Baptist minister helps churches in transition

Name: The Rev. Arlan Alexander Bailey

Church: On Sunday, he will finish his interim pastorate at Seventh Avenue Baptist Church, 1226 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia. He will be a supply minister for Taylor Memorial Church on Davis Park Road for two Sundays after that.

Previous churches served:
- Sandy Plains, Centerview Baptist in Belmont, First Baptist in Bessemer City. Interim pastorate
- include Flint Hill in Fort Mill, S.C.; Pine Grove in Lake Wylie, S.C.; Calvary in Gastonia; East Baptist in Belmont; Woodlawn in Lowell; Union Road Baptist; Cramerton First Baptist;

Education: Gardner-Webb University, Furman University, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He graduated from all three schools cum laude.

Family: wife, Kathleen Bryson Bailey; daughter, Kathy Ann Cheshire of Gastonia; son, Joseph Arlan Bailey.

When and where did you receive your call to religious service?: In 1938 in Rutherford County.

Why did you choose to practice your faith in this community?: I met Guy Walker as a classmate at Gardner-Webb in 1938 and he introduced me to the Sandy Plains Church.

Favorite scripture: Philippians 4 for its inspiration, guidance and assurance.

To me, being a Christian means... redemption by the grace of Christ and his lordship to know and do the will of God in service to the ends of the earth.

My earliest memory of faith touching my life...my mother taking me to church when I was a child. I became a Christian at age 12 and united with the Southern Baptist Church of Rutherfordton.

People who have inspired me: S.G. Walker, James Crocker, Russell Willis, Dr. George Truett, Dr. Hershell Hobbs and Dr. E.V. Hudson.

To our readers: If you would like to see a minister, rabbi, deacon, music minister or Sunday school teacher profiled in The Gazette, call 861-7081, category 2511 any time and leave a message.
The Rev. A.A. Bailey, interim pastor at East Belmont Baptist Church, was surprised on Saturday, Sept. 15, with a "This Is Your Life" party staged by the church. Over 120 people came together to celebrate Pastor Bailey's 50 years as an ordained minister.

Bailey was ordained on Sept. 15, 1940, in the Southern Baptist Church of Ruth at the age of 19. He served Sandy Plains Baptist Church in Gastonia from 1940 until 1945, first as associate, and then following the resignation of Guy Walker, as pastor.

After graduating from Furman University in 1945, he attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. On completing his master's degree at Southern, he was called to Centerview Baptist in Belmont where he served from 1948 until 1955. From there, he went to First Baptist in Bessemer City, serving for 28 years until his retirement.

During his retirement, he has served four different churches as interim pastor: Flint Hill (twice), Pine Grove (twice), Calvary and East Belmont. Over the course of his ministry, he has participated in many volunteer mission trips to places such as Panama, Mexico, Guatemala, Chile, Bermuda, England and Paraguay.

Many family members and friends from his past participated in the program Saturday evening, sharing stories about their relationship with Bailey, each testifying to the blessings that had come to their lives from having known him.
Bessemer Baptists honor pastor

As the choir sang the benediction last Sunday at First Baptist Church, Bessemer City, the Rev. A.A. Bailey began his exit from the pulpit as usual, but he didn't make it to the door as usual. About halfway down the aisle, he was met by one of his deacons and directed back to the front of the church where he was joined by his wife and children for a surprise celebration in recognition of his 25th anniversary as pastor of the church.

A capacity crowd of members, former members, friends and relatives filled the church.

Brief messages about Bailey's achievements over the past quarter century were delivered by representatives of the church's Sunday school, training union, and brotherhood, woman's missionary union and board of deacons.

One member said, "It speaks well for the church that a minister could stay with us for a quarter of a century, and certainly that minister must stand tall to be able to persevere." Lunch was served in the fellowship hall afterwards.

During Bailey's tenure, the church has constructed a parsonage, a cottage at South Mountain Retreat, and a children's building, and remodeled the main church structure. The church has acquired five parcels of land, increasing its holdings to half a city block, and 787 people have been added to the membership roll.

The church has received $1,765,845 in gifts. Of this amount, $561,813 has been donated to mission causes.

Bailey, who came to Bessemer City in 1941 to serve as interim pastor at First Baptist Church while still a student, is a graduate of Boiling Springs Junior College, Furman University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he received a master of divinity degree. He was certified by the Seminary Extension Department of Southern Baptist Seminary for college teaching, and he has served on the staff of continuing education at Gaston College and taught Greek through the Gaston Baptist Association. He has served on the board of advisors and the board of associates at Gardner-Webb College, and has been recognized often by the city and county for his work in human relations.

In addition, Bailey is a builder and recently completed a new home on Beaty Road, Gastonia, in preparation for his retirement.
The Rev. A.A. Bailey was featured on WBTV's Carolina Camera on the Wednesday late afternoon news program. He was shown in his basement workshop making furniture—his main hobby, so he stated "on camera."

