

## OUR PASTOR

Frank Hughes, Jr., was born in Currituck County, N. C., the second of four children of Frank and Alceda Doxey Hughes, and was reared in Princess Anne County (now Virginia Beach). He was educated at Wake Forest College and Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas. In August 1942 he was ordained to the gospel ministry by Kempsville Baptist Church. In September 1942 he married the former Miss Katharine Anne Read of Norman, Okla. They have three sons, Frank III (deceased), James Read and Joseph Truett.

Brother Hughes came to South Norfolk Baptist Church from Broad Creek Village Baptist Church (now named Virginia Heights) which he organized in August 1943. From a membership of 700 in 1947 South Norfolk Church has added over 2000 members, 1092 of whom were received through baptism. The present membership is 1661. Twelve young men who have gone from the church into the gospel ministry are: Mark Alexander, Jr., (now a missionary in Argentina), Edward R. Boyd, Ronnie Costen, Beverly Curling, Eddie Griffin, Bryan Holloman, Jr., James Russ, William Russ, Sam Tatem, Horace Twine, Wadell Waters and George Wollett, Jr. Others who have studied for Christian Service are: Rosa Belle Stewart Albright, Doris Bunch Ankrom (now a missionary in Brazil), Jean Brinson Garrett, Betty Miles LeBlanc, Eleanor Rae Ramsey Mitchell, Stella Eure Pierce, Shirley Rountree, and Sarah Margaret Rogers Tatem.

On May 8, 1955, South Norfolk Baptists dedicated a \$252,000 three-story educational building which was debt free in five years. Two floors are now air-conditioned and there is an adjacent parking area of 68,000 square feet. The sanctuary has been air-conditioned, redecorated with wall-to-wall carpet, pews refinished, new pulpit furniture, solid brass Lord's Supper Service and offering plates, and new lighting fixtures. The Sunday Evening Worship Service is broadcast live from the sanctuary over WXRJ-FM. This radio ministry began October 1, 1964.

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

Brother Hughes has the honor of being the current Moderator of the Norfolk Baptist Association of fifty-four churches. He has been president of Norfolk Baptist Ministers' Conference, the Virginia member of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, and in co-operation with the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, our church sent him on a preaching mission in Alaska in 1958. He is in demand as preacher for revival meetings. He is a member of a special study committee for Virginia Baptists.



## South Norfolk Baptist Church

*Twentieth  
Anniversary  
of Pastor*

FEBRUARY 9, 1967  
7:30 P. M.

**F**or twenty years he's led this church  
**R**esponding to God's call;

**A** man who simply has to preach,  
**N**eglecting not, the world to reach,  
**K**insman of one and all.

**H**e's blessed with wisdom from on high, and  
**U**nderstanding too;

**G**od gave to him a  
**H**earth of love, that shares  
**E**ach blessing from above, in  
**S**ermons tried and true

**J**ust now we pause to honor him  
as each the truth beholds  
**R**ejoicing in the hope that we,  
together, greater heights shall see,  
as God, His will unfolds.