

NORFOLK PRESBYTERY

BAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA
1968

CHURCH HISTORY

Pastor: Fletcher C. Hutcheson

Ruling Elders: J. E. Birdwell, Clerk of Session
D. W. Fischer
Paul F. Goodman
Lee Hamrick
Wm. H. Hiatt
V. M. Hopkins
E. S. Sellers
Wm. N. Stokes
Robert Berry
C. E. Brake
James Parrett
Gaston C. Hudgins

Deacons: M. A. Glass, Chairman
Robert K. Ander
L. M. Cruser, Jr.
D. A. Dahlman
J. B. Hill
T. A. Moore
J. R. Roughton, Jr.
George O. Tyner
A. J. Duncan
W. Welch
Mrs. Vivian Carbaugh
Mrs. Helen LedBetter

Trustees: J. A. Holland, Chairman
R. H. Boyce
G. L. Guthrie

President: Women of the Church Mrs. J. W. Parrett

Presidents of the Men of the Church Wm. H. Welch
Robert Berry

Organists: D. W. Fischer
Mrs. Lawrence Conner

Choir Directors: Mr. David Tuttle
Mrs. C. D. Hamm

Church School: Fletcher Manning, Supt.

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This year's report of your Historian will sound a great deal like last years--a story of continuing growth in spirituality and in material things.

We began our year with the installation of four Elders: Robert M. Barry, Charles E. Brake, Gaston C. Hudgins and James W. Parrett, and also four Deacons: Alfred J. Duncan, William Welch, Mrs. Vivian Carbaugh, and Mrs. Helen LedBetter. May they serve as faithfully as those whose offices had expired--Mr. Loren Humphrey, Mr. Fletcher Manning, Mr. Josephus Smith, Mr. Harry Boyce, Mr. John Ferguson, Mr. J. Alvin Holland, Mr. Douglas Murray and Mr. William Graham. Our congregation is really blessed to have servants like these among us.

Also installed at this time were our first Elders Emeritus--Mr. William Graham, Sr. and Mr. Robert Coleman.

During the year it was our fortune to add a new Minister to our family, Reverend Thomas Foley and his wife and children, as our Missionaries, but it was with sorrow that we lost an old friend and Pastor, The Reverend S. K. Emurian, who passed on to his just reward. He was one of the first Ministers to serve us as a young Church.

As Supply Ministers in 1968, our speakers were The Reverend S. J. Sloop, a Missionary; The Reverend John R. King, Campus-Urban Minister at ODC; Miss Marietta Yarnell, Church Extension Missioner of Norfolk Presbytery; The Reverend C. H. Regan USN, in training at Little Creek Naval Base; The Reverend Frank T. Washburn on Norfolk Presbytery's Staff; and Chaplain William R. Samuel of the 5th Naval District and a neighbor of ours in Thoroughgood. "Variety is the spice of life", and we all benefited from these speakers.

Early in April a committee was formed by the congregation to look into the adequacy of the Manse on Hermitage Road and report their findings. They reported that the Manse was no longer suitable for our needs, and another congregational meeting authorized them to seek a new manse and make the necessary arrangements to purchase it. This was done, and the matter was concluded in August with the Pastor and his family moving in in September. The purchase was made possible by our receiving the residue of the Davenport Estate and the sale of the old manse, so our new manse is still a memorial to the stewardship, generosity, love, and faithfulness of Jesse and Kitty Davenport. May the good Lord reward them fully.

Holy Week services were truly inspiring, with their beginning on Palm Sunday with its reception into our membership of a large number of youth from the Pastor's Communicant Class, and their glorious termination on Easter Sunday. Nightly services were held each night, and Communion was served Maundy Thursday night. This was a meaningful experience for all of us spiritually.

Our Pastor was selected to spend a week at the Seminary as a Summer Scholar, to study and prepare himself for the coming year. This was, indeed, an honor for him and for us also.

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On Thanksgiving Day we were the host church for services in the morning, joining our neighborhood Christians in worship and in giving thanks to the Lord for the blessings which He pours out on us. Members of Bayside Baptist, Bayside Christian, and Baylake Methodist Churches joined us in this service with their whole hearts.

Our Advent and Christmas season was made all the more enjoyable by the active participation of our children. They took part in our worship services, and with special music for us. Our Choir did a magnificent job throughout the whole time, and we are proud of them. It really gave us all a feeling of a new beginning in life as the old year came to an end, and we knew that Christ was with us.

On the last Sunday of the year Elders David Fischer, Lee Hamrick, William Hiatt and Earl Sellers retired, as did Deacons Donald Dahlman, Mack Glass, Robert Roughton and George Tyner. We Ordained and Installed the following new Elders: Mrs. Martha Boyce (our first woman Elder), Mack Glass, Douglas Murray, George Tyner, George Guthrie, Jr., John Ferguson and John Ingram. Also installed were Deacons Franklin Tubbs, Jack Tignor, Lawrence Conner, Lucille Ferguson, Wm. Anderson, Allen Raines and Fathy Abdou. May the Lord bless them in their work, and may he help us too as we support them in the life and work of the church.

Our Clerk's Statistical Report tell us that we began the year with 525 Communicant Members, adding 30 on Profession of Faith, 4 by Reaffirmation of Faith, 65 by letter of transfer and restored 2 from the Inactive Roll during the year, giving us a total of 626 Communicants during 1968. We dismissed 30 to other churches, placed 23 on the Inactive Roll, and report the passing on to her Heavenly home one of our Charter Members, Mrs. Z. L. (Frances) Davis. This left us with a net Communicant Membership of 572 at the end of the year. Surely the Lord is working with us in the growth of this church and its family. Two others close to our family passed on during the year--Jason Harrell, husband of our Margaret Harrell, and Mrs. Annie Lewis, mother of our Flo Holland and Lenora Welch. Mrs. Davis's funeral was held at the church.

We had nine weddings in our church, 10 Adult Baptisms and 8 Infant Baptisms.

Materially, our church is growing also. The report shows that \$3,615 was disbursed to Benevolences, \$25,216 to Current Expenses, and \$23,379 Building Fund Receipts.

We are growing, yes, but there is a greater future for Bayside in this area and we must face the challenge the Lord has given us to join together in worshipping Him. May we have the strength and the courage to rise to His will in the coming years.

William Hamrick
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