

NORFOLK PRESBYTERY

BAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BAYSIDE, VIRGINIA.

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CHURCH HISTORY.

PASTOR:

Rev. John E. Johnson, D.D.,

ELDERS:

William Graham, Sr., Clerk.
J. Alvin Holland,
Robert W. Cameron,
Earl Sellers,
Walter Stiers,
Allen Jones, Jr.
John Sutton,
Richard Webbon.

DEACONS:

James T. Wynne, Chairman,
Irwin A. Uhlenbrock,
Robert C. Darling,
Hugh Howard,
Ernest D. Ney,
William H. Welch.

TRUSTEES:

George L. Guthrie, Jr.,
J. Alvin Holland,
N. F. Krippendorf.

ORGANIST:

Mrs. Winston Robertson.

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A good proportion of our church membership is with the armed forces; they are suddenly called away to other areas, many to foreign countries, making quite a drain on the number on our rolls. However, in 1956, there continued a steady growth under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. John E. Johnson, D.D. 27 new members were added on profession of faith, and 42 by letters of transfer from other churches, making a total of 69. We lost 6 by transfer to the retired roll, and 22 by transfer to other churches, making a total loss of 28, and making a net gain of 41, bringing the total membership at the end of 1956 to 212 members. There were 13 adult baptisms, and 22 infant baptisms. 25 members of the congregation were tithing contributors.

In January the Treasurer's books were audited, and found in satisfactory condition. The Session Clerk's records were examined by Presbytery, and found "without exception".

On January 9th. permission was granted the Baylake Pines Garden Club to hold its monthly meetings in Emurian Hall. 100 additional hymnals were purchased.

January 15th. At a meeting of the Session immediately following the regular church service MOTION was unanimously adopted that we recommend to the Presbytery John M. Crow as a candidate for ministry, outstanding in every particular.

February 19th. At a congregational meeting held during the morning church service E.D. Ney and William Welch were elected deacons to fill the unexpired terms of John M. Crow and R. L. Bone, who have left this area.

April 9th: \$1,500.00 was paid as first instalment on purchase of house and lot adjoining the church, which will be used for Sunday School purposes. R. W. Cameron was appointed delegate, N. F. Krippendorf alternate, to meeting of Norfolk Presbytery at Third Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, Va. on April 17th.

May 14th: R. W. Cameron submitted a report to the Session of proceedings at the quarterly meeting of Norfolk Presbytery at Third Presbyterian Church, on April 17th.

June 10th: A vote of thanks was extended the men of the church who placed the furniture in the new Sunday School Building, thus enabling three primary classes to be held for the first time in the new quarters on Sunday, June 10th.

A vote of thanks was also extended N. F. Krippendorf and James T. Wynne for transforming the Cross on top of our church building into a Celtic Cross, on June 8th., 1956.

N. F. Krippendorf was chosen as Elder to represent this Church at meeting of Virginia Synod at Massanetta, Va. July 17th to 20th, with J. A. Holland as first alternate, and Wm. Graham, Sr. as second alternate. William H. Welch was appointed Associate Superintendent of Sunday School.

July 9th: R. W. Cameron was appointed delegate to represent this Church at meeting of Norfolk Presbytery to be held at First Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth, Va. July 24th, with N. F. Krippendorf as alternate.

August 12th: A report of the proceedings of Norfolk Presbytery, held at First Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth, Va. on July 24th,

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was submitted by Wm. Graham, Sr. (who took the place of Mr. Cameron and Mr. Krippendorf, who were unable to attend).

September 9th: A report of proceedings of Norfolk Presbytery which met in adjourned session at the Ocean View Presbyterian Church, September 6th, was submitted by Wm. Graham, Sr. The chief item of business was the acceptance of Rev. Donald Neal's resignation from Norview Presbyterian Church, to take up the duties of Executive Secretary of Norfolk Presbytery, a post recently formed.

J. A. Holland submitted a report of proceedings of the Virginia Synod held at Massanetta, Va. July 17th and 18th.

A MOTION was unanimously adopted appointing Mrs. Margaret Harrell Chairman of the Christian Education Committee. A lengthy debate was held with regard to election of women on the Boards of Elders and Deacons as proposed by the Virginia Synod, resulting in votes of 2 FOR; 1 AGAINST, 5 NON-COMMITAL. R. W. Cameron was appointed delegate from this Church to meeting of Norfolk Presbytery at Onancock, Va. October 16th. Mr. Cameron at the same time was appointed to represent Bayside Presbyterian Church, with J. A. Holland as alternate, at the meeting of General Assembly at Montreat, N.C. April 25th, 1957. Mrs. Harrell, Chairman of Christian Education Committee, submitted a list of requests, asking suggestions for organizing this Committee. A committee, composed of W. H. Welch, R.W.Cameron, and E.D. Ney, was appointed to cooperate with Mrs. Harrell in this regard.

