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ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All Saints' is located near the center of town off the main thoroughfare on a residential street easily accessible to the town and surrounding community. The Gothic style church and Parish Hall are situated on approximately 1/4 acre of land with street parking.

The nave has a crossed beamed cathedral ceiling. The soft cream color walls and wainscoting coupled with sunlight shining through the memorial stained glass windows produces an atmosphere of warmth..

The Parish Hall includes a fully equipped kitchen, two restrooms, vesting room and heating and air conditioning equipment. We enjoy brunches/luncheons and suppers, parish and diocesan meetings, and good fellowship in the parish hall.

The Rectory is an attractive brick rancher located in a desirable section of town. The house is not far from the church and is convenient to shopping centers, schools, and the hospital.

STATISTICS

All Saints' has 108 active communicants in good standing. The average number of communicants attending our weekly services is 75.

Our financial status is currently operating in the black. Our budget for 2007 is \$105,400.

For more information look for us on the web at: www.allsaintssouthill.org

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SEARCH COMMITTEE'S PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for guiding our hearts and mind as we seek a new rector. Empower us to discern Your will for us and our parish. Knit us together with Your love so that we may discover Your purpose for us. Give us the faith to follow Your guidance in choosing a spiritual leader, the strength to ask no more of our new rector than we are willing to ask of ourselves, and the courage to accept the one You have formed for service in this place. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. AMEN.

ALL SAINTS' QUEST

To increase the membership of the congregation with a determined emphasis on attracting families with children and to retain current membership.

Rectory Picture

To maintain financial stability by increases in membership and contributions, controlled spending, and contributing time.

To enhance the spiritual growth of the members of the congregation.

To offer a strong worship program, which meets the needs of the congregation.

To provide guidance, leadership, and programs which strengthen the relationships and involvement within the congregation.

To continue to engage in outreach activities in service to the community.

To see that the pastoral needs of the congregation are met.

To instill a sense of pride, fellowship and dedication in order to have more members involved in all activities of our parish.

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THE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

OF

ALL SAINT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The visible church of All Saints' in the Diocese of Southern Virginia is a congregation of faithful members, dedicated to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through corporate worship, Christian fellowship and spiritual growth, and outreach. With God's omnipotent power, All Saints' works to share the Good News.

THE DIOCESE

All Saints' is part of the Diocese of Southern Virginia headquartered at Talbot Hall, Norfolk, under the spiritual leadership of our Diocesan Bishop. The Diocese is currently under the leadership of an interim bishop, the Rt. Rev. John C. Buchanan.

The diocese includes 26 counties in Virginia, south of the James River and east of Danville. It also includes the peninsula from Williamsburg to Newport News and the Eastern Shore of Virginia. There are nine convocations in the diocese. We are in the eighth, consisting of seventeen congregations.

IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH

The Diocese of Southern Virginia is the home of a superb diocesan youth program which is part of the national Episcopal Youth Community, or EYC. It is governed by an elected youth board consisting of youth from each of the diocese's nine convocations. The board works hard planning vital youth programs throughout the year.

We are served by Community Memorial Healthcenter, an expanding medical facility, and the W.S. Hundley Annex, an extended care facility, and community hospice. Community Memorial is the medical hub for several counties and has an affiliation with Duke University Medical Center. Health services are provided by numerous doctors, dentists, and specialists as well as the Mecklenburg Health Department. Community Memorial Healthcenter is the largest employer in Mecklenburg County.

Emergency services are provided by the Southside Rescue Squad and South Hill Volunteer Fire Department.

The community is served by many churches, an excellent public library, weekly newspapers, one daily Richmond paper, two local radio stations and a cable television system affording access to all major broadcasting companies. A variety of internet providers are available in the area.

Public and private tennis courts and five golf courses serve the county. We have an active co-ed youth sports program. There are two parks within the town limits available to the community. South Hill also enjoys the programs of the YMCA

The South Hill area is served by the Mecklenburg County Public School system. All eleven schools in the system are accredited by the state as being in full compliance with their SOL pass scores. Mecklenburg County consistently ranks among the state's top achievers in state testing and national "No Child Left Behind" standards. Park View High School is the highest ranked high school in Region 8 on SOL testing. Area high school students also have the opportunity to attend partial days at the Governor's School in conjunction with their home schools. Additionally, there are several private schools serving the area.

Southside Virginia Community College offers traditional classes and a distance learning program from Old Dominion University.

THE HISTORY OF ALL SAINTS'

OUR COMMUNITY

South Hill is located at the intersection of I-85 and US 58, in the rolling piedmont section of southern Virginia. Geographically at the center of the New York-Atlanta axis, we are 1 ½ hours from Richmond, Virginia, Raleigh-Durham and Chapel Hill, North Carolina; and 2 ½ hours from Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Chesapeake and the Piedmont cities of Roanoke and Lynchburg, Virginia.