Stating that he had been a Baptist minister for thirty years, Rev. Mr. Bailey disclosed sermon topics and thoughts came to him as he hammers away or when he turns wood in his lathe.

Shown making a table leg, Rev. Mr. Bailey explained the furniture-making process and the finishing of the wood.

He conducted the camera crew on a tour of the First Baptist parsonage on the corner of North 12th Street and East Texas Avenue. He had made practically all of the furniture in the parsonage, including the bedrooms, dining room, living room and most of the den.

He pointed out pieces he had made from wild cherry grown in Mecklenburg county.

One interesting piece shown was a desk he had made from an old pump-type organ.

People who missed the filming of Rev. Bailey had another chance to see it this morning. It came on at 7:30 a.m. over the morning news today. It will also be shown later this month on the WBTV late Sunday afternoon Carolina Camera news program that reviews some features shown during the month.

The Rev. A.A. Bailey, pastor of First Baptist Church of Bessemer City, for the past 28 years, will retire June 30. After that, he and his wife, Kathleen, will be living in their retirement home on Beaty Road in Gastonia.

During Bailey's tenure, First Baptist Church in Bessemer City acquired nine parcels of property, built a new parsonage, children's building and a house at South Mountain, and remodeled and updated other church buildings which included a Zimmer pipe organ and a new sound system.

Before going to Bessemer City, Bailey served Centerview Baptist Church in Belmont from 1948-1955 and Sandy Plains Baptist Church in Gastonia from 1940-1945.

Rev. Mr. Bailey is pastor of First Baptist Church of Bessemer City. He is a native Forest City and graduated in Gardner-Webb College, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

He is program chairman for the Gaston Baptist Pastors Conference.

The services will be held at 7 p.m. each night through April 17. Rev. Edward P. Bennett, pastor, extends a welcome to the public.

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When Rev. Mr. A.A. Bailey left North Carolina recently to go to Mexico to do volunteer mission labor, he did not think it would turn into an earthquake experience for him, but it did. His visit happened to coincide with the March 14th tremor that rocked Mexico at 8 a.m.

"I thought I was dreaming of still being in flight," he recalled. In describing the tremor, he said that it did not set a person into a shaking motion. "It was more of a rolling from side to side movement," he stated.

Rev. Mr. Bailey, minister of Bessemer City's First Baptist Church, and Dr. Russell Willis, pastor of Northside Baptist of Rock Hill, S.C., went to Guadalajara, Mexico, at the invitation of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to build a set of kitchen cabinets in a new foreign mission board residence.

Both Mr. Bailey and Dr. Willis have wood work as hobbies and by trade, to some extent.

Rev. Mr. Bailey pointed out that building wooden cabinets in Mexico is not the same as here in the states.

"Until recent years, no cabinets were built in Mexican homes. Having them is a new trend."

Stone, steel and masonry are primarily used in construction with very little wood used.

The reasons are that there is a scarcity of dry wood there and finding a wood craftsman is almost an impossibility.

To build a set of cabinets in 12 segments, the two wood craftsmen used Mexican oak.

While there, the two Americans stayed in the home of a missionary, David Wyman.

In addition to making cabinets, the two ministers preached at the Gethsemane Baptist Church where English and Spanish speaking congregations share the church. Dr. Willis preached at a Sunday morning service to the English speaking congregation; and, Mr. Bailey used an interpreter to speak Monday night to Mexican Spanish speaking youths.

Mr. Bailey said the City of Guadalajara has temperate climate the year round and that it is referred to as the "City of Eternal Spring." Although they were there during the six-month dry season, Mr. Bailey said flowers were beautiful, especially pelmenitas and roses. He said when the six-month rainy season sets in, the greenness would enhance the city's beauty.

The city has 2 million people and is located in the mid-western section of Mexico on the Pacific Ocean side.

During their stay, they visited the Big Canyons where the Colorado River flows through high cliffs. The river in that area has sets of impressive falls. In spite of their beauty, the cliffs are the site where people come to leap from them into the deep river to commit suicide.

Mr. Bailey with his family had previously visited and toured in Mexico, but this was his first experience there as a volunteer laborer for the Foreign Mission Board.

While he was in Mexico, Dr. E.L. Spivey, a retired minister from Mount Holly, filled his pulpit.
The Baileys Are Honored

Members of First Baptist Church held an Appreciation Service during the morning worship hour Sunday. Appreciation was accorded the minister, the Rev. A. A. Bailey, and his wife, Kathleen.

Following opening devotions, Calvin May made the announcement that the service would be a commemorative one given in appreciation to the Baileys for their twenty years of service to the church.

Children from kindergarten through sixth grade opened the ceremonies with a flower shower. They marched into the sanctuary bearing flowers which they laid on the altar.

