ings will be held at 7:30 tonight and Tuesday night and two services are scheduled for Monday, one at 6:30 and another at 8 p.m.

These services will be held at the mission also, the Rev. Mr. Eure said.

The guest speaker is a former pastor of Calvery Baptist Church, Kannapolis, and was moderator for the Cabarrus Baptist Association in 1955 and 1956.

The Rev. Mr. Upchurch is a native of Cleveland County and a graduate of Gardner-Webb College, Wake Forest College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

He has participated in special studies at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., and at North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.

Providence Baptist Mission meets in the old Morrison home on Robinson Church Road, Harrisburg.

The Rev. A. J. Eure Jr., pastor, has announced special prayer services in final preparation for the event tonight through Tuesday night.

Providence Baptist Church

HARRISBURG — The Rev. Ernest C. Upchurch of Raleigh, secretary of the Church Development Department of the Baptist State Convention, will speak in special services at Providence Baptist Mission here during the coming week.

Services are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, Oct. 23, with 11 a.m. services on Sunday.

The Rev. A. J. Eure Jr., pastor, has announced special prayer services in final preparation for the event tonight through Tuesday night.

These special prayer meet...
Guest Speaker For Baptists Sun. Morning

Rev. Ernest C. Upchurch, former pastor of Calvary Baptist Church here and presently serving as secretary of City and Metropolitan Missions Dept. of the Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, will be the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. service Sunday at North Kannapolis Baptist Church.
Annual Homecoming At
Second Baptist Church

Second Baptist Church will observe their annual homecoming day on Sunday October 3rd. The services will begin with the Sunday School hour at 9:45 a.m., and will continue with the Morning Worship Service at 11:00 a.m., followed by a picnic style dinner to be served at 1:00 p.m., at the church. In the afternoon there will be an hour of singing and fellowship. During this special service a group of Young People from the First Baptist Church in Lumberton will sing and give testimony of their faith in Jesus Christ. There will also be individuals and other groups along with the Choir of Second Baptist bring their message in Song.

At the Eleven O’clock hour the Reverend Ernest C. Upchurch, Secretary of the city and Metropolitan Mission Department of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina will bring the annual homecoming message. Reverend Upchurch is a graduate of Gardner Web College, Boiling Springs, N.C., Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, N.C., and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, he has done special graduate work at Emory University of Atlanta, Ga., North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston Salem, N.C., and Urban Church Studies in Washington, D.C. He is married to the former Elizabeth Talley, and they have two children Nancy Gayle, and Ernest Eugene Upchurch. Rev. Upchurch is a native of Cleveland County, North Carolina and is now making their home in Raleigh.

The pastor and members of Second Baptist Church extend a warm welcome to all former members and to all the friends of Second Baptist to come and join them in their homecoming services.

Saint Paul's Review
Sylva Herald
Tabor City Tribune
Taylorville Times
Trenton Jones Journal
Troy: Montgomery Herald
Wallace News
Wadesboro Anson Record
Wadesboro Messenger & Intelligence
Wallace: Wake Weekly
Wallace Enterprise
Walnut Cove: Stokes Record

REV. ERNEST C. UPCHURCH
Dr. Ernest C. Upchurch, State Director of City and Metropolitan Missions Department, is a native of Cleveland County of North Carolina. He received his education from Gardner-Webb College and Wake Forest University. He received a Master of Divinity Degree and Doctor of Ministry Degree, from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He will be the speaker at Elah Baptist Church, Leland.
Dr. Ernest C. Upchurch, director of the church extension department of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, will be guest speaker for the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday at Wayside Baptist Church.

Dr. Upchurch earned a doctor of divinity degree from Gardner-Webb College and is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. A resident of Raleigh, he joined the Baptist State Convention in 1957. He and his wife, Elizabeth Talley Upchurch, have two children.

Wayside Church is located on the Shiloh Church Road.
Dr. Ernest C. Upchurch

Dr. Ernest C. Upchurch, 76, of 4202 Laurel Hills Rd., died Wednesday at Rex Hospital. Dr. Upchurch was born in 1918 in Cleveland County, the son of the late William Faulkner and Grace Patterson Upchurch. Funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Forest Hills Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C., and will follow in Raleigh Memorial Park.

Dr. Upchurch received an Associate in Arts degree from Gardner-Webb College, Boling Springs, North Carolina in 1943; a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C. in 1945; a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky in 1948; a Doctor of Ministry degree, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, 1974; and a Doctor of Divinity degree, Gardner-Webb College, Boling Springs, N.C., 1976.

His special education included Church Community Study, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., 1954; Pastoral Care and Clinical Training, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, School of Pastoral Care, Winston-Salem, N.C., 1957 and Urban Church Study, S.E.B.T.S., Washington, D.C., 1968.

He served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina, 1952 and Calvary Baptist Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina, 1957. He was state director for Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Church Division of Missions for twenty-six years and Research Director for the North Carolina Convention for an additional years for a total of twenty-seven years of service. Since his retirement in 1985 he has served as Interim and Supply Pastor, substitute high school teacher, Broughton High School - certified in English and Social Studies and was a consultant for the Church Extension Department of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. His church membership since 1957 has been with Forest Hills Baptist Church, Dixie Trail at Clark Ave., Raleigh, North Carolina. He has served as a deacon, Adult Sunday School teacher, Personnel Committee Member, and Nominating and Pastoral Supply Committee Member.