Two of the nation's largest fresh water lakes (Gaston and Buggs Island, or John Kerr, if you prefer) are a mere twenty minutes drive from town. These lakes provide myriad opportunities for boating, fishing and water sports. Also to be found around the lakes is a growing retirement community.

Our industrial base is growing and agriculture is still a major segment of the local economy. The Chamber of Commerce is very active and South Hill was one of the first towns in the state to be named a Certified Business Community.

Revitalization Committee

Our service community is expanding daily with modern shopping centers, motels, restaurants, community theater, and a movie theater. The trading area population is approximately 50,000 plus.

For a more complete picture of our community please visit us @ www.southhill.org

In 1916-17, there were ten families of Episcopalians living in South Hill. Many of these families attended services at Saint James' Episcopal Church in Boydton, Virginia and called upon its rector, Herbert Nash Tucker for their needs. Rev. Tucker was advised of the desire to organize an Episcopal Church in South Hill, which he worked diligently to help establish. Consequently Episcopalians met in the South Hill Methodist Church for a communion Service one Sunday night a month. A strong desire for a church of their own was foremost in the minds of the congregation and plans for construction of a church building were formed. Funds were limited; however in 1920 the present church site was donated by the father of one of its current members, and construction began in 1921. In 1922 All Saints' was entered in the records of the Diocese as a mission church and was served along with three other churches by the Rev. Tucker through 1927.

All Saints' was taken into Saint James' Parish in 1931. In 1956 All Saints' was integrated into a two church cure by the Diocese.

No additions to the original building were made until 1957. At that time, the land behind the church was purchased for the purpose of erecting a Parish Hall. In 1962 the cure reached the decision to construct a Rectory.

All Saints' Church experienced membership growth from 1962 through 1967 which resulted in the formation of the All Saints'-Saint Andrews' Parish.

In 1971 the creation of the central Mecklenburg Cure included All Saints'; Saint James', Boydton; Saint Andrews's, Baskerville; and Christ Chapel, near Boydton.

At the end of 1983 All Saints' withdrew from the Central Mecklenburg Cure to become a mission and work to attain Parish

status.

The Rev. John A. McColley was assigned as Interim Vicar, later became Vicar and under his guidance, the church increased communicants and growth in financial commitment.

The Rev. Susan B. Bowman served with us thru June 1991. The Rev. Cleon Ross succeeded Rev. Bowman serving until August 1999. During his tenure the Nanny Building was bought and the Pre School was established.

The Rev. Shawn Griffin served as rector from 2000 to 2005 during which time the congregation grew, the music program was given new life, and the Church became debt free and financially stable.

Today All Saints' is an exciting and innovative parish. We are respectful of tradition but are always open to new ideas. We are located in the fastest growing area of Southside Virginia, and we are able to draw from a diverse population. Our congregation has extended its warm southern hospitality to include parishioners from New England to Florida and coast to coast.

PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Vestry

The Vestry consists of 10 communicants who have accepted the call to leadership in the Church.

Liturgy

Worship services are held at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM each Sunday and 6:30 PM each Wednesday. A variety of Liturgies is used at the services including Rite I, Rite II, and New Zealand BCP.

Music

The music program includes an active choir and monthly praise service under the guidance of our music director.

Acolytes/Youth Group

Christian Education

Sunday School and Vacation Bible School offer instructions to the children of the church and community.

Sunday school is offered every Sunday at 9:30 AM.

A weekly Bible study is offered to adults.

Altar Guild

The church has an active Altar Guild. The Guild arranges the altar for services and cares for the linens, sacred vessels and flowers. It is open to all members of the congregation.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

We have an active ECW. This organization is open to all women of the parish. Dinner meetings are held quarterly. Diocesan and convocational involvement is faithfully supported. Fund raisers are held to support outreach of the ECW.

All Saints' Pre-School

The preschool is currently serving ages 3 & 4. Its reputation has grown since its inception. Through tuition and donations, the preschool is able to bring in new and exciting learning materials.

96% of us experience the presence of God in our lives.

96% of us say our spiritual experiences often impact the way we look at life.

94% feel our spirituality is the basis of our whole approach to life.

94% of us work to connect our faith to all other aspects of our lives.

88% feel being a part of this church community has given new meaning to their lives.

81% feel a friendly atmosphere prevails among the members of our church.

69% of us are satisfied on the whole with how things are in our congregation.

77% feel our church welcomes and is enriched by persons from different walks of life.

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