Dwayne Zimmer, minister of music and education at Ardmore Baptist Church, will be ordained as a Baptist minister at a service at 7 p.m. tomorrow at Ardmore.

The practice of ordaining non-pastoral staff members in Baptist churches is becoming more and more common, Ardmore officials say. The feeling is that these people are “called” to their professions.

Zimmer, who came to the church in January, holds a degree in religious education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas. He has been examined by the committee for ordinations of the Pilot Mountain Baptist Assn.

The committee recommended his ordination.

Participating in the service will be the Rev. Henry Crouch, Ardmore pastor; Clyde L. Davis of Shelby, state Baptist Brotherhood secretary; J. Howard Killian, chairman of the Ardmore deacons; and the Rev. Cliff Elkins and the Rev. Walter Warfford, both of Winston-Salem.
MINISTER OF EDUCATION

The Rev. and Mrs. Dwayne B. Zimmer

The Rev. Dwayne B. Zimmer was born in Iowa in 1922. Upon graduation from the National Business Training School, Sioux City, Iowa, he was employed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad as clerk-stenographer, was furloughed for three years to military service in the army as staff sergeant in personnel and general courts-martial work, returning to the railroad's offices in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Following his decision to enter religious education as a vocation, he attended two years at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, transferred to Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, to complete requirements for Bachelor of Music degree in 1951. He earned his Master of Religious Education degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, in 1953. He served in local churches during the school years. He also holds the certificate in counseling from the N. C. Baptist Hospital School of Pastoral Care.

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After completion of his seminary work he served as Minister of Music and Education at Diamond Hill Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas; Crown Heights Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Euclid Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, and was at Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, until February, 1960, when he accepted the call to Ardmore. He came well qualified in experience and educational background. Our church ordained him to the Gospel Ministry in May, 1960.

Mr. Zimmer is serving his third year as Associational Sunday School Superintendent for Pilot Mountain Baptist Association. Although he is no longer directing the entire music program in the church, he is responsible for the children's choirs and directs the student nurses' choir at the N. C. Baptist Hospital. Active in the Brotherhood work, Mr. Zimmer is serving on the Advisory Council of the N. C. State Brotherhood Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Zimmer have five children—Steve, 17; Cheryl, 12; Kevin, 6; Bruce, 5, and Lori Janice, 3½. Their home address is 3247 Arlington Drive.

Left to right: Bruce, Steven, Cheryl, Lori, and Kevin.