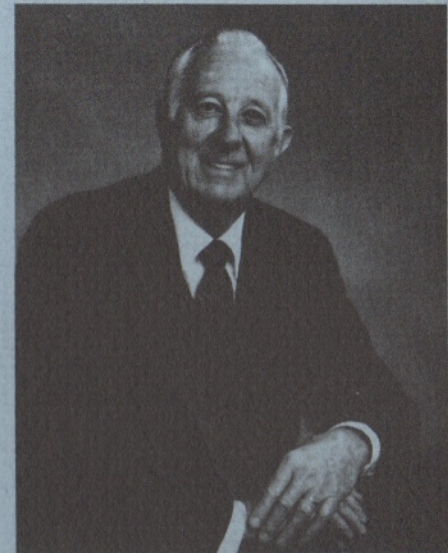


Princess Anne Plaza Baptist Church

Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Retirement Service



Rev. Melvin J. Hughes, Pastor
March 1, 1963 — Jan. 25, 1987

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DEDICATION

FULFILLING LOVE:

Once in a while someone lives a beautiful and totally unselfish life -- "Just for Others".

As if their only prayers were "Lord, let me live for others. Let me knock on every door and mend every troubled heart".

To them every individual in their life, regardless of relationship or compatibility, is a friend from God. They feel, if they fail to love and serve them, they hurt the GIVER first.

We dedicate this book to our loving Pastor, Melvin J. Hughes.

Dedicated to you on May 4, 1964.
Melvin J. Hughes,
Pastor



PRINCESS ANNE PLAZA BAPTIST CHURCH
245 Rosemont Road
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452

PASTOR'S PEN

May 4, 1986

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart,
And lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct thy paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6

To the Members of the Princess Anne Plaza Baptist Church:

I believe there is a time to begin and a time to stop. I have been praying now for some months over the direction of my life, and feel that the time has come when God is leading me to take some new directions. I also feel that the time has come when the church needs new leadership.

Therefore I wish to inform you of my plans to retire from the full-time Pastoral Ministry of this church. That my retirement become effective on March 1, 1987. On this date I will complete twenty four years as Pastor of this church.

I promised the deacons several years ago that I would give the church enough time to make an orderly transition from one Pastor to another.

However, if on this date the church has not called a new Pastor then I will remain until one is called.

I make this announcement to you dear people with great prayer and deep emotion as I have given the most fruitful years of my life to the Pastoral Ministry of this church.

Submitted to you on May 4, 1986.

Melvin J. Hughes,
Pastor

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PRINCESS ANNE PLAZA BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Melvin J. Hughes, Retirement Service
Eleven O'Clock
January 25, 1987

CELEBRATING THROUGH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

THE PRELUDE Patricia Griggs
*THE HYMN OF PRAISE "To God Be The Glory" No.33
*THE GREETING OF THE WORSHIPPERS Rev. Hughes
*THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Dave Ainley
*THE HYMN OF PRAISE "When We All Get To Heaven" No.491
THE CHORAL WORSHIP "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"
Adult Choir
THE PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Hughes

GIVING IN THE FACE OF NEW CHALLENGES

*THE OFFERTORY HYMN
THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION John Plummer
"At Calvary" No.166
THE OFFERTORY "He Touched Me" Helen Dudley
Patricia Griggs
THE DOXOLOGY

SHARING THE REMEMBRANCE OF A GODLY HERITAGE

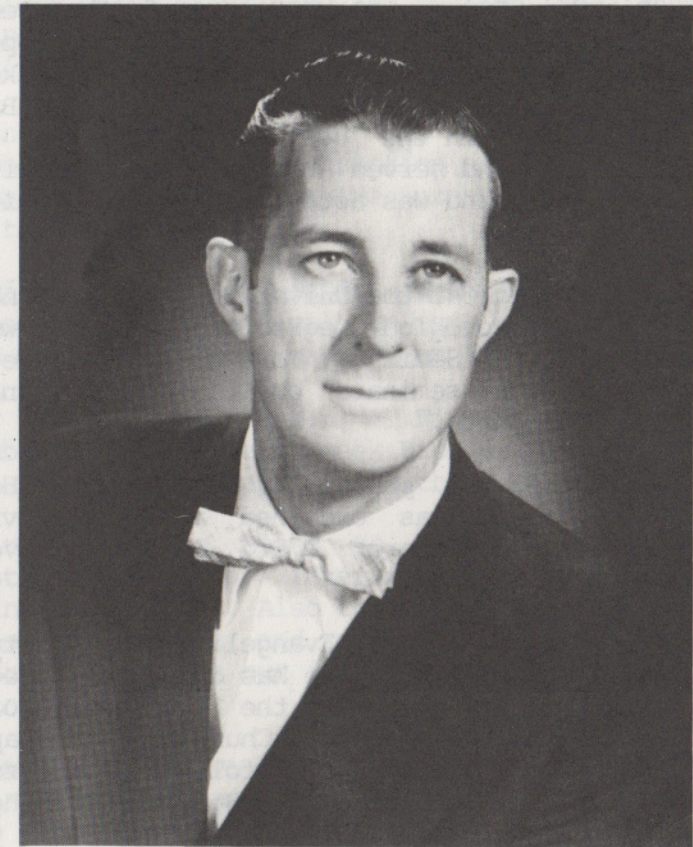
MESSAGE IN SONG "How Great Thou Art" Lee Harris, Choir
CHARTER MEMBER James Simons
THE PRESCHOOL Myra Smith (Director)
THE PHILIPPINE MISSION Eva Navarro
CHAIRMAN OF DEACONS Elbert Gillespie

