New pastor at Perry's Chapel Baptist Church

The new pastor called by Perry's Chapel Baptist Church of Franklinton is Robert Kantner. He received his call on Dec. 5, 1997. Rev. Kantner is presently a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest and will complete his Masters of Divinity degree this May. He is a 1988 graduate of Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army where he served for four years, including one year in the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Storm.

Rev. Kantner was ordained Sunday, Jan. 4, at Perry's Chapel. His father, Dr. Bob Kantner, assisted in the service by presenting the charge to the candidate. Dr. Kantner is the pastor of Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church of North Myrtle Beach, S.C. Also, Rev. Kantner's most esteemed professor, Dr. John Hammett of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, presented the charge to the church. The service was uplifted by soloist Mary Mincy Kline of North Myrtle Beach, S.C. She has performed as a star for the Carolina Opry and is presently on staff at Ocean Drive.

Rev. Kantner is 34 years old and is married to Lori W. Kantner. They have three children, Kaleb, who is 7 years old; Laurin, age 5; and Jessica, 5 months old. They are excited to be ministering at Perry's Chapel and look forward for opportunities to serve in the area.