Bill Caudle, minister of music and director of youth, presented the Baileys with a plaque from the young people of the church. The plaque had been designed by the young people and assembled by Mrs. Caudle. Coye Hovis decoupaged the plaque which held scripture, “I Can Do All Things Through Christ Which Strengthened Me.”

The plaque also held the Greek letter “k” signifying the number 20. Mrs. Caudle had also written the names of the young people in the shape of two k’s for the Senior and Junior High young people’s organizations.

Eugene Bungardner presented the Baileys a box of over two hundred messages that had been written by church members to express appreciation.

The Deacons of the church unveiled a portrait of Rev. Mr. Bailey which is to be hung in the newly constructed Children’s Building.

Members of the WMU presented a console table to be placed under the portrait. Plaques designating the portrait for Rev. Mr. Bailey, and the console table for Mrs. Bailey, have been placed on the gifts.

The adult choir sang a medley of hymns composed by Fanny Crosby, a favorite composer of Rev. Mr. Bailey’s.

The announcement was made that the men’s Sunday School Class would be named the A. A. Bailey Men’s Class in honor of the minister.

The service, which had been arranged as a surprise event, closed with different members giving testimonials of appreciation to the Baileys for the help they had given the different ones since the Baileys had come to the church in August of 1955.

TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE — Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Bailey, pictured above, were honored Sunday for their twenty years of service at First Baptist Church. The Baileys moved to Bessemer City in August of 1955 when Rev. Mr. Bailey accepted the charge as minister at First Baptist. The Baileys have two children, Kathy Ann, an art major who is living and working in Vienna, Austria, and Joseph who is a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
Local Pastor Honored

For 25 Years Service

"I am usually wordy," stated the minister of First Baptist Church, "But at this time, I can not think of a word to say.

The occasion that rendered Rev. Mr. A.A. Bailey speechless was a surprise Appreciation Day expressed by his congregation for his twenty-five years of devoted and loving services.

The tribute to his 25 years of ministry took place Sunday before a record attendance at the conclusion of the regular meeting worship service.

As the choir prepared to sing the closing benediction, Rev. Mr. Bailey made his way to the church entrance to greet his congregation. Instead of singing the benediction, the choir sang a special song with the lyrics written by Oneda Baldwin Hopper, organist, to the tune of "Bless Be The Tie That Binds."

As one member brought Rev. Mr. Bailey back to the rostrum, Mrs. Bailey was brought from the choir to join their children, Kathy and Joseph, at the rostrum.

The attendance included members of the Bailey families, Mrs. Bailey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Bryson of Beattys Road; three of Mr. Bailey's brothers, Russell Bailey of Marion, Lester Bailey of Rutherfordton, and Hubert Bailey of Spindale; and his sisters, Mrs. Frances Apchley of Rutherfordton and Mrs. Ethleen Thrift of Forest City.

Members who are heads of departments and church organizations expressed gratitude and appreciation to Rev. Bailey and his wife who members term a "model pastor's wife." Speaking were Mrs. Frank Sisk for the Sunday School; Calvin May, Training Union; John Clark, Brotherhood; Mrs. Otto Payseur, Woman's Missionary Union; and Coye Hovis, Board of Deacons.

In their remarks, they brought out the fact that in the 83 year history of the church, Rev. Mr. Bailey has served the church as pastor for more than a fourth of the life of the church.

In achievements accomplished during his pastorate, in buildings, a church parsonage has been built, a children's building, and a cottage at South Mountain Retreat. The church building has been rearranged and remodeled and five additional parcels of land have been purchased to increase the original plot to a half of a city block.

Gifts to the church in the 25 years have amounted to $1,765,845 with $561,813 going to missions. 787 persons have been added to the church membership.

The highlight of the program took place when the Bailey's were presented a check for over $4,000 that was given as gifts of love by church members.

For the fellowship dinner that followed, flower arrangements for the table were accented with silver bows to mark the 25th anniversary year.

Rev. Mr. Bailey and his family came to Bessemer City in 1955. He is a 1940 graduate of Boiling Springs Junior College and received his B.A. degree in 1945 from Furman University and his master's in Divinity in 1948 from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has done his entire ministry in Gaston County starting out while as a student at Furman in serving as associate pastor to the late Guy S. Walker at Sandy Plains Baptist Church for two years.

It was during this time that he met his wife, the former Kathleen Bryson. It was also during this time that he first preached in Bessemer City when in 1941, he served First Baptist as interim pastor for three months.

When Rev. Walker left Sandy Plains, Rev. Mr. Bailey was called as full time pastor where he served for three years.

Prior to coming to Bessemer City, he served as pastor from 1948 to 1955 Centerview Baptist Church in North Belmont.

He is not only known in his own church for his teaching abilities, but also in other churches. He has been certified to teach by the extension department of the six Baptist Seminaries. In the continuing education program at Gaston College, he has taught Bible. He also taught Greek through the Gaston Baptist Association.

He has served on the Board of Advisors and the Board of