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He received a bachelor of arts degree from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, and a master of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.

He has served as youth director at South Fork Baptist Church, Winston-Salem; Cavel Baptist Church, Roxboro; and West Athens Baptist Church, Athens, Tex. He has also served as pastor of Canon (Ga.) Baptist Church.

Also born in Person County, Mrs. Oakley, the former Elizabeth Clayton, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Clayton of Roxboro. She also considers Cavel Baptist Church her home church.

She received a diploma from North Carolina Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Winston-Salem. She also attended Piedmont Bible College, Winston-Salem. She achieved registered nurse standing by examination in North Carolina.

She has worked as a hospital nurse in Winston-Salem and Roxboro. She has also served as pianist at Oaklawn Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, and Monticello Baptist Church, Statesville; and as music director at Monticello Baptist Church.

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