In 1994-1995 he was elected Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and was a member at the William G. Hill Lodge.


The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Brown Wynn Funeral Home, Mary's St., 828-4311.
A friend, a gentleman, a Christian servant, a pastor - all of these words apply to Ernest Upchurch.

Reared in Cleveland County (N.C.); Dr. Upchurch was married to Elizabeth Talley and had a son, a daughter, and a granddaughter. A Wake Forest graduate, Dr. Upchurch had an earned Doctorate from Southern Baptist Seminary and an honorary doctorate from Gardner-Webb College.

He served as pastor of several churches in the Piedmont and eastern sections of the state. For twenty-six years he served in the Missions Division of the Baptist State Convention. He was an innovator who led N.C. Baptists in Church Extension, Metropolitan Missions, Church Development, Interfaith and Christian Social Ministries, as well as Resort Ministries.

Dr. Upchurch retired in 1984, but continued to serve N.C. Baptists as a Research Analyst for new church work and as a consultant for the Church Extension Department. A member of Forest Hills Baptist Church, he served as deacon, Sunday School teacher, and on several committees. As chairman of the Church and Community Missions Commission and as a member of the Executive Committee, Dr. Upchurch served the Raleigh Baptist Association.

Another area of outstanding leadership, included his service as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of N.C. Masonic Order (1994-95). Students at Broughton High School in Raleigh voted Dr. Upchurch the most popular substitute teacher of the year.

Since his retirement he has served several churches as interim pastor in this and other associations.

We are deeply grateful for his humble spirit and deep commitment to excellence in all that he did.

Richard Smith
Trap snaps on pie hater

By CLEVE WILKIE

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E. C. (Ernest) Upchurch of Raleigh, director of Research and Analysis for LC. Baptists, has the same good initials as I do, but that's about as far as similarity goes, I suspect - and goodness knows, we don't look alike!

He and I have been dear, close friends and co-workers all along the way, for a combined total of nearly 50 years of Convention service between us - but there couldn't be more difference between two Baptist fellows anywhere in the world. Ernest is most scholarly, detailed and precise, while I'm pretty dumb, piecemeal, and sloppy. He's the epitome of sartorial perfection at all times with every hair in place, while I hate ties, am lucky if my socks happen to match, and never have two hairs on my bushy head pointing the same direction at any given moment. He is always clean, prim, with that well-scrubbed look, while I lounge at my kitchen table and scratch out shallow columns. He is an organizer and master at giving directions, while I fall to pieces every day and can't even get my dog to sit up straight. In speaking and teaching, he is calm, reserved, and even-toned, while I jump around like a toad and run up and down the voice ladder like a mad fireman.

But I must say that my very first encounter with Upchurch really left a bad taste in my mouth, and I'm not over it yet. It came over 30 years ago early in our careers when he was pastor of the Kelford and Lewiston churches and I was holding forth at Kennedy Home in Kinston.

He called and requested that I come to his churches for Thanksgiving services to promote the annual offering for the Homes. I carried some children along to sing and after the morning service at Kelford, the church folks took the kids for Thanksgiving dinner and I went home with E. C. for turkey and gravy - and to get better acquainted with new-found friends.

During the fine meal I casually remarked, "This is good eating, brother. The traditional old turkey and dressing can't be beat, but do you know some crazy folks spoil Thanksgiving dinners by serving mince meat pie, which tastes like spoiled, raw horse meat to me and turns my stomach inside out - I'd rather have a good can of dog food!"

Well, later, at the conclusion, Mrs. Upchurch cleared the table, then came prancing from the kitchen with the biggest, thickest piece of mince meat pie I ever saw in my life, set the thing under my nose, served herself and Ernest, then proceeded to lead in the eating. I was trapped, hoping they had forgotten what I said previously, and I certainly didn't want to "hurt their feelings." Neither of those rascals changed expressions and the conversation remained casual until I had gagged every little bite down my gullet, turned blue, cracked a gastric gasket, and got sicker than a corn-stuffed horse.

With the last bitter bite, the wife exploded into tear-producing laughter and old E. C. practically rolled on the floor in glee. They remembered! I've been wary around him ever since - he loves a joke too good.

If he tried to serve me mince meat pie today, I'd stuff it down his pressed coat pocket, and to ding-dong with his old "feelings!"

The writer is a member of the missions staff of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.
E.C. Upchurch, founder of resort ministries, dies at 76

FROM STAFF REPORTS

RALEIGH — The Rev. Ernest Carl Upchurch, who served on the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for 27 years and pioneered ministries at race tracks, beaches, ski resorts and golf courses, died Wednesday. He was 76.

"He's been a very vital part of convention life," said Roy J. Smith, executive director of the convention. "He was one of the finest gentlemen I've ever known."

Smith met Upchurch in the early 1960s when Upchurch began developing resort and leisure ministries. The program has grown since then, Smith said.

Upchurch was state director of the division for missions for 26 years and a research director for one year. He retired in 1985 but continued working for the convention in a variety of capacities.

A native of Cleveland County, Upchurch received degrees from Gardner-Webb College, Wake Forest University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, including two doctorates.

He had been a member of Forest Hills Baptist Church since 1957.

Upchurch is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Talley Upchurch; a daughter, Nancy Upchurch Russell of Burlington; a son, Ernest Eugene Upchurch of Raleigh; and a granddaughter, Kim.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Forest Hills Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Raleigh Memorial Park.