



South Norfolk Baptist Church, 1101 Chesapeake Avenue, Chesapeake

Church of the Week

Sunday Night Services at South Norfolk Baptist Church Are Broadcast Live on WXRI-FM

The Rev. Mr. Frank Hughes, Jr., Pastor of South Norfolk Baptist Church since Feb. 9, 1947, is very pleased with the response to this broadcast ministry. Shut-ins and elderly people from all denominations write and call to express their appreciation of the excellent Gospel singing and preaching every Sunday night from 7:30 to 8:30.

South Norfolk began as a mission of Berkley Avenue Baptist Church. Berkley members provided leadership and built a small wooden building on the present site. It was dedicated Jan. 5, 1893, enlarged in 1907. The present sanctuary was dedicated in 1915, the educational building in 1955. The first little church burned in 1913.

South Norfolk founded Southside Baptist Mission in a garage on Perry Street in 1920, primarily to provide a facility for prayer meetings conducted by Billy Sunday, the great evangelist. Southside was

organized into a church in 1952. South Norfolk also organized Princess Anne Plaza Mission. \$65,000 was spent for land and the first building. This mission was constituted a church in 1961. The Rev. Mr. Melvin J. Hughes, called in 1963 and still Pastor, is the brother of South Norfolk's Mr. Hughes.

Mr. W. A. Overton is director of Sunday School for all ages at 9:30. Holy Communion is served every first Sunday morning at the 11:00 worship service. Mr. Robert E. Clements, Minister of Education and Music, directs the adult choir. Mrs. Gwen Whitehurst is organist. Mr. Clements also directs the men's chorus. At 6:00, as part of church training, the children's choir rehearses, adults have a special class and the youth choir rehearses. Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Briggs direct. They have presented a folk musical, "Tell It Like It Is," at several churches. Either the adult choir or the men's chorus sing

at the 7:30 Evening Worship service.

Beginning next Wednesday the Sunday School Council will meet at 6:00, all Sunday School workers at 6:15, then visitation until 7:30, a Prayer Meeting from 7:30 to 8:00 and lesson review from 8:00 to 8:30. Mrs. Billie Todd is president of the Women's Missionary Union. About 280 are involved. The women supervise the Girls in Action, Acteens and Sunbeams program. Their major projects are the Annie Armstrong Thanksgiving offering and Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

South Norfolk also supports two missionaries: Mark Alexander, Jr., a former member whose father is a Deacon, is in Argentina; Irvin H. Acree is in Uruguay. Last year the church gave \$20,000 to mission causes. One year Mr. Hughes went to Alaska on a preaching mission sponsored by the Southern Baptist Mission Board. He and Mrs. Hughes, the daughter of an Oklahoma missionary to Indians, were given a trip to the Holy Land to celebrate his 25th anniversary with the church.

Mr. Julian Parcell is chairman of the Deacons, 15 men who make recommendations to be acted upon by the congregation, are responsible for spiritual oversight, visit homes where needs exist, count offerings, make deposits and are general overseers and visit the sick and bereaved in the pastor's absence. Mrs. Mary Parcell, librarian does a very efficient job cataloguing the fine selection of books for all ages.

Rev. Mr. W. A. Richardson, Outreach Minister, was formerly pastor of Great Bridge Baptist Church. He and Mrs. Richardson are spending their retirement years in a trailer. He conducts Worship Services in trailer parks all over the country on a "come as you are" basis. He is chaplain of a national group and last year attended rallies in Arkansas, Texas and Colorado. The trailer, which is their year 'round home, is pulled with a pick-up truck. The church furnishes all the literature and

materials. Mr. Richardson was given a certificate of recognition by the park rangers at Long Point Camp in Brevard County, Florida, for his civic interest and service to the community. The church bought him a CB radio he uses to advertise his services over a loud speaker and as an amplifier during the service.

"The Messenger," a weekly newsletter, goes to 1,000 homes. Mr. Hughes always writes a column on some current event. South Norfolk Baptist Church has a very stable congregation. Few of the 1200 members are transients. Adult and young men have a softball team in the church league. The annual church picnic will be held at the Anchor July 28th. The Richardsons always spend July and August at this beautiful recreational facility owned by the Norfolk Baptist Association.

The Rev. Mr. Frank Hughes, Jr. came to Broad Creek Village to start a mission immediately after graduating from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth in June of 1943. By August Broad Creek Village Baptist Church was organized with 55 members. This is now Virginia Heights Baptist Church. He also helped organize Ingleside Baptist Church. One of his great joys is marrying and baptizing second generations. He and his friendly congregation would be happy to have you worship with them tomorrow and every Sunday.



The Rev. Mr. Frank Hughes, Jr. Pastor