The Reverend L. Mack Thompson, pastor of the Warrenton Baptist Church, received the Doctor of Ministry degree from the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest on May 25.

He earned the Bachelor of Arts degree from Campbell College in 1966 and the Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Seminary in 1969. He has been pastor of the Warrenton Baptist Church for four years.

Those attending the graduation service from Warrenton were Mr. and Mrs. B. G. White, Mr. Creed Satterwhite, Mr. J. Edward Allen, Mr. J. Edward Allen, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Landon Davis, Mrs. W. L. Turner, Mrs. J. E. Adams, Mrs. Thomas R. Frazier, Miss Mamie Gardner, Mr. Walter Gardner, Mrs. Louis V. S. Hutton, and Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Neal.

Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene J. Thompson of Raleigh, parents of Mr. Thompson, and the Reverend and Mrs. Rufus H. Corbitt of Carrsville, Va., parents of Mrs. Thompson.
Dr. Thompson Resigns As Pastor Of Church

Dr. Lonnie Mack Thompson, pastor of the Warrenton Baptist Church for the past six years, has resigned to accept a call to the Warsaw Baptist Church.

Dr. Thompson will preach his last sermon here on Sunday, Jan. 11.

He will be succeeded on an interim basis by Dr. Raymond Brown, professor of New Testament at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest until a permanent successor is secured.

Dr. Brown served the Warrenton Baptist congregation on a temporary basis during the time between the resignation of the Rev. John Link and the call to Dr. Thompson in 1969.

Dr. Thompson came to Warrenton in June of 1969 after graduation from Southeastern Seminary. While he was a seminary student, he served as pastor of Wakeminster Baptist Church near Wake Forest.

He told his congregation last Sunday of his plans to leave Warrenton, and said he and his family “find it difficult to leave Warrenton,” and that they hoped “our roots will always be here.”

Dr. Thompson is married to the former Carol Corbitt of Poquoson, Va., and they have two children—Todd, 6 and Claire, 3.

After coming to Warrenton, Dr. Thompson completed his doctoral degree requirements at Southeastern Seminary. He is a member of the Board of Advisors of Campbell College, from which he received his undergraduate degree in 1966, and serves as a trustee of Chowan College.
Baptist vote mislabeled

The Nov. 15 article "Fundamentalists break moderate Baptists' grip" is unfortunate and unfair. It is a flawed analysis because its conclusion is based on a vote taken on an issue that transcends political or theological labels.

The Cooperative Program, the funding instrument for the denomination, is almost holy for many Baptists, who would be suspicious of proposed changes from anyone, regardless of which label they might wear.

The decision made by the N.C. Baptist State Convention was a disappointment for those of us who had supported the new proposals for mission support. Our goal was to be more inclusive, to affirm the diversity of North Carolina Baptists and to provide an umbrella under which all could stand. The proposal failed, not because there were 122 more fundamentalists than moderates voting, but because many Baptists from traditional moderate churches simply would not vote for any proposal that even hinted of tampering with the Cooperative Program.

Although fundamentalist churches traditionally have not been generous in their support of the Cooperative Program, some of their leaders seized the opportunity to use the program as a means of getting support. Many well-meaning moderates fell for their plea to "save the Cooperative Program."

The vote taken at the convention was not clearly a matter of moderates vs. fundamentalists. It was not loyalty to fundamentalism that cast the deciding vote; it was loyalty to the traditional Baptist vehicle for funding missions, the Cooperative Program.

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Old Fort Resident Among Pastors Honored For Service

During the opening banquet of Campbell University's annual School for Pastors on July 15, L.B. and Mabel Reavis Scholar Awards were presented to three Baptist pastors.

Rev. Tom E. Lolley, a resident of Old Fort, was among the three pastors honored. Lolley serves with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina as area missionary and director of resort ministries for the western part of the state. He represents the ministries of the convention to more than 1,244 churches in 32 mountain associations.

A native of Troy, Ala., Lolley served as pastor of churches in North Carolina, Virginia and Alabama before assuming his present position in 1981.

Dr. Ted W. Fuson and Dr. Mack Thompson were also given Scholar Awards. Fuson is serving in his 20th year as pastor of Lakeside Baptist Church in Woodbridge, Va. Thompson has served as pastor of the Ridge Road Baptist Church in Raleigh since 1968.

The Reavis Scholarships, established in 1991, are provided by L.B. Reavis, a long-time pastor and Campbell alumnus who died in 1996, and his wife, Mahel, a former Campbell mathematics professor.

The program is designed to promote the ministries of evangelism and church growth through the university's department of religion and the School for Pastors.

During the banquet, citations were read and presentations were given and presented to Lolley, Fuson and Thompson by Dr. Michael Cogdill, chairman of Campbell's department of religion and philosophy. The honorees also received scholarships to attend the School for Pastors and monetary gifts for their professional use.