November 11th: Mr. Cameron submitted a report of proceedings of Norfolk Presbytery at Onancock, Va. on October 16th, one of the outstanding items being the installation of Rev. Donald Neal as the first Executive Secretary of Norfolk Presbytery. Ernest D. Ney submitted his resignation as Superintendent of Sunday School effective November 1st.

A MOTION was unanimously adopted that we accept this resignation with deep regret, and at the same time high appreciation for the faithful and outstanding services Mr. Ney has rendered in this capacity during the past six years.

December 9, 1956: Budget for the year 1957 was presented in the total amount of \$13,577.75 Current Expenses, and \$1,800.00 for Presbytery's Benevolence Fund, or a grand total of \$15,377.75. It was voted to present this Budget to the congregation on December 29th.

The Quarterly publication "The Tidewater Presbyterian" was edited during the year by our Pastor, Rev. John E. Johnson.

J. A. Holland was a Commissioner from Norfolk Presbytery to the General Assembly which met in Birmingham, Alabama, April 25th to 30th, 1956.

The following is a list of members received into Bayside Presbyterian Church during 1956:

Mrs. George Sullivan,	Mr. & Mrs. R.R. Gentry,
Mr. & Mrs. Harold V. Erickson,	Blenda Erickson,
Kent Bruce Erickson,	Mary K. Erickson,
Mr. & Mrs. Charles M. Mastin,	Miss Peggy Ball,
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Stiers,	Miss Pamela Stiers,
Mrs. Alice Hodges,	Mrs. Janette Baker,
Mr. & Mrs. James M. Hudgins,	Mr. & Mrs. Mack Queen,
Mr. & Mrs. Francis E. Shrader,	Mr. & Mrs. Dale L. Acree,
Mr. & Mrs. R.M. Hickman,	Mr. & Mrs. James F. Toner,
James F. Toner, Jr.	Sherry Marie Toner,
Mr. & Mrs. M.C. Fortune,	Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Wilson,
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Dixon,	Dr. & Mrs. Roy C. Corderman,
Mr. & Mrs. James G. Close,	Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Bailey,
Mrs. Richard G. England,	Mr. & Mrs. Donald M. Grant,

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Mr. & Mrs. David M. Rogers,
Mr. & Mrs. E. Maxwell Stone,
Mr. & Mrs. Rupert L. Fogle,
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. T. Beale,
Mr. Lester E. Prather,
Mrs. Dorothy E. Hassage,
Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Treadway,
Mr. & Mrs. Randall Wade,

Mr. William Stokes,
Miss Betty Stone,
Miss Gayle Fogle,
Mr. & Mrs. Ramon L. Smouse,
Mr. Joseph H. Beard,
Mr. & Mrs. Will L. Boyer,
Mr. Donald G. Treadway,
Mrs. Mary A. Dickinson,

MARRIAGES during 1956:

Mr. Joseph Paul Shelton to Peggy Ann Ball,	June 9, 1956
Mr. Wm. Davis Holloway to Hazel Howren Harry,	Oct. 27, 1956
Mr. Donald F. Reid to Bonnie Young,	Novr. 4, 1956.
Mr. Marion N. Amos to Barbara Jean Mason,	Decr. 26, 1956.

INFANT BAPTISMS during 1956:

	<u>Baptized</u>
Randall Kent Cameron & Robert Scott Cameron, (Twins)	May 13, 1956
Bruce R. Lange,	Jan. 22, 1956
Deborah Lynn Mastin,	Jan. 22, 1956
Cynthia Dawn Pittman,	Jan. 22, 1956
Samuel Joseph Uhlenbrock,	Jan. 22, 1956
Christine Jean Webbon,	Jan. 22, 1956
John William Gaut II,	May 13, 1956
Leslie Allen Fortune	May 13, 1956
Gary Charles Fortune	May 13, 1956
Gary Edwin Acree	May 13, 1956
Brenda Grace Irby	May 13, 1956
Margaret Clay Irby	May 13, 1956
Dobora Lee Kirby	May 13, 1956
Raymond Miller Wilson, Jr.	June 3, 1956
John Michael Bulko,	June 3, 1956
Claude Robert Bailey	July 8, 1956
John Ferrell Hughes,	Sept 9, 1956
George Thomas Keys	Sept 9, 1956
Robert Byron Baker	Oct 14, 1956
Janet Lee Smouse	Oct 14, 1956
Betsy Ann Imrie	Dec 30, 1956

DEATHS:

N o n e.

Marjorie J. Stokes
Historian.
(Mrs. L. W.)