Bayside Presbyterian Church Building Phases – for our present location of 1400 Ewell Road

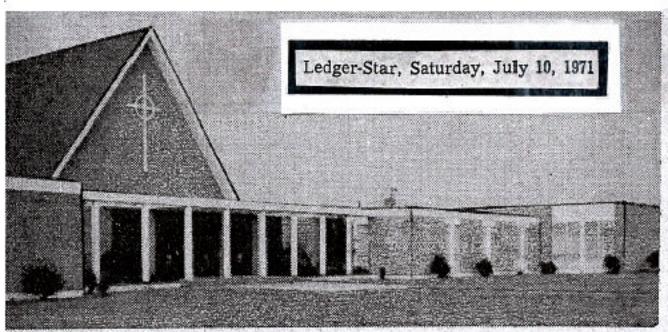
Additions: 1971

- Pastor: Rev Fletcher C. Hutcheson
- Groundbreaking on November 8, 1970. The first shovel full was turned by William Graham, Sr., Elder Emeritus, our oldest living Charter Member.
- Dedicated on July 11, 1971. Members taking part include Dr. John E. Johnson, Pastor Emeritus; Mrs. William Graham, Charter Member; Mr. James C. Anderson, Norfolk Presbytery; and Mr. William N. Stokes, Chair of the Building Committee.

Phase II added six new classrooms with toilet and kitchenette facilities, added air conditioning in

the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, tiled all floors, doubled the size of the Fellowship Hall, doubled the size of, and paved the parking area; built the entrance off Independence Boulevard.

See Ledger Star news article below about the Additions



The Church of The Week

New Additions to Bayside Presbyterian Church Will Be Dedicated Tomorrow Morning at 11:00

On July 12, 1964, Bayside Presbyterian Church at 1400 Ewell Road in Virginia Beach was dedicated. Tomorrow, almost 7 years to the day, the 675 member congregation will see the dedication of an imposing addition that doubles the size of Fellowship

There were 74 charter members when the name was changed to Bayside Presbyterian in 1953. By 1961 five acres on Ewell Road had been purchased, and Mrs. William Graham, Jr., then president of the Women of the Church, turned the first spadeful of earth

Mr. Donald Dahlman, chairman of the Board of Decons. A "come as you are" service is held at 8:00 each Sunday morning in Fellowship Hall. Laymen will conduct the services while Mr. Hutcheson vacations in August. Laymen act as worship

night each month will feature pictures, speakers and discussion of a Christian's role in society. Community Night will be open to civic groups with teachers, students, glee clubs, athletes and school personnel joining the consideration of how Christian faith can help find answers to current problems. Young people will present special programs with the equipment, a most appreciated gift.

The Couples Club, organized by Mrs. and Mrs. Don Damouth and Dr. and Mrs. Duane G. Wombolt, is for adult recreation, getting acquainted and fellowship. They have progressive dinners, bowl, attend dinner theaters, play putt-putt golf and generally enjoy being together.

You're more than welcome to attend tomorrow's ceremonies and all services at Bayside Presbyterian, a vigorous, young chuch dedicated to family and community Hall. Construction, begun in November of 1970, also includes six new class- 1963. rooms, air conditioning the sanctuary and tiling all floors. And by fall the parking area will be twice as large, completely paved and have an entrance off Independence Blvd.

The Rev. Mr. Fletcher C. Hutcheson, minister since July, 1967, will be assisted by Dr. John E. Johnson, pastor emeritus, under whose leadership the church was built. All charter members have been invited; new members will be received as a symbol of future growth. The ceremony will be followed by a reception in the new Fellowship Hall with refreshments served by the Women of the Church.

Originally founded as Robbins Corner Presbyterian, an outpost of East Ocean View Presbyterian Church, on November 28, 1948, the first full time pastor was called in 1951. is clerk of the Session;

at the groundbreaking ceremonies on August 18,

Bayside Presbyterian is open every day. A dozen Boy and Girl Scout groups meet in Fellowship Hall weekly with all age groups represented. The Anglers Club, organized by Mr. J. Alvin Holland, meets there as do the Thoroughgood Garden Club. Lake Smith Terrace Civic Club and Lakeview Park. Civic Club. So do all 11 circles of the Women of the Church, presided over by Mrs. Frank Warren. Their projects include visits and gifts to nursing homes, children's homes and mental hospital patients, preparing cancer dressings, bed pads, etc.

Mrs. William N. Stokes is superintendent of the School of the Church which meets at 9:45 on Sunday morning. Study groups also meet during the week. Mr. Fletcher A. Manning

aides during regular worship service at 11:00, and members are always urged to participate.

Officers, committees and Presbyterian Youth Fellowship groups meet on Sunday evening. Gary Hamrick is president of the senior high school section with Mr. and Mrs. James Hopewell advisors. Nancy Murray is president of the junior high group; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bobst are advisors. A single adult group for college age young people meets during the summer. Mrs. James Thompson directs both junior and adult choirs; Mrs. Hugh Sissom is organist.

Many exciting new activities are on the agenda with the acquisition of audio/visual equipment, a generous gift from Dr. Fathy Abdou. Disney films will be shown to preschool and elementary age children on the mornings of July 14th and 28th and August 11th. The movies will be followed by recreation and light refreshments. A World Affairs

involvement. You will find meaningful activities for the whole family with this progressive congregation.



The Rev. Mr. F. C. Hutcheson, Minister

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