



William Madison Black

October 7, 1912

November 24, 1918



William Brooke Duling

May 16, 1895

March 27, 1898

**Both Rev. Black and Rev. Duling served the Elon Baptist Church, Pamplin, Virginia.
See Article below:**



ELON BAPTIST CHURCH

Elon Baptist Church, the first church in Pamplin, was founded April 5, 1859. It was first called Elon Baptist Church of Christ. J. S. Jason, the first pastor, donated the land which was in a grove of Oak trees, from which the name Elon, meaning Oak was derived. We worship in the same original building with alterations and additions. There were 19 men and women, including some slaves, who were charter members of Elon. Most came from Mathews Baptist Church located in Hixburg. From its early beginnings, God has richly blessed Elon and its people as it has ministered in the Pamplin community.

Early ministries of the church were combined with the ministries of the churches in the community along with three other churches in the area: Provident Baptist, Mathews Baptist, and Glen Memorial Baptist. Each pastor of Elon has had very special gifts that God has used to define the mission and ministry of the church while they serve at Elon. The first pastor was Elder J. S. Mason who served from 1859-1863 and again in 1873. Elder William Moore was pastor from 1863 to sometime during the Civil War. He lost his pastorate because he went to a political meeting when

he should have been at the church meeting. T. C. Alderson served as pastor during the summer months of 1874. John Horace Newbill served as pastor from 1874 to 1882. During his pastorate Elon was host for the first time to the Appomattox Baptist Association for their annual meeting (1879). The next several pastors served only short times: E. A. Leonard (1883-1887), D. S. Hubble (part of 1888), and S. U. Grimsley (part of 1888), John H. Couch from Louisville, Kentucky was pastor from 1892-1901. He married Miss Sallie Love Terry from Spring Creek Church.



Elon Baptist Church

After **Rev.** Couch, several other pastors came with short tenures; W. E. Warren (1904-1905), J.J. Cook (1907), T. H. Binford (1908), W. S. Royall (1909-1910). During **Rev.** Royall's pastorate the first parsonage was built. **Rev.** C. R. Norris became the next pastor in 1911. In 1914 he died from measles. **Rev.** Clarence E. Taylor (1914-1917) emphasized training Sunday School teachers during his pastorate. The church was without a pastor in 1918 but many people joined the church during the pastorate of **Rev.** C. K. Hobbs (1919-1921). Under the leadership of **Rev.** W. B. Duling (1922-1929) the first Sunday School class rooms were built. Mrs. Duling organized Elon's

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The furnace was purchased during his pastorate. It was said of him that his life "has given to all of us the most convincing proof of the power of Christ in a life that quietly and consistently, day in and day out, allows the Spirit of Christ to shine through words and deeds."

Rev. John Sterling Moore became the next pastor (1944-1950). During his pastorate church pews and pulpit furniture were installed. He came from Louisville Seminary as a bachelor but soon married Martha Paulette who had relatives in the community. **Rev. J. Parks Hackney** served July 1950-1953. Under his leadership, carpeting was added to the sanctuary as well as a new piano. He also led the church to begin deacon rotation. **Rev. Harold Anderson** was pastor from June 1954 to 1959. Under his leadership Mathew Baptist united with Elon. Also the church erected a new brick parsonage. 1959, **Rev. Leslie Hart** became the new pastor and served until 1967. During his pastorate, he brought the church together in closer unity. **Rev. Olin V. Glidden** was pastor from 1967 to 1969. In 1969 **Rev. Ray Harley** became pastor and served for a year. **Rev. Harley** built the bookcases that are in the Pastor's study even today. In 1970, Elon called John P. Campbell to be its first full-time pastor. **Rev. Campbell** was loved by all and the church grew under his loving leadership. He served from 1970-1975. **Rev. Doug Hager** served as pastor (1976-1977). Elon then called **Rev. Bill Trimyer** (1978-1980). Dr. Trimyer was blessed with many gifts with which to serve God. He was a dynamic speaker, gifted writer, a

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By S. Grose)

Roberta (Mrs.), Sept. 15, 1921
DULING
Catherine G., Mar. 22, 1860
Elizabeth Carey, w. of **Rev.**
W. B. Duling, Apr. 4, 1929
William Brooke, Nov. 19, 1931
DULTON
Frances (Mrs.), Aug. 3, 1854
DUNAWAY
A. B. (Mrs.), Apr. 27, 1916

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W. B. Duling, also in the Rappahannock Association, says: "This report is not as good as I would like to make, in the sales especially, but I think I can say, with a clear conscience, the work has been glorious spiritually. I have not met with a single repulse. The people received me, it seemed, with real pleasure, and in many families I have had evidences of God's presence. I have

found families within a mile of a Baptist church who were destitute of the Bible."

LAYNE-DICKERSON

Miss Ida May Layne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Layne and William Mertin Dickerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Dickerson, residents of Pamplin were **married at the Baptist parsonage here last Saturday morning, Rev. W.B. Duling, officiating.** The bride was attired in a costume of navy blue with biege accessories. Immediately after the ceremony, the couple left for an extended trip by automobile, after which they will be at home near Pamplin.
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O. B. Mears	Norfolk
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Mrs. Ida D. Thomas	

Prince William County

St. John's Baptist Church Cemetery

Virginia Beach, VA
Old Princess Anne County

It must have once stood watch over a rural farm road. Today the cemetery overlooks the well traveled thoroughfare leading to the municipal complex of the largest city in Virginia. In order to get pictures of the tombstones nearest the road I had to climb into a ditch. The alternative was to be struck down by motorists intent on their destination, and not at all appreciative of my photographic task. The church and neighboring cemetery front Holland Road, just north of its intersection with Princess Anne Road. A turn to the right on Princess Anne Road and a very short travel down the road leads one into the large complex of buildings, resembling closely a college campus, which is the heartbeat of the City of Virginia Beach.

Cary Jones Duling

Born October 18, 1898

Died April 9, 1919

Elizabeth Carey Duling

Born June 24, 1871

Died February 6, 1929



Rev. W. B. Duling

Born: November 11, 1869

Died: October 26, 1931

