New Unity installs new pastor

From Liberia to the U.S., the Rev. Quire finds his niche

The Rev. Christian Quire was installed as the new pastor of New Unity Missionary Baptist Church, 2946 Ivy Ave., on Sunday, May 3, 1992. Dr. H.L. Moore, pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, was the guest speaker with moderator Clarence Johnson of the Guilford Educational and Missionary Baptist Association presiding.

The Rev. Quire is a native of Liberia, West Africa, who came to the United States in 1974 to obtain higher education. He received an Associate's degree from Berean Institute in Philadelphia, Penn. The Rev. Quire has attended Piedmont Bible College and Shaw University where he received a BA in religion and philosophy.

Presently, the Rev. Quire is coordinator of Environmental Services at Charter Hospital of Winston-Salem, where he has been employed since 1977. He is a volunteer chaplain for Forsyth Memorial Hospital and a member of the Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem. He belongs to Masonic Olympic Lodge #795 and King Sullivan Consistory #64.

The Rev. Quire was born a Methodist which was the only church in his village of Garaway. He later attended an African Methodist Episcopal church when he moved to Monroe. He began going to prayer bands until he left for the United States. Upon arriving in Philadelphia, he joined the Holy Temple Church of God in Christ. When he came to Winston-Salem, he could not locate a Church of God in Christ so he became a member of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. He became licensed in 1979 and was ordained in 1980. He was an associate minister at Mt. Carmel until he moved to New Unity.

The pastor and his wife, Maggie, will celebrate their 20th anniversary in September. They have three boys who remain in Liberia and two girls. Also here are his mother and a grandson.