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BAPTIST BIOGRAPHY DATA FORM

Please read carefully the Instruction Sheet and then list the appropriate information as it directs.

1. NAME __ Newton (Last) __ Robert (First) __ Lee (Second)
   Give full names. For a married woman please put maiden name in parentheses.
   [EXAMPLE: Cole, Mary Ann (Smith).]

2. BIRTH __ Durham (Place) __ Durham (County) __ NC (State) __ May 20, 1925 (Date)
   DEATH ____________

3. PARENTS __ Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Newton, Sr. __
   Father's occupation __ Deceased __ Mother's occupation __ Deceased __
   [EXAMPLE: Alec Joe Doaks and Lucy Mae (Brown) Doaks]

4. BROTHERS __ (1) __ List full names and year of birth __
   (Living or deceased) __ Number __
   Edward Traywick Newton, Jr. - 1922

5. SISTERS __ (0) __ List full names and year of birth __
   (Living or deceased) __ Number __

6. CHILDHOOD RESIDENCE: (Please list each residence of 3 years duration or more, up to the time of the 18th birthday)
   Type of Community __ Post Office __ County __ State __ Dates __
   Rural (R); town under 2500 pop. (T); city 2500 or more pop. (C). Check one.
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7. EDUCATION:
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   High school: Graduate? Yes (X) No ( ) Year graduated ___1942___
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   (Whether graduate or not; if more than one was attended, show the last one.)
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   (Name) (Place) (State) (Years attended) (Degree) __
   (EXAMPLE: 1935-'38)
   Graduate-level: List college(s), seminary(ies), etc. attended; earned degrees
   Yale Divinity School __ 1945-48 __ B.D. (Now M.Div.) __
   Chicago Theological Seminary __ Chicago __ IL __ 1967-68 __ D.Rel. (Doctor of Rel.)
8. SPECIAL AWARDS OR RECOGNITION RECEIVED: (Honorary degrees, such as: D.D., Howard College, 1948; citations, such as: Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, 1939; honorary positions, such as: "Man of the Year"—Pryor, Okla., 1943; etc.) Danforth Campus Ministry Grant 1967-68
   Mersick Prize for Preaching - Yale University Divinity School

9. MARITAL INFORMATION:

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Mrs. Roger (Anita Marie) Greene, 12-26-1949; Robert Lee Newton, Jr. 6-14-1953; Diana Joy Newton, 7-12-1957; Christopher Winfield Newton, 1-19-68.

10. VOCATIONAL HISTORY (List all vocations, occupations, trades, or professions engaged in for two or more years) Professor at senior college, Chaplain at same,

11. RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE:

List any church, other than Baptist, with which formerly affiliated
Ordained as: Minister (X) Deacon ( ) Other

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12. LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITY, UNSALARIED (Place the number of years service, in the space provided, for each office ever held.)

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13. DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE, UNSALARIED. (Please list positions held in Baptist associations, conventions (state or Southern), national and world-wide organizations, such as; moderator, president, clerk, trustee, board, commission or committee members; etc.)

Example: S.S. Superintendent Bethel Association Kentucky 1942-1944

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**TYPE AND LENGTH OF SERVICE:** List all positions of such service with one or more years of duration; check F (full-time) or P (part-time). Examples:

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15. OTHER TYPES OF RELIGIOUS SERVICE: (In associations, assemblies, colleges, conventions (state or Southern), national or world-wide meetings, such as: speaker, music director, committee chairman, etc.)

- Have spoken at Southeastern Seminary Chapel; Meredith College; Leader at Family Life Conferences at churches and for Christian Life Council; participated in leadership role in several religious emphasis weeks (Meredith, etc.); spoken to BSU groups at Appalachian State University, etc.; lecturer at medical symposium at the medical school, UNC, Chapel Hill.

16. AUTHORSHIP (Include books, booklets, lesson courses or curriculum material, and tracts)

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17. CLUB OR GROUP MEMBERSHIP: (Service organizations, fraternal, P.T.A., Civic, etc.)

List important positions of leadership held

- Lions Club, Rotary Club, P.T.A., Boy Scouts of America.

18. HOBBIES AND LEISURE INTERESTS:

Favorite **Gardening and cycling, hiking** Others

19. PUBLIC SERVICE: (Military, educational, political, etc. not previously listed)

- U.S. Naval Reserve, V-12 1942-1945
The information for items #1-19 has been filled in by Dr. Robert Lee Newton

Mailing address: Box 371, Blowing Rock, NC 28605

Sources used in compiling the information are: (Example: personal knowledge; minutes, Calvary Baptist Church, Wisner, La.; Court Records, Copiah County, Miss.; etc.)

Personal knowledge

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Teach Sex Education, Clergy Are Urged

By KATHLEEN McCLAIN
Staff Writer

Parents and church leaders shouldn't wait until they “feel comfortable enough” to discuss sexuality with children and youth, a Minneapolis researcher told Charlotte clergy and lay people Wednesday.

