

Bayshore Presbyterian Church Timeline

- **1961** - A group starts meeting at Tampa General Hospital. Members sign a Charter to start Davis Islands United Presbyterian Church and then hold meetings over the Davis Island pharmacy.
- Land is purchased and a church is built where East & West Davis Blvd. meet.
- **1967** - In January members organize as Bayshore United Presbyterian Church, move to the "Carlton House" on Bayshore Blvd. while next door the "Hendry House" (current location) is renovated. The yard and gardens are enclosed to become the present sanctuary. The house itself is used as the primary entrance with classrooms located in former bedrooms and the study is now the main office and meeting room. The original Pastor's office was located in the breakfast room. The servant's quarters above the garage served as a meeting place for the youth of the church.
- **Late 60s** members move into the newly renovated "Hendry" house.
- Members are drawn from a wide geographic area because it is the only "northern" style church in the area.
- **1970s** - A charter member is elected as the first woman moderator of the local Presbytery. After serving that term she is elected as the National President of the United Presbyterian Women.
- **Pre 1975** Bayshore was a mission church subsidized by the Presbytery. When the property between the church and S. Carolina Ave. was sold all debts were paid and the church was now self sustaining.
- **1983** – The United Presbyterian Churches (of which Bayshore was a member) joins with the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (PCUS), the so-called "southern branch," to become the Presbyterian Church USA which is currently the largest Presbytery with its national offices in Louisville, Kentucky.
- Begin involvement with the Beth-El Farm worker Mission in Wimauma, FL.
Begin the annual swim party at Cedarkirk with the young children at Beth-El.
- First Honduras Mission Trip
- **2000s** – Second Honduras Mission Trip.
- Engages in the Habitat for Humanity projects.
- Bayshore church becomes a polling site
- Was and is home to over a dozen 12-step group meetings.
- Bayshore is directly involved with Presbyterian Homes and Housing Ministry members serve on the Councils of Presbyterian Village and Bayshore Apartments.

This is a brief synopsis of our mission work: we can do together what one cannot do alone.