Rev. Wayne Oakes Arrives From Wake Forest with Wife, Two Children

Bullock Baptist Church has obtained a minister for the congregation. He is the Rev. Wayne Oakes, a native of Alta, Vista, Va., who came with his wife and two children to the Bullock church post in mid-March.

Mr. Oakes, in his second year as a student at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, formerly resided in Wake Forest. He earlier had held a summer assignment in the Baptist Church at Albemarle as a youth worker.

Mrs. Oakes is the former Miss Nancy Hickman of Bladenboro. They have a son, Stephen Wayne, 16 months of age, and a daughter, Carole Deane, two months.
Johnston Baptist Association to host conflict seminar

The Rev. Wayne Oakes will discuss the role of conflict in churches in a seminar to be held at the Johnston Baptist Association office in Selma on Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Church leaders of all denominations are invited to attend.

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Sponsored by the Pastor's Conference of the Johnston Baptist Association, the seminar will address issues such as the normalcy of conflict, the role of conflict in the life of a congregation and methods for resolving conflict constructively, according to Rev. Cooke. The program is offered free of charge.

Rev. Oakes serves as a consultant in the Office of Minister Support at the Baptist State Convention in Cary. The materials presented at the seminar will be derived primarily from his training in "Conflict Management and Corporate Pain" with LEAD Consultants in Columbus, Ohio.

He is a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest and Campbell University in Buies Creek.

For more information, or to pre-register for the meeting, the public may call the JBA office at 965-9450.
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Wayne Oakes Named Missions Director

The Rev. M. Wayne Oakes, who has served as pastor of Neill’s Creek Baptist Church in Angier for the past four years, has been called as Director of Missions for the Little River Baptist Association, located in Lillington.

The Rev. Oakes is a graduate of Altavista High School, Altavista, Va., Campbell University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest. He is certified as a Performax consultant in testing individuals for behavioral tendencies.

He is certified by the Baptist Sunday School Board as an instructor in Master Life Training and Seminary Extension. He has also received training through L.E.A.D. Association in Calling and Caring Ministries.

The Rev. Oakes has pastored for the past 22 years. In addition to his current pastorate, he has served the following North Carolina churches as pastor: Bullock Baptist Church, Proctorville Baptist and First Baptist Church of Spencer.

He is married to the former Nancy Carol Hickman of Bladenboro. They have three children: Stephen of Lumberton, Carole and J.R., both of the home.

In Baptist life, churches in a given geographical area agree to cooperate together in providing training, encouraging missions and developing ministries. The Little River Baptist Association is made up of 42 churches and missions with a total membership of 13,614 and receipts in 1990-91 of $3,228,558.

The Rev. Oakes will begin service to the association of June 16.