

NORFOLK PRESBYTERY  
BAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
BAYSIDE, VIRGINIA.  
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SUNDAY SCHOOL HISTORY.

SUPERINTENDENT:

Mr. William H. Welch,

SECRETARY:

Mrs. L. W. Starks.

TREASURER:

Mr. Ernest D. Ney,

CHAIRMAN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Mrs. Margaret Harrell.

NORFOLK PRESBYTERY  
Bayside Presbyterian Church  
1956-1957  
Sunday School History

Our average attendance for the year 1956 was 261, and the average offering was \$57.95. In 1957 we had an average attendance of 231.9 or 72.9% of attendance and an average offering of \$46.13. The area around us has built up rapidly, and several donominations have established churches to meet the need of this growing community. This has caused a leveling off of our enrolment. Many of our members are Navy personnel and are moved at the expiration of their term of duty here.

In May 1956, our Sunday School was host to the Tidewater Sunday School Superintendent's Association. Mr. Ernest D. Ney, Treasurer of our Church, was preisdent of this organization during the years 1955 and 1956.

Mrs. Margaret Harrell was the director of our Vacation Church School during the year 1956 and 1957. The enrolment for 1956 was 211, with an average attendance of 195. The offering at the close of the term was \$127.00. One-half of this amount was given to the Church to pay for one of our new pews, while the other half was sent to the American Bible Society for the purchase of Braille Bibles. In 1957 the average attendance was 160, with an offering of \$87.01. The children and teachers decided to purchase four electric fans for their class rooms, with one-half of the amount and give the other half to the building fund. Both years our Vacation Church School was held for ten days.

After the purchase of the house next to the Church, we moved the Primary Department there. This gave us room in the Emurian Building for a Junior Department, which has its own Assembly, and was divided into three classes.

The Nursery and Kindergarten meet in their respective rooms for the entire hour. The Pioneers, Seniors, and Adults have assembly in the Sanctuary.

We are fortunate in having at least one assistand teacher in each class, and a list of substitutes. They are all conscientious workers, and many of them attend the training schools held each year. We feel that great progress has been made in this department of our church.

*Margaret J. Stebbins*  
Historian  
(Mrs. L. W.)