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Newton Grove pastor has high hopes 76

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Newton Grove Baptist Church has called a new pastor. He is Dr. Emery Hacket. He is married to the former Margaret B. Stewart. He and Mrs. Hacket make their home in the Selma area.

Dr. Hacket attended Pennsylvania public schools. While in the military, he attended Air Force University from which he was awarded an S.A.C. Educational Achievement Certificate. From Southeastern Baptist

Theological Seminary, he received the associate of divinity degree in theology in 1969.

Additional studies were done through Trinity Baptist Theological Seminary, where he received the master of ministry degree; and in 1986, he received the doctor of philosophy degree from Christian Baptist College.

Dr. Hacket was licensed to the gospel ministry by the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Bangor, Maine in September 1966. Then in 1968, he was ordained by Forestville Baptist Church in Wake Forest.

He has pastored several churches in North Carolina, one of which was Watkin's Chapel Baptist Church near Zebulon. The church is in the Johnston Baptist Association.

Dr. Hacket says, "While serving in the United States Air Force in the South Pacific, I had a dramatic experience with the Lord. I was born again from above; and a month later, I had another experience with the Lord, at which time He called me into His glorious service as a minister of the good news."

In regard to his current ministry, Dr. Hacket says, "In 1996, we have great expectations and aspirations. We want to continue to grow, expand, and improve every aspect of the ministry of Newton Grove Baptist Church."