OUR FAITHFUL SERVANT
Rev. Melvin J. Hughes

THE CHORAL BENECTION "Lord, Make My Life A Window"
THE POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing

OUR PASTOR
MELVIN J. HUGHES



Ordained

Providence Baptist Church
Shawboro, North Carolina
June 13, 1948

Retired

Princess Anne Plaza Baptist Church
Virginia Beach, Virginia
January 25, 1987

THIRTY-NINE YEARS OF FULL TIME
SERVICE FOR OUR LORD

Melvin J. Hughes was born July 2, 1924 in Norfolk, VA. He was raised in Princess Anne County of the Pembroke Farm of Virginia Beach. He graduated from Kempsville High School where he lettered in Baseball, Basketball and Track. He was baptized in the Kempsville Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Navy for four years during W.W. II and served aboard a destroyer with the Nimitz Task Force and was active in the Liberation of the Philippines.

He attended college at the University of Richmond and received his Theological Degree from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX. He also attended numerous seminars on the art of counseling both youth and adults.

He was licensed to preach by the Virginia Heights Baptist Church and was ordained at the Providence Baptist Church, Shawboro, N.C., where he served his first pastorate in 1948.

He has served as Pastor-Evangelist for thirty-nine years. During his ministry he has organized three new mission churches and served as the first pastor of each one: The Indian River Baptist Church of Chesapeake, Brentwood Baptist Church of Norfolk and Princess Anne Plaza Baptist Church of Virginia Beach where he has served as Pastor for the last twenty four years. During the Plaza Pastorate he baptized nearly two thousand and over three thousand joined by letter. During his ministry he has baptized over three thousand souls.

During his ministry he has led in twelve different building programs. His ministry was advanced in knowledge by making four study seminar trips to Israel and other countries of the Middle East.

His Evangelist crusades have taken him to India for a twenty three day crusade, in Sussex, England where he led an English Free Church to organize into a Baptist

Church, two revival crusades with the Home Mission Board to Alaska where he led the Plaza Church to help build the first Southern Baptist Church in Petersburg, AK. His revival crusade to the Philippines led him into two villages in Dela-Paz, Central Luzon. He was the first white missionary to preach the gospel in Dela-Paz. He was able to win converts, baptize them in the river, organize a new church, select a building site and lead in the building of the First Baptist Church of Dela-Paz. This was the first Christian Church in Dela-Paz since creation and the first Baptist Church to be organized in the Luzon Convention in the last ten years.

In 1955 he toured the mission fields in Havana, Cuba. He has preached revivals in many cities in Virginia, North Carolina all the way to San Francisco.

Other pastorates are: First Baptist Church, Thornberry, TX, Sawyers Creek Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, NC and First Baptist Church, Norton, VA.

Upon retirement he plans to continue his preaching ministry serving as Interim and supply pastor and leading in revivals. Also to spend more time with his hobbies of crafts and restoring antiques, and one of his favorite sports out in his boat fishing and some hunting.

He has been active also in helping his community serving as Chaplain of Fire Departments for fifteen years and selected as the first Chaplain of the Virginia Beach Police Department. He was duly sworn in as a police officer and has been active with the department for eighteen years. He is still active and now holds the top rank of "Chaplain Advisor to the Chief of Police."

He is married to the former Thelma Ruth Mullins and they are the parents of two children; a son Mel, a daughter Connie and the proud grandparents of five grandchildren.

Thanks be unto God for the many lives that have been touched and blessed by his ministry.

PROGRAM
OF THE
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245 ROSEMONT ROAD
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

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1101 CHESAPEAKE AVENUE
CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 1963

2:30 P. M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Prelude *Mrs. Ruth Kary*
- Hymn No. 311 - "The Church's One Foundation" *Stone*
- Invocation *W. L. Fulcher*
- Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:18-19; Colossians 1:18 *Herman Mauch*
- Recognition of Visitors
- Recommendation of the South Norfolk Baptist Church *A. W. Overton*
- Presentation of the Resolution for Organization *Frank Hughes, Jr.*
- Report of Nominating Committee *Jim Hill, Chairman*
- Election of Officers
- Hymn No. 41 - "To God Be the Glory" *Crosby*
- Offering
- Dedication Prayer *John Brown*
- "O Thou Whose Hand Hath Brought Us" *Goodby*
Princess Anne Plaza Baptist Church Choir
William Smith, Director
- Sermon *C. C. Warren*
- Hymn No. 132 - "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" *Rippon*
- Benediction *Melvin J. Hughes*
- Right Hand of Fellowship to Members of the new church

Norton, Virginia

REVIVAL



Rev. Melvin Hughes Begins Pastorate

Norton Baptists are bubbling over this week!

