REV. HENRY V. NAPIER, former pastor of Manteo Baptist Church, is vacationing with his wife and son, Stephen, in Dare County this week, making headquarters at Kitty Hawk. He is presently pastor of Raleigh Heights Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Va.

Mrs. Napier is the former Imogene Rayfield of Wadesboro. He was pastor of the Manteo church from 1949 through 1956, after which he served Center Hill and Great Hope Baptist churches, Tyner.

The Napiers were honored at a picnic Monday evening by Mrs. Camille Podolski and Mr. and Mrs. William Swindell at the home of the latter near Manteo. Fried chicken, roast beef and all the trimmings were spread for the twenty-some attending.

Manteo: Coastland Times
Marion: McDowell News
Marshall: News-Record
Marshville Home
Maxton: Scottish Chief
Mebane Enterprise
Mocksville: Davie Co. Enterprise
Monroe Enquirer
Monroe Journal
Mooresville Tribune

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Dr. Henry V. Napier, a Polkton native, has announced his retirement after almost 45 years as a Baptist minister.

Napier and his wife Imogene will retire to a new home in Chesapeake, Va. in order to be near their son Stephen, who with his wife Luanne manages Twiford Funeral Home's operations in Chesapeake and Norfolk.

The Napiers plan to do volunteer work and visit Anson County more frequently than they have in the last 45 years. He also expects to preach when invited.

Son of the late W. Frank and Sally Meggs Napier, Napier graduated from Polkton High School in 1942, and was licensed to preach in February 1943 by Polkton Baptist Church.

In 1949, Napier was called as pastor of Manteo Baptist Church, where he served until 1956. He and his wife, the former Imogene Rayfield of Anson County, attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest in 1953-54. He earned his Master of Divinity degree in 1963.

After serving Center Hill and Great Hope Baptist churches in Tyner, Napier was called to Raleigh Heights Baptist Church in Chesapeake, Va. in 1963. He completed 25 years as pastor there before retiring.

From 1981-84, Napier completed work on his Doctor of Ministries degree.

During his ministry, Napier baptized some 700 people. He officiated at almost 1,000 funerals and 750 weddings. He delivered 8,000 sermons, counseled 600 members of his congregations, made more than 4,000 home calls, and drove more than a million miles in his work.

In addition to his work as a pastor, Napier taught at the University of Richmond and served as president of pastors' conferences in North Carolina and Virginia.

He said the goal of his ministry was "to try to get people to heed the words of the Apostle John, 'My little children, let us love one another.'"
Henry V. Napier

Henry Napier was born in Polkton, N.C. in 1925.

Education: Polkton High School 1942
Wake Forest University, B.A. Degree, 1948 with
work on Master’s Degree, 1948-1949,
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake
Forest, N.C. Master of Divinity Degree, 1963,
with work on Doctor of Ministry Degree, in

Served in U.S. Navy 1943-1944, Discharged with
disability, 1944.

Served as pastor, Manteo Baptist Church, Manteo, N.C.,
1949-1956
Pastor of Center Hill / Great Hope Churches, Tyner, N.C.,
June-Oct.
1956-1963,

He went to Raleigh Heights
Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Va.,
when he left Center Hill and
Great Hope. He is planning
to retire December 31, 1988.

And build a home in the
Etheridge Manor Section of
Chesapeake. He was married
to Lois Imogene Mayfield
May 7, 1950, and they have
one son, Steve, 1988.