New Minister Begins Work At Oakdale

The Rev. Edgar R. Yarbrough Sunday will assume the pastorate of Oakdale Baptist Church in Spencer.

His topic for the 11 a.m. worship service will be "The Church and Its People." He will speak on "The Church and the Community" at the community evening service.

Mr. Yarbrough succeeds the Rev. Aubrey Folk who became pastor of Penelope Baptist Church, Hickory, January 5.

A native of Clinton, S. C., Mr. Yarbrough is a graduate of Clinton High School, North Greenville Junior College, Mars Hill College, and Fruitland Bible Institute. He received his master's degree in counseling from Western Carolina University in March. He comes to Oakdale from Macedonia Baptist Church, Alexander, where he served as pastor since 1969. He was pastor of Buckeye Baptist Church, Swannanoa, from 1965 to 1969.

The new minister is married to the former Shirley Campbell of Clinton, and they have four children, Terri, a graduate of UNG-Asheville; Timothy, a ministerial student at Montreat-Anderson College; Kennan, a high school senior; and Phyllis, a sixth grader.

Mrs. Yarbrough, who is also a graduate of Mars Hill College, teaches piano and voice. Terri Campbell is also a private piano instructor.
Yarbrough Is Granted Degree At Seminary

Covington Theological Seminary of Rossville, Ga., held its 1986 graduation exercises in the Cloud Springs Baptist Church, Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., on Aug. 8 and 9.

Among those receiving degrees was Rev. Edgar R. Yarbrough, pastor of Rocky Hill Baptist Church, route 2, Statesville. Mr. Yarbrough received the master of theology degree with a major in Christian counseling.

On July 25, Mr. Yarbrough completed a three-year study program at N.C. Baptist Hospital in pastoral counseling and will be applying to the American Association of Pastoral Counselors for affiliation.

In the awards ceremony Thursday night, Mr. Yarbrough was granted a study-fellowship for further studies at Covington, which he intends to use as he continues to work toward a doctorate in Christian counseling. This program is scheduled to begin in October.

Accompanying Mr. Yarbrough to Covington was his wife, the former Shirley Campbell, who serves the Rocky Hill Church as minister of music. The Yarbroughs have served the church since September, 1985.