chmn.  
R. L. Bone, Treasurer  
John M. Crow  
Robert C. Darling  
Louis C. Doughty  
Alfred J. Duncan  
Hugh Howard  
James T. Wynne  
Irvin H. Uhlenbrock

TRUSTEES

Geo. L. Guthrie, Jr.  
J. A. Holland  
N. F. Krippendorf

ORGANIST

John M. Crow



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OUR PASTOR

John Edward Johnson was born in Dubuque, Iowa, on May 2, 1899. When he was five years old, the family moved to St. Louis, where his father, Dr. Jerrie Johnson, was Pastor of Winnebago Presbyterian Church for forty-five years. After going through the public schools of St. Louis, he went to Dubuque University for his A. B. Degree, then to Princeton Seminary where he received his Degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

After receiving his Degree from Princeton, he entered the U. S. Navy as a Chaplain. On December 18, 1926 he was married to Miss Lila M. Thomas, of Marion, Alabama. They have three children: Carolyn, Thomas, and Merwyn. He has served many ships and stations, including a tour at the U. S. Naval Academy. While on duty at the Great Lakes, Ill. Naval Training Station, he was given an honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Dubuque University. He served his last four years with the Navy as District Chaplain of the Fifth Naval District. He retired from the Navy after thirty years of active duty, with the rank of Captain. He worked in the Norfolk Presbytery a short time, and then accepted a call to the Bayside Presbyterian Church on January 1, 1955. He has been present at the Morning Service every Sunday in the year of 1955.

The Church continued its steady growth under the leadership of its new pastor, Dr. Johnson. Sixty-eight new members were received during the year

In January, the Treasurer's books were audited, and reported satisfactory. The Clerk's Sessional Records were examined by Presbytery, and found "without exception". On January 23, Dr. Johnson was installed by the Committee appointed by Norfolk Presbytery. Fifty-five new chairs for the Primary Department of the Sunday School were purchased this month, also.

On February 10, a Reception was held at the Church in recognition of Dr. and Mrs. Johnson. During the month, 9 Deacons were elected to serve on the Rotary System, three classes of three Deacons each.

In March, twelve new Communicants were received from the Confirmation Class. On the 29th, a covered-dish supper was enjoyed by more than a hundred of our Fellowship. Our Church went on record, officially, as endorsing the "Forward With Christ" program; not only on record, but in active service.

During April, "Christian Family Week" was observed by our Congregation. May saw the installation of our new Board of Deacons.

June's activities contained the genesis of a much-needed improvement in our worship facilities: the placing of an order for twenty-eight new pews to replace the present seating arrangements in our Sanctuary.



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The Deed for the Manse was received, and the Building completed in July. On July 31, Mr. Levi Humphreys, a student at King College, conducted the Morning Services.

On August 30, the Church held a picnic at the Y.M.C.A. Beach Club. A large crowd enjoyed the bathing, games, and supper under the trees.

On September 18, Mr. Eldon Wilson, Executive Secretary of the Synod of Virginia, spoke during the Morning Service, on the vital theme of "Stewardship".

"Laymen's Sunday" was observed on October 10, with a service conducted by the Men of the Church.

At a Congregational Meeting held on November 29, following a Family-night Supper, the following business was conducted, following its announcement:

The number of Elders serving on the Session was increased from seven to eight.

Four Elders were elected to fill the vacancies in the Session.

The Congregation approved the purchase of the house and lot adjoining the Church on Parrish Road.

At the same meeting, the Manse was dedicated.

One of the outstanding events of the year took place on December 18, when a Christmas Pageant was presented in the Sanctuary, for the entire Congregation.

The new Pews were installed on December 29, many of them in memory of loved ones. The year was closed with a devotional Watch-Night service, the first of its kind in the history of our Church.

*Elvira Keippaury*  
HISTORIAN  
(Mrs. D. F.)