NAME: WAGNER, DONALD

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Donald Stough Wagner, former Marine Corps recruiter here, will be ordained into the ministry at 3 p.m. Sunday at Fellowship Baptist.

He will be ordained by the Rev. Ray Walls, pastor; the Rev. William S. Martin, pastor of Urban Street Baptist; and Richard V. Patterson and Carl Hollinger of Piedmont Bible College faculty. Music for the service will be presented by Miss Linda Heatwohl, pianist and also of the faculty at Piedmont.

Wagner, 43, is a native of China Grove, son of Mrs. Florence Upright of China Grove and the late Earl Leroy Wagner of Salisbury.

He retired from the U. S. Marine Corps in 1967 after almost 21 years in service. During 1966-67 he was a recruiter here. After retirement he entered Piedmont Bible College, graduating this spring with a bachelor of religious education degree. He will return to Piedmont in the fall to work for a bachelor of theology degree. He has been elected to Who's Who in Colleges and Universities this year.

He is a member of Fellowship at Union Cross, serving as director of the choir and Sunday school teacher. He is also director of the Christian camp, Camp Living Water at Bryson City.

He is married to the former Louise Lambert of China Grove who works in the admitting office at Forsyth Memorial Hospital and they have two sons, Dennis E. Wagner of Kannapolis, and Gary of the home.
In Director’s Post

A veteran of service with the U. S. Marine Corps and a recently ordained Baptist minister, the Rev. Donald Wagner of Winston-Salem has accepted the post of director of the newly formed Midway Kindergarten and Day Care Center.

The Midway facility is to be operated by Midway Baptist Church and is located on North Franklin Road on the church property.

Wagner, a native of China Grove, retired from the U. S. Marine Corps in 1968. He is a graduate of Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem. He is married to the former Louise Lambert. They have two sons, Dennis and Gary.
Rev. and Mrs. Don Wagner

Minister hopes to create excitement in Winton

By DELORES MASON
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WINTON - The members of Winton Baptist Church may find themselves surrounded by much excitement in the weeks to come.

The Rev. Don Wagner, a native of Salisbury has recently assumed responsibilities as pastor of the church. Full of enthusiasm about being in Winton, Wagner said, "We (his wife and he) are going to make things happen here."

With a background in music, Wagner says he intends to make music a great part of the services of the Winton Baptist Church. "Winton is blessed," he said, "They have a lot of musical talent. The potential here is unlimited."

Wagner started to attend the Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem after he retired from the Marines. He received a Bachelor of Religion Education and a Bachelor of Theology degrees. During this time, he also served as associate pastor of Unity Baptist Church. He was made director of music, youth camping and Christian Day school at the church.

"I think a minister should be proficient in all phases of the Lord's work," said Wagner. A minister, he said, should be interested in more than theology. "However, theology is first," he added.

As to why he and his wife came to Winton, he said he wanted to be where things happen for the cause of God. We feel the type of program we will have will create interest among the people. I can see why people don't go to church Sunday after Sunday to a church that does not change. We feel that a pastor should stay at a church only for as long as it grows and the people are interested, being saved, coming down the aisles and growing. When these beginnings fade, the pastor should move on, Wagner said.

Residing in Winston-Salem for seven years, the couple moved to Virginia where the pastor was made minister of his own churches for the first time. He was pastor of Rustburg Baptist Church and Rocks Baptist Church. "When he went to Rustburg, the membership increased drastically, he said. This is a friendly area, commented Wagner. He and his wife said they are impressed with the people, their receptiveness and warmth.
Good News has new minister

Rev. Donald S. Wagner began his service as pastor of Good News Baptist Church here today. Rev. Wagner and his wife, Louise, are both natives of Rowan County. Rev. Wagner came here from Winton Baptist Church, where he had served as pastor since 1979. Prior to serving Winton Baptist Church, Rev. Wagner was pastor of Rustburg Baptist Church in Rustburg, Va.; Rocks Baptist Church in Appomattox, Va. and has served as associate pastor and minister of music of Unity Baptist Church and Mt. Hope Baptist Church, both in Winston-Salem. He attended East Carolina University, Piedmont Bible College, Wake Forest University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is also retired from the U.S. Marine Corps with 20 years service.

Rev. Wagner received pastoral training at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem and advanced pastoral training at Lynchburg General Hospital. While pastoring in Virginia he served on the General Board of the Virginia Baptist Convention.

The Wagners will reside in the church pastorium at 1404 Charlotte St., Roanoke Rapids. They have two sons, both of whom are married.

