Winter Park to ordain W.O. Yates

William O. Yates, interim pastor of Green Sea Baptist Church, Green Sea, S.C., will be ordained into the Gospel ministry Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at the Winter Park Baptist Church.

Yates is a former member of Winter Park Church and a former associate pastor and youth director. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Yates of 5006 Shelley Drive.

His candidacy has been endorsed by the Wilmington Baptist Association’s Ordaining Counsel, the Winter Park Baptist Church and the Green Sea Baptist Church.

Yates is a graduate of Lower Richland High School, Columbia, S.C., and Erskine College, Due West, S.C. He is attending Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest.

After he graduated from Erskine, Yates joined the Marketing Division of the Exxon Corp., but after two and a half years, resigned and came to Winter Park Baptist Church as youth director.

He was at the local church from January 1973 until August 1974.

The Rev. C. Douglas Farmer, Winter Park pastor, will deliver the ordination sermon. The Rev. W. Filmore Anderson will deliver the “Charge to the Church.”

George Gaddy, Winter Park deacon, will present the “Charge to the Candidate.” Robert A. Yates, another deacon and the candidate’s father, will present the Bible.

Music will be provided by the Adult Choir and Youth Ensemble, directed by Ronald Jackson.
Rev. William O. "Bill" Yates has accepted the pastorate of Deep Creek Baptist Church on Old Stage Road, and will begin his ministry there Sunday.

Rev. Yates' educational background includes a B.S. Degree from Erskine College, Due West, S.C. and a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., and Clinical Pastoral Education, School of Pastoral Care, Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.

He is a former pastor of Green Sea Baptist Church, Green Sea, S.C.

His wife Frances (Cissy) works in Bowman Gray School of Nuclear Medicine, Winston-Salem.

Rev. Yates succeeds John P. Reid, Jr., who resigned in June to further his education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.