

OUR PASTOR

Frank Hughes, Jr., the second of four children of Frank and Aleada Doxey Hughes, was born September 27, 1919, in Currituck County, N. C. While in school his family moved to Princess Anne County (Virginia Beach) where he graduated from Kempsville High School. He was active in sports, playing baseball in high school, college and seminary. Mr. Hughes was educated at Wake Forest College (University) and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

In the summer of 1942 he supplied the pulpit of First Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, and was ordained to the gospel ministry in August by his home church, Kempsville Baptist. While in the Seminary he did supply preaching and was pastor of First Baptist Church, Point, Texas, 1942-43.

September 3, 1942, Frank Hughes, Jr. was married to Miss Katharine Anne Read of Norman, Oklahoma, whose father and mother were missionaries to the "blanket" Indians in that state. Katharine Anne was educated at Oklahoma University and Southwestern Baptist Seminary. She served Calvary Baptist Church during the school year 1942-43 as Educational Director. The Hughes' have three sons: Frank III (deceased), James Read (deceased) and Joseph Truett, Pastor of Biltmore Baptist Church, Glen Allen, Virginia.

On February 9, 1947, Pastor and Mrs. Hughes came to South Norfolk Baptist Church from Broad Creek Village Baptist Church (Virginia Heights), Norfolk, which he organized in August 1943. Fifteen young men have gone from this church since 1947 into the gospel ministry. Nine young women have also studied and served in various areas of Christian ministry.

In 1955 our church dedicated a \$265,000 three-story educational building which was debt free in five years. Improvements to the sanctuary included rebuilding the pipe organ. Five houses were purchased to enlarge adjacent parking area, as well as ten lots on Seaboard Avenue for over-flow parking.

The first mission of our church, at Perry and Ohio Streets, was organized and named Southside Baptist Church, March, 1952. In 1961, at a cost of \$65,000 our church purchased land and erected the first unit of a church plant in Princess Anne Plaza (Virginia Beach) where for fifteen months Brother Hughes preached at two services each Sunday besides his regular schedule in South Norfolk. This mission became a self-supporting church in 1963.

Our Pastor has given of his time to serve our denomination. He has been Moderator of Norfolk Baptist Association (60 churches), President of Norfolk Baptist Ministers' Conference, and served on various committees in the Association and the state. He was a member of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board (Nashville) for two terms, and went on a preaching mission in Alaska for the Home Mission Board (Atlanta). He has been guest evangelist in many churches and many times took with him a talented girls' trio from our church.

September 30, 1984, our pastor will have served our church for thirty-seven years and almost eight months.

"Serve the Lord with gladness . . ." Psalm 100:2