

# By South Norfolk Baptist

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The year 1968 has been a very important year for the South Norfolk Baptist Church.

They have had several outstanding events, as this is the 75th anniversary of its beginning. In June the members and a host of former members gathered for a service, followed by a much enjoyed "Dinner On The Grounds" during which friends met with friends of long standing.

Plans were then started for another Special Service which will be culminated at the Sunday morning service, October 27, when members of the church will represent former pastors of the church from its beginning until 1947 when Rev. Frank Hughes Jr. took the helm.

The 10 former pastors were Rev. C. W. Mathews, Rev. W. B. Duling, Rev. James Tinch, Rev. S. S. Robinson, Rev. P. S. C. Davis, Rev. Q. C. Davis, Rev. Frank Wilson, Rev. E. S. Pierce, Rev. William M. Black and Rev. C. S. Sawyer. The members depicting these pastors, and giving a short resume of the activities during their charge, will be C. D. Williford, W. I. Fulcher, J. T. Parcell, Chester Cahoon, J. A. Gurganus, Noel Hobbs, J. L. Bryant, D. E. Pender, R. G. Prescott and C. W. Morgan.

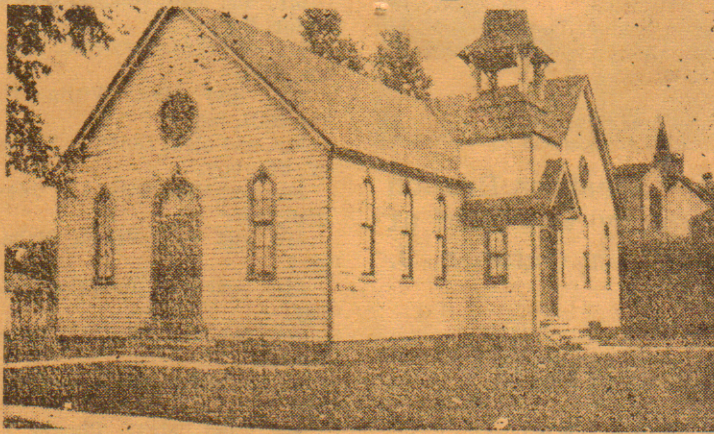
Rev. Mr. Hughes will play his own part. The service other than the "Former Pastors" will consist of the usual adult choir; introductions by Joe Hughes, who has done much of the planning; a vocal selection "Bless This House", Mrs. John Dingle reading of the church covenant, led by Floyd Allen, chairman of the board of deacons; music in the church from a member of the choir.

The men's chorus and vocal solo by Jimmie Scott will follow.

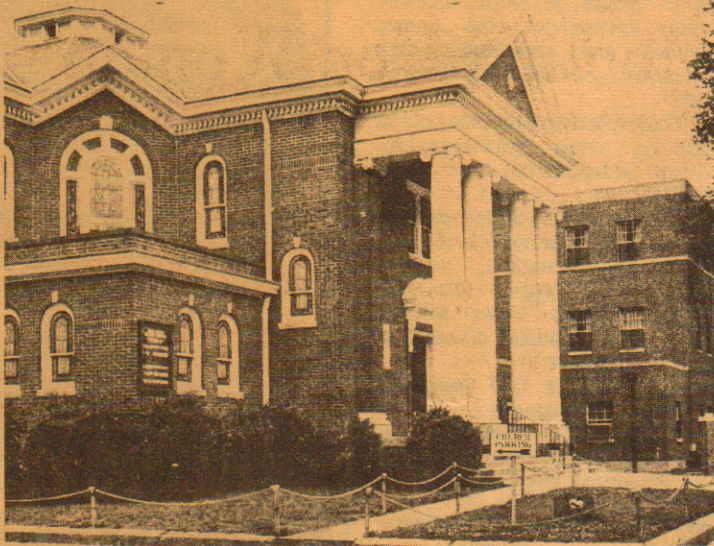
The woman's work "Action Witness" by Mrs. Eileen Lasiter, president of the WMU, and "Think of a Church--Our Church" will be presented.

N. J. Babb, Sunday School superintendent, headed this meeting assisted by Miss Frankie Hobbs and Joe Hughes. Mrs. Gwen Whitehurst, organist, and Mrs. Ernie LaBlanc, pianist, will add their talent during the musical program.

A fitting climax to the 75th anniversary will be a week's revival service November 3-10, with visiting ministers participating, to be announced later.



FIRST BUILDING--This is South Norfolk Baptist Church after the ell was added in 1905 on the building erected in 1893.



PRESENT BUILDING--The present South Norfolk Baptist Church structure was erected in 1915.