Their new pastor, the Rev. Melvin Hughes, Mrs. Hughes and their two children, arrived in Norton Wednesday, spent their first night in the new Baptist parsonage, the Whitmore-Condra house, purchased by the church for a parsonage, and all are looking forward to Mr. Hughes' first service, as pastor, next Sunday morning.

Hughes in Cuba On Mission Study

The Rev. Melvin J. Hughes, pastor of Indian River Baptist Church, is in Cuba this week studying the missionary field of Baptist work there.

The Rev. Melvin J. Hughes New Pastor At Sawyer's Creek

The Rev. Melvin J. Hughes has accepted the pastorate of the Sawyer's Creek Baptist Church. The Rev. Mr. Hughes resigned as pastor of the Brentwood Baptist Church of Norfolk after being there for over two years. Under his leadership the membership at Brentwood grew from 60 to 250 and the Sunday School attendance grew from 120 to 406. During this time the church purchased a four acre building site at a cost of \$38,000.

REV. M. J. HUGHES of Norfolk, Va. will speak each evening at 7:30 P.M. all this week — September 23rd through 29th at NORTH ROCKY MOUNT BAPTIST CHURCH. The Public Is Invited To Attend The Services.

Hughes to Resume Studies Final Sermon Set Sunday

The Rev. Melvin James Hughes, pastor of Indian River Baptist Church, who has been granted a leave of absence in order to finish work on a theology degree, will deliver his last sermon Sunday. He plans to enroll at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., in September.

Hughes Returns to Pulpit After Seminary Sojourn

The Rev. Melvin Hughes, pastor of Indian River Baptist Church, again will be in the pulpit after a leave of absence to complete studies at a seminary.



RESIGNS -- The Rev. Melvin J. Hughes, pastor of the Sawyer's Creek Baptist Church has accepted a call to become pastor of the Princess Anne Plaza Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Va. The minister read his resignation to the congregation last Sunday. He will begin his new work on March 3.

P. A. Plaza Baptists Get Pastor

VIRGINIA BEACH — The Rev. Melvin J. Hughes will become the first full-time pastor of Princess Anne Plaza Baptist Church Friday.

PA Plaza Baptist

Church To Dedicate Education Building

PLAZA — The Princess Anne Plaza Baptist Church will dedicate its new Educational Building Sunday. Open house will be held from two to four p.m.

Plaza Chapel To Become Church

NEW HISTORY FOR

PRINCESS ANNE PLAZA BAPTIST CHURCH

This Sunday all will want to be present as we begin the "Filipino Baptist Mission."

VIRGINIA BEACH (Lynnhaven)—On Sunday, May 26, at 2:30 p.m., the Princess Anne Plaza Baptist Chapel will be constituted into an established Southern Baptist Church.

Ledger-Star, Saturday, January 23, 1971

Beach pastor baptizes 600 new members in 8 years

By PAUL WILLIAMS

VIRGINIA BEACH—The Rev. Melvin J. Hughes, pastor of the Princess Anne Plaza Baptist Church, has baptized nearly 600 new members in less than eight years there.

HUGHES BROTHERS KEEP ON BUILDING

VIRGINIA BEACH — The Hughes brothers have a reputation as church builders and they're making sure they keep it.

Virginia Beach Church Burns Note

Princess Anne Plaza Church, Virginia Beach, held a noteburning ceremony marking the end of a \$180,000 debt. The church, which has had five building programs, is now debt-free. Par-



Rev. & Mrs. Thelma Hughes

Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Hughes were united in marriage October 27, 1947. Throughout the years Mrs. Hughes has served a vital aspect of his ministry serving as Church Secretary, Choir member, soloist and Sunday School teacher to both children and youth. She has also been Director of WMU, GA's and Outreach.

Her willingness to serve others, console many, and share her husband with the endless responsibilities of the church, indeed makes her a special woman from God.

HIS PRESENCE

Father, take my hand in Thine
 Let me serve through love Divine
 If some heart should lose its way
 Let me be the one to pray
 Like a candle shed the light
 Till Thy Presence is in sight.



Left to Right: son-Mel Hughes, wife-Michelle Hughes, daughter-Connie Schoonover, husband-Sgt. Richard Schoonover, Thelma Hughes, Rev. Melvin Hughes



FRONT: Brooke Schoonover, Brittany Schoonover, Jammie Hughes REAR: Will Hughes, Thelma and Rev. Hughes



Jordan Leigh Schoonover



First Baptist Church, Petersburg, Alaska.
Built under leadership of Rev. Melvin Hughes



Philippine Church. Built under the
leadership of Rev. Melvin Hughes.



"He left us the Word"

THE BENEDICTION:

Numbers 6: 24 through 26

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:
The Lord make his face shine upon thee,
And be gracious unto thee:
The Lord lift up his countenance upon
thee,
And give thee peace.

Amen.