Southern Baptist Missionaries Will Speak At Local Churches

Dr. and Mrs. Charles G. Tabor, Southern Baptist missionaries on furlough from Pasna, Korea, will be in Reidsville Wednesday evening, speaking at two local churches. The couple will speak in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, S. Main Street, from 6:30 to 7:20 p.m. and at the Baptist Temple Church, Wentworth Street, at 7:30.

Dr. and Mrs. Tabor received their appointment in June of 1957. Dr. Tabor is presently an internest at Wallace Memorial Baptist Hospital in Pusa, Korea. Mrs. Tabor, a registered nurse, works at the hospital in addition to her homemaking responsibilities.

Besides the missionary personnel, the 140-bed hospital has a Korean staff of more than 100 doctors, nurses and technicians. When special equipment is not available, Dr. Tabor sometimes improvises with materials at hand. One example is the hyperbaric chamber he designed and whose construction he supervised. The device, which administers high concentrations of oxygen, may be used in such cases as carbon monoxide poisoning, burns and gas gangrene.

Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1957, the Tabors studied the Korean language in Taejon until May 1959. Then they moved to Pusan, where for the rest of the year he was a part-time language student, part-time doctor and part-time contractor.

He supervised construction of a home for himself and his family, drawing the plans, purchasing all materials, overseeing all phases of building, and personally installing the electrical, plumbing and heating systems.

At the time of their mission appointment Dr. Tabor was a general practitioner in Youngsville, N.C. Previously he was a resident in surgery at Newell Clinic Hospital, Chattanooga, Tenn., intern at a hospital in Winston-Salem, N.C. research assistant at North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Winston-Salem, and choir director at Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, High Point, N.C. He served in the U.S. Navy for 28 months.

A native of High Point, he was graduated from High Point College with the bachelor of science degree and from Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College (now University) Winston-Salem, with the doctor of medicine degree. He studied at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., for a year.

During a furlough from Korea in 1963-64, he held a medical residency at North Carolina Baptist Hospitals.

Mrs. Tabor, the former Ellen Dennis, was born in Calhoun County, S.C. and grew up on her parents' farm in Albemarle, N.C. She received the associate of arts degree from Mars Hill (N.C.) College and the bachelor of science degree from High Point College. She received her nursing education at North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, and she attended Southeastern Seminary.

Between college and nursing school she was a schoolteacher in North Carolina for three years. Later she was a general duty nurse at North Carolina Baptist Hospitals and office nurse for her husband while he was in practice in Youngsville.

The Tabors have two sons, David born in 1955, and Dennis 1959.