

**Former Pastors of Our Church**  
**Rev. Fletcher C. Hutcheson**  
**(Served 1967 to 1981)**



Rev. Hutcheson answered the call to Bayside in July 16, 1967, following Rev. John E. Johnson. Fletcher came from the Northwest Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg, Florida, and prior to that, served churches in Tabor City, North Carolina and Altavista, Virginia.

Fletcher was a native of Vass, NC, born January 24, 1924. His family moved to Richmond, Virginia when his father was called to the ministry. Rev. Hutcheson served the Army in World War II for four and ½ years (1942-46) and was a prisoner of war in Germany for six months after being captured during the Battle of the Bulge.

Rev. Hutcheson graduated from Hampden-Sydney College, and then from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond in 1952. His brothers (Richard Gordon, Jr. and Jesse R. Hutcheson) and father (Dr. Richard Hutcheson) were also Presbyterian Ministers.

Fletcher was married to the former Mary Maxwell of West Palm Beach, Florida. She graduated from Agnes Scott College and at one time taught math at Cox High School in Virginia Beach. They had three children: Fletcher, Jr., Mary, and Lynn. The family lived in the Manse on 1220 Five Forks Road (Lake Smith Terrace), purchased by Bayside in 1968. Their children Fletcher, Jr. and Mary later became ordained Presbyterian Ministers.

Rev. Hutcheson presided over the Vision II building expansion, which enlarged the Fellowship Hall, added six classrooms, added air conditioning to the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, paved the parking lot, and built the access road to Independence Boulevard. The expansion was dedicated on July 11, 1971. In addition, he was pastor at the start of our monthly newsletter – then called “Bayside Moorings.” He was our teaching elder when the first women Deacons and Elders were elected and installed, and when the first Elder Emeritus was elected. During his time at Bayside, the Food Pantry was started. Under his leadership, an Assistant (now Associate) Pastor was called, and a sexton and secretary were hired. Rev. Hutcheson presided over Bayside’s 25th Anniversary.

Rev. Hutcheson died unexpectedly on February 9, 1981, after serving Bayside for 14 ½ years.

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