

The Rev. Frank Hughes, Jr., is pastor of the South Norfolk Baptist Church, a church that has doubled its membership and has made much progress in the whole church organization, since he became its pastor more than 14 years ago.

Mr. Hughes was born in Currituck County, N. C., reared on a farm in Princess Anne County, and attended public schools in both Currituck and Princess Anne Counties. He graduated from Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C. and Southwestern Seminary, at Fort Worth, Texas.

His first pastorate was in Broad Creek Village, the church he organized in 1943, and served as its pastor four years. The church is now known as Virginia Heights Baptist Church.

Mr. Hughes was instrumental in organizing Nelson Park Baptist Church in 1945, now known as Ingleside Baptist Church.

Just to mention a few of the things accomplished during his present pastorate are: A new Educational Building costing \$251,000 and is now clear of debt; a membership of 1500; the budget increased from \$15,000 to \$80,000 per year; the church staff increased by adding a Minister of Education, (Harvey M. Brown) a Minister of Music (Herman May) church secretary (Mrs. Ernie LaBlanc) and a records secretary (Mrs. Williard Fulcher).

The church has assumed the salary for two foreign missionaries, has had eight young men to enter the ministry, and several others preparing for full time Christian service.

A mission was organized many years ago, which is now the Southside Baptist Church, a weekly church paper is mailed out to more than a 1,000 homes known as "The Messenger."

The latest undertaking by the church is financing and organizing a church in Princess Anne Plaza, at a cost of approximately \$60,000.

Mr. Hughes served on many committees in the Norfolk Association, was president of Norfolk Baptist Pastors Conference, also filled a six year term on the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, he was sent on a preaching mission to Alaska in 1958, and visited missions in Cuba.

Mr. Hughes has been very active in the civic affairs of South Norfolk and fills many revival engagements.

The Rev. Mr. Hughes and Mrs. Hughes, the former Miss Katharine Ann Read of Okla-

homa and their two sons, Jimmie and Joe, make their home at the church parsonage on Chesapeake Ave.

Aside from hearing wonderful gospel messages by Mr. Hughes, the congregation enjoys an air-conditioned sanctuary, twice each Sunday and the usual mid-week prayer service.

The church is preparing now for a revival service to be conducted from October 15-22, with the Rev. Charles Duncan from Louisiana as guest minister. Herman May will conduct the song service each evening, with Mrs. Harvey Whitehurst, church organist, at the organ and Mrs. Ernest LaBlanc at the piano.