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# Rev. Jerry Haas comes to Cashiers Baptist Church as the new pastor

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**REV. JERRY AND STACIE HAAS**

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When you meet the Rev. Jerry Haas, new pastor of Cashiers Baptist Church, you're immediately struck by how quickly the man learns your name and how often he manages to use it in conversation.

"It's a gift, I guess," says Rev. Haas. "If you can use a person's name when you're talking to them, it really makes a difference."

Helping folks feel at ease is one of the hallmarks of Rev. Haas' ministry. It's also a valuable talent as he gets to know his congregation.

Since arriving in Cashiers on Jan. 1, Rev. Haas and his wife, Stacie, have spent a good

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portion of every day and evening meeting the members of Cashiers Baptist Church.

"I love the personal interaction. Next to preaching I think that's my favorite part of the ministry" he said. "This is a really good church. I would guess we get about 140 people for the preaching services. We've got a lot of people who are very involved in the church."

A native of Caldwell County, Rev. Haas has spent the last 23 years ministering in North and South Carolina. He

comes to Cashiers Baptist after serving as pastor of Deep Creek Baptist Church.

Much as he loves preaching and the various congregational duties, Rev. Haas obviously enjoys the educational demands of the ministry.

He is a graduate of John Wesley College in High Point, Mid-Atlantic Bible College in Spartanburg, S.C., Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Fla., and South Carolina Bible Institute in Florence, S.C.

In addition to his studies, Rev. Haas and his wife found time to rear a son and a daughter — John, who lives in Charleston, S.C., and Jackie Haas Wilson, who lives in Au-

gusta, Ga.

"I hope people in the community will stop in to see me any time," Rev. Haas said. "And they are always welcome to join us for worship."