

A MIRACLE OF GROWTH

Regardless of all obstacles in conducting Sunday school in different buildings, deacons and members of the South Norfolk Baptist Church have been courageously maintaining church and Sunday school schedules, preaching God's word to every increasing numbers and winning souls for Christ. No wonder that our church is known as a progressive church. It is not only because of the facts of its phenomenal growth, but because throughout this period of growth, it has maintained a genuine spirit of friendliness and fellowship and has held its membership and even grown under very trying circumstances.

Today, our very success poses our largest problem. If we had been a static, rather than a dynamic church, we probably would not have had to build. But the fact is that we are a dynamic and growing church in a city of great opportunity, and we must build again as soon as possible. It is imperative that we build a new auditorium, a baby building, and enlarge our educational facilities. All available space has been filled and now we must enlarge our vision to include others.

The need is great. Three things are necessary if we continue our onward march of victory: Faith - Prayer - Sacrifice! Our church must stand as "one man" as the future unfolds. "God, you can count on me".

South Norfolk Baptist Church
May 13, 1956

PORTRAIT OF A GROWING CHURCH

Church Year	Mem-ber-ship	Bap-tized	Add. by Letter	Sun. Sch.		B. T. U.		W.M.S. Enr.	Total Receipts	V. B. S.	
				Enr.	Av. Att.	Enr.	Av. Att.			Enr.	Av. Att.
1932	678	15	14	693					8,324.40		
1933	656	19	19	697					8017.51		
1934	652	14	16	697					8,626.32		
1935	644	36	20	680					7,392.70		
1936	627-	23	9	682					8,222.65		
1937	683	61	26	793					8,488.34		
1938	700	17	19	809					8,057.18		
1939	683	12	14	758					9,087.52		
1940	720	30	24	766					9,000.00		
1941	732	14	15	583	425				9,867.78		
1942	735	14	18	557	399	55			9,990.46		
1943	750	34	8	557	360	39		181	15,940.24		
1944	756	21	6	598	350	49		192	13,845.92	134	120
1945	788	32	33	642	350	45		189	12,583.10	134	118
1946	783	26	10	601	350	36		226	15,613.42	No school	
1947	876	53	57	647	422	191		247	26,101.04	193	172
1948	1059	132	81	758	431	235	112	325	33,079.00	262	216
1949	1145	67	53	944	488	239	126	293	39,000.00	306	251
1950	1188	39	49	1084	543	234	125	310	44,855.00	361	313
1951	1330	101	74	1165	550	246	130	388	52,628.00	311	264
1952	1266	52	45	932	589	242		383	57,386.00	376	307
1953	1351	55	46	1070	591	289	140	345	64,563.00	366	290
1954	1368	40	47	1121	605	312	140	317	72,192.80	313	256
1955	1490	118	54	1313	671	325	151	315	74,882.64	357	309

SOUTH NORFOLK BAPTIST CHURCH

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