Rev. J. Clinnard Brooks, who had served the church since October 1978, has retired after 49 years in the ministry. For 25 of those years he and his wife, Mildred, resided in Roanoke Rapids, where she recently retired from the Roanoke Rapids City Schools. The Brooks will now reside in Wake Forest.

Good News is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the North Roanoke Baptist Association. The church was established March 24, 1974 and is located on N.C. 125 south of Roanoke Rapids, one-half mile from Crestview Memorial Cemetery.
The Rev. Donald S. Wagner, a native of China Grove, has assumed duties as pastor of Good News Baptist Church in Roanoke Rapids.

Rev. Wagner and his wife, Louise, also a native of China Grove, went to Good News Church from Winton Baptist Church, where he had served as pastor since 1979. Prior to his service there, he was pastor of Rustburg Baptist Church in Rustburg, Va., Rocks Baptist Church in Appomattox, Va. and has also served as associate pastor and minister of music of Unity Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

Rev. Wagner is retired from the U.S. Marine Corps. He received his education in Winston-Salem.

The Wagners will reside in the church parsonage at 1404 Charlotte St., Roanoke Rapids. They have two sons, Dennis and Gary Wagner.

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The church was established March 24, 1974 and is located on N.C. 125 south of Roanoke Rapids.
Rev. Wagner Assumes Duties At W. Corinth

The Rev. Donald S. Wagner has assumed duties as pastor of West Corinth Baptist Church. He succeeds the Rev. James Mooney, who was called to pastor a church near Lake Wylie.

Rev. Wagner and his wife, the former Louise Lambert, are both natives of Rowan County. He comes here from Good News Baptist Church in Grand Rapids, where he had served as pastor since 1983.

Prior to serving Good News, Rev. Wagner was pastor of Winston Baptist Church in Winston; Rustburg Baptist Church in Rustburg, Va.; Rocks Baptist Church in Appomattox, Va. and has served as associate pastor and minister of music of Unity Baptist Church and Mt. Hope Baptist Church, both in Winston-Salem.

He attended East Carolina University, Piedmont Bible College, Wake Forest University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is also retired from the U.S. Marine Corps with 20 years service.

Rev. Wagner received pastoral training at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem and advanced pastoral training at Lynchburg General Hospital. While pastoring in Virginia he served on the General Board of the Virginia Baptist Convention.

The Wagners are residing in the church pastorium at Rt. 3, Mooresville.

West Corinth Baptist Church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Rowan Baptist Association. The church is located on Highway 152 between China Grove and Mooresville.

Rev. Wagner left this area in 1947 when he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and has not lived here since. "It's good to be back home after forty years," he says.

The Wagner's have two sons. Dennis resides in Concord and is employed at Sears. Garry Lee is in Stillwell, Okla., married, and has four children.
MOORESVILLE - The Rev. Donald S. Wagner, a Rowan County native, has assumed duties as pastor of West Corinth Baptist Church on N.C. 152 between China Grove and Mooresville. He has been pastor of Good News Baptist Church since 1983. He attended East Carolina University, Piedmont Bible College, Wake Forest University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He received his pastoral training at N.C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem and advanced pastoral training at Lynchburg General Hospital. While pastoring in Virginia, he served on the General Board of the Virginia Baptist Convention.

Retired from the U.S. Marine Corps with 20 years of service, he left the Rowan area in 1947. "It's good to be back home after 40 years," he said.

Prior to serving Good News Baptist, he was pastor of Winton Baptist Church in Winston; Rustburg Baptist Church in Rustburg, Va.; Rocks Baptist Church in Appomattox, Va., and served as associate pastor and minister of music at Unity Baptist and Mount Hope Baptist, both in Winston-Salem.

He and his wife, Louise, also a Rowan County native, live in the church pastorium on Route 3. They have two married sons.
Rev. Donald S. Wagner has begun duties as pastor of West Corinth Baptist Church. He came to the church from Good News Baptist Church where he had served since 1983.

Rev. Wagner and his wife, Louise, are natives of Rowan County. He attended East Carolina University, Piedmont Bible College, Wake Forest University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He retired from the U.S. Marine Corps after 20 years of service. He also received pastoral training at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem and advanced training at Lynchburg General Hospital. While pastoring in Virginia he served on the General Board of the Virginia Baptist Convention.

Rev. Wagner has served at other churches including Winston Baptist in Winston; Rustburg in Rustburg, Va., Rocks in Appomattox, Va., and served as associate pastor and minister of music at Unity Baptist and Mt. Hope, both in Winston-Salem.

Rev. and Mrs. Wagner are the parents of two sons, both of whom are married.