“I don’t think we’ll ever come to the point where we’re comfortable talking about sex,” said Dorothy Williams of the Search Institute. “But I hope the discomfort we have doesn’t prevent us from doing this kind of important teaching in our churches.”

Williams, who has written a widely used study of human sexuality for Christian youth and parents, spoke at a clergy seminar cosponsored by the Mecklenburg Council on Adolescent Pregnancy and the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

She said the collective silence of parents and churches has hurt children by making hard choices about sexual behavior even more difficult.

“We have left kids on their own to find their way through one of the most difficult periods of their life . . . ,” Williams said.

“We need to take the intrigue of the secret and forbidden away. I think we in the church should be talking about sex. By putting it into a regular curriculum, we’re saying: ‘Sex is important, and we have something to say about it.’”

About 50 people — including pastors, youth ministers and lay volunteers from Protestant and Catholic churches — attended the session at Myers Park Baptist Church. They heard first about some of the penalties of early sexual activity.

According to the Council on Adolescent Pregnancy, six adolescent girls become pregnant in Mecklenburg County every day, at an average annual cost to taxpayers of more than $17 million a year. National costs for teen pregnancy top $16.6 billion a year.

A Southern Baptist speaker said religious leaders have tended to think sex education “isn’t spiritual enough for study, or, on the other hand, smacks of the equation that sex equals sin.”

“But now many churches and synagogues see that sexuality education is too important to ignore,” said the Rev. Robert Newton, director of the Department of Christian Family Life for the N.C. Baptist State Convention.

Newton said the Bible affirms that God is responsible for mankind's sexual nature.

“This means sex is neither evil nor neutral. Sexuality is good because it is the gift of God . . . ,” he said. “We not only need to say ‘no’ to the misuse of sexuality, but a ringing ‘yes’ to this positive view of sexuality.”
Dr. Robert Lee Newton, director of the department of Christian Family Life, Baptist State Convention, will speak at the 11 a.m. service Sunday at Kinnett Memorial Baptist Church. His sermon topic is, “Bread, Sweat, and Laughter.”

Newton is a graduate of Duke University, Yale Divinity School and Chicago Theological Seminary. He has served as instructor at Wake Forest University and professor at Campbell University. He served as pastor of Millbrook Baptist Church and Blowing Rock First Baptist Church.

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Family life director to speak

Dr. Robert Newton, of the Council on Christian Life of the Baptist State Convention, will speak March 13 and 20 at Greenwood Forest Baptist Church at 6:30 each evening.

He will speak on the broad topic of domestic violence. He will cover such topics as child and spouse abuse, abuse of the elderly, sexual abuse and incest, and parent abuse where the children seek to get back at the parents.

Prior to coming to the State Convention, where he is the director of the Department of Christian Family Life, Dr. Newton served several churches in the state, and for several years was Dean of the Chapel at Campbell University. He is a graduate of Duke University, Yale Divinity School and earned his doctoral degree from the University of Chicago.
ROBERT LEE NEWTON (Interim) - 1965

Robert Lee Newton was born May 20, 1925, in Durham, North Carolina. He married Winnie Apple Newton of Reidsville and they have four children: Mrs. Roger (Anita Marie) Greene, Robert Lee Newton, Jr., DianaJoy Newton and Christopher Winfield Newton.

Robert Lee Newton graduated from Durham High School in 1942. He is also a graduate of Duke University and Yale University, from which he received the Bachelor of Divinity degree. He received the Doctor of Religion degree at Chicago Theological Seminary in 1967, after fifteen months of study under a campus-ministry grant of the Danforth Foundation. From 1948 to 1957 Dr. Newton was pastor of Millbrook Baptist Church in Millbrook, North Carolina. He was instructor at Wake Forest University at Wake Forest, North Carolina, from 1953 until 1956. At Campbell College in Buie's Creek he was Chaplain and Professor from 1957 through 1973. In Bladenboro, North Carolina, he served as interim pastor at the First Baptist Church from 1963 until 1967 and at Galeed from April until July of 1965. During the years 1957-1973, Dr. Newton was interim pastor of twelve churches and did supply work in fifty-three churches. Dr. Newton is currently in a pastorate at the First Baptist Church in Blowing Rock, North Carolina, where he has served since 1973.

LEROY TREVATHAN - 1965 - 1968

Leroy Trevathan was born in Nash County May 3, 1934, the son of Walter and Elvie Brantley Trevathan. He is a graduate of Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, North Carolina; Carson-Newman College in Tennessee and received his degree at Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina. He was ordained to preach the gospel July 10, 1965, at Spring Hope Baptist Church in Zebulon, North Carolina, at the request of Union Hope Baptist Church. Reverend Aubrey S. Tomlinson, pastor of Louisburg Church presided. His first pastorates were at Galeed and Hickory Grove Churches, both beginning in July, 1965. He has held interim pastorates at Western Prong, Oak Dale and Piney Forest in the Columbus Association.

From some time now, he has been doing a wonderful work with the Bladen Association in the resort area of White Lake and is presently serving as interim pastor at White Lake Baptist Church. He is also Income Maintenance Representative of the North Carolina Division of Social Services in Raleigh, North Carolina.

