Babb Appointed Pastor
Of Morningside Baptist

Rev. Joe R. Babb has been named pastor of Morningside Baptist Church of Asheville. He will conduct his first services at the church at 11 a.m. July 9.

Mr. Babb and his family will reside in the church's parsonage at No. 5 Mineral Springs Road. The couple has three children, Richard Allen, Donald Walter and Timothy Martin.

A native of Duncansville, S.C., Mr. Babb pastored Cameron Baptist Church in Cameron from 1965 until accepting his appointment here.

He holds an associate of arts degree from North Greenville Junior College, a bachelor of arts degree from Furman University, and a master of divinity degree from S. E. Theological Seminary.

In the Sandhills Baptist Association, he has served as chairman of the ordination committee and of the reception of churches committee, and as president of the pastors conference.

His previous positions have included pastor of Wayside Mission, Startex, S.C.; and minister of music at Second Baptist Church, Henderson.

He taught during the 1963-64 academic year in the Reidville Public Schools and was a part-time instructor at Sand Hills Junior College in the 1969-70 term.

He served in the Army from 1948-49, completing his military service in the National Guard from 1949 to 1953.
What a day of rejoicing it will be...

Those familiar lyrics could have easily been paraphrased into “What an evening of rejoicing it was” to describe the dinner held last Saturday evening at Enterprise Baptist Church in honor of retiring Dr. Joe Babb.

Some 185 persons attended the retirement dinner, among 13 family members of the honoree. “It was a very beautiful evening with a lot of fun, but there were also some really serious moments,” said the Rev. Dr. Babb on Tuesday.

The Rev. Dr. Babb is retiring effective Friday, March 31, director of missions for the Cullom Baptist Association, a post he has held for the past 11 years.

Last Saturday night, several keynote speakers—among them the Rev. Bill Wallace of Louisburg, director of missions for the Tar River Baptist Association; and the Rev. Tom Currie, pastor of Inez Baptist Church—praised the retiring director for his service to the association. The Rev. Dr. Marion Lark, pastor of First Baptist Church of Henderson, served as master of ceremonies.

One of the highlights of the very special evening was a skit presented by the Rev. Stephen Deornellas, pastor of Middleburg Baptist Church and Cullom music director; Timothy Babb, son of the honoree; and pianist Delaine Perkinson, Cullom secretary. The original skit used puppets to focus on the Rev. Dr. Babb’s career and retirement, and concluded with an original song that had very special meaning for the honoree.

The Rev. Dr. Babb was presented several gifts, among them a collection of letters from well-wishers—former and current pastors, and others who had worked with him in the association—that had been bound into a scrapbook.

“I appreciate the cooperation and acceptance given by the churches of this area and the community at large as we’ve worked together for the past 11 years,” said the Rev. Dr. Babb this week. “I especially acknowledge the ministry of those who have served in places of responsibility in the association—particularly the moderators and my secretary Delaine Perkinson,” he said.

The conclusion of the Saturday banquet did not herald the end of a joyous event for the honoree. On Sunday morning, he delivered the morning message at North Henderson Baptist Church as a service attended by 13 of his family members. The North Henderson pastor is the position Babb had held before accepting the director of missions post with the Cullom Baptist Association.

The Rev. Dr. Babb and his wife will relocate to the Asheville area to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

I have mixed emotions.
New Pastor Will Conduct A Revival

The Rev. Joe R. Babb, recently installed minister of Morningside Baptist Church, will lead the congregation in a revival for spiritual renewal Sunday, through Thursday. The church is located at the corner of Mineral Springs and Beaver Creek Roads. Services will be held at 7:30 p.m. each day. Visitors will be welcomed and a nursery will be provided.

Mr. Babb is a native of Duncan, S.C. He graduated from Furman University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest.

The Babbs have three sons, Richard, Donald and Timothy. He is married to the former Mildred Bolding. She was active in both Cameron Community Cemetery, Inc. He also served with the Rural Fire Department and became a member of the Board of Directors.

For the past two years he taught the Bible Course at Union Pines High School.

Cameron church pastor accepts another call

The Rev. Joe R. Babb, who for the past seven years has been the pastor of the Cameron Baptist Church, has recently accepted a call to the Morningside Baptist Church, Asheville. During his tenure as pastor, the Cameron church has continued growth, both in membership and ministry. In addition to his pastoral duties, Mr. Babb has represented the congregation in both denominational and interdenominational work.

In the Sandhills Baptist Association he has served as music director, historian, and as president of the Pastor's Conference. In community affairs he was helpful in establishing the Cameron Community Cemetery, Inc. He also served with the Rural Fire Department and became a member of the Board of Directors. For the past two years he taught the Bible Course at Union Pines High School.

He is married to the former Mildred Bolding, who has contributed much to her husband's ministry in Cameron. This is true not only with the church but in community affairs also. She has been active in both Cameron Women's Club and the Springfield Extension Homemakers Club.

The Babbs have three sons, Richard, a rising junior at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Donald, a 1972 graduate of Union Pines High School and Timothy who will be a sophomore at A.C. Reynolds High School, Asheville.

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