

Former Assistant Pastors of Our Church
Rev. Robert F. Park
(Served 1972 to 1974)



Rev. Robert Fred Park answered the call of Assistant Pastor in July 16, 1972. His wife was the former Lois Rebecca Wilkerson of Farmville, Virginia. They had two daughters Beverly and Jo Anne, and son Stacy. Bob's special interests were golf and photography.

Rev. Park was a native of Chesterfield County, Virginia, born November 16, 1924. He began his college work at Hampden-Sydney College, but in 1943 was drafted into the military. He served 31 months in the military - in Africa, and then Italy where he was assigned to the 45th Infantry Division – four months were spent on the beachhead at Anzio. He was wounded near Rome. His division moved to Southern France where he was wounded a second time. He stayed three months in a hospital, then assigned to the Great Britain Leave Center in Etratat, France. He served as Chaplain's Assistant until he was returned to the States and discharged.

When he left the military, Rev. Park attended the College of William & Mary, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1948. He spent the next three years at Union

Theological Seminary in Richmond, where he earned a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1951. He was ordained on June 10, 1951 by the Concord Presbytery.

His first work was as Pastor of the Old Fort and Siloam Churches at Old Fort, N.C. from 1951-55. He then served as the Rocky River Church in Concord, N.C. from 1955-59. In 1959, he answered the call to be Pastor of the Lillington Presbyterian Church, in Lillington, N.C. and was the stated supply of the Cape Fear Church near Lillington. He remained there until he came to Bayside in 1972.

At Bayside, in addition to preaching responsibilities, Rev. Park concentrated on Christian Education, Evangelism, pastoral counseling, and visiting the sick.

He left Bayside June 1, 1974.

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