RICHARD EDWARDS (Interim) - 1969

Richard Edwards was born in Bladenboro, North Carolina, on November 5, 1935, to Harvey Edwards and Plummie King Edwards. He graduated from Bladenboro Public Schools in 1954 and from Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute in 1970. He married Sarah Bowen and they are blessed with two sons, Burl and Phil, both of Bladenboro. Reverend Edwards was ordained by Sandy Grove Missionary Baptist Church on June 4, 1967. In the Bladen Association he has pastored New Center, Butters and was interim pastor of Galeed. In the Robeson Association he was pastor at Zion Hill and is presently in a pastorate at Clybonville near Lumberton.

BRUCE WILLIAM LANIER - 1969

Bruce Lanier was born July 24, 1930, in Horry County, South Carolina, to D. L. and Maude Jane Gore Lanier. When he was a small child, his family moved to Tabor City, North Carolina, to make their home. He attended Tabor City and Williams Township
Homecoming

Dr. Robert Lee Newton of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina will be the Homecoming speaker Sunday at Center Hill Baptist Church on Highway 8.

Newton is director of the Department of Christian Family Life division of the Christian Life and Public Affairs for the Baptist State Convention. He will speak Sunday at 11 A.M. during homecoming services.

A covered dish luncheon will follow in the church fellowship hall after the service.

Newton is a graduate of Durham High School and received the B.A. degree from Duke University. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from Yale and the Doctor of Religion from the Chicago Theological Seminary.

A former pastor of Millbrook Baptist Church in Raleigh, Newton was instructor at Wake Forest University when it was located in the town of Wake Forest, a chaplain and professor at Campbell University in Buies Creek, and a visiting instructor at Appalachian State University in Boone. Last year, he served as an adjunct professor of pastoral care at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.
Campbell College Professor
To Be Pastor At Blowing Rock

Dr. Robert Newton, dean of the chapel of Campbell College and full professor of the Department of Religion, has accepted appointment as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Blowing Rock and will assume his new duties Sept. 1.

In accepting the resignation at the end of Dr. Newton's 16 years of association with the college since 1957, President Norman A. Wiggins noted the important contribution that the minister had made, both as teacher and college chaplain.

"Under Dr. Newton's guidance," President Wiggins said, "the continuing lectures, sermons, and other programs of our Cultural Enrichment Program (twice-weekly programs for the entire student assembly in the school's Turner Chapel) have become perhaps our most significant single contribution to the general education of Campbell students. This program will be continued."

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A native of Durham, he is married to the former Winnie Marie Apple of Reidsville. They have two daughters--Anita, 23, and Diana, 15; and two sons--Lee, 19, and Christopher, 5. The Newtons will be leaving the Buies Creek community on or about Aug. 20.
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Rev. Newton will speak at the morning service at 11 a.m. and at the evening service at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Charles Hinson is pastor of Calvary Baptist.

Rev. Newton, a native of Durham, received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Duke University and his Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Yale Divinity School. He served as pastor of Millbrook Baptist Church from 1948 until 1957.

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Dr. Newton
Is Speaker
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Dr. Robert Lee Newton, dean of the chapel and professor of religion at Campbell College, will be guest speaker at First Baptist Church tomorrow for the 11 a.m. service.

The service is one of eight special services set aside during the year for the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the church. The theme for these services is “The First Baptist Church and Her Continuing Mission.”

Dr. Newton’s subject will be “The Church’s Continuing Mission in Her Denomination.”

Dr. Newton is a graduate of Duke University and of the Divinity School of Yale University. The Chicago Theological Seminary conferred upon him the degree of doctor of religion. He completed clinical pastoral training at the University of Chicago hospitals and clinics in 1967.

Dr. Newton has served on the faculty of Campbell College since 1957. He was pastor of the Millbrook Baptist Church from 1948-1957, and an instructor in religion at Wake Forest College from 1953-1956.
Guest Speaker For Baptists

The Rev. Robert Lee Newton, director of Christian Family Life Division of Christian Life and Public Affairs of Baptist State Convention, will be guest speaker Sunday, Aug. 5, at the 11 a.m. service in Carthage First Baptist Church.

He is a graduate of Durham High School, Duke University with a B.A., Yale Divinity School, B.D. (now M. Div.), Chicago Theological Seminary, Doctor of Religion. He and his wife, Winnie Apple Newton, have two sons and a daughter.

Newton has held pastorates in Raleigh and Blowing Rock, been an instructor at Wake Forest University, chaplain and professor at Campbell University and was visiting instructor at Appalachian State University. He has also been recipient of special awards or recognition from Yale University, Watauga County Board of Education, Community Fund, Leadership in Scouting in Harnett County and Coalition on Teenage Pregnancy.

He is a member of First Baptist Church in Raleigh, being a Sunday School teacher, Couples 1, and member of the Board of Deacons. He has also participated in various workshops and conferences on many and varied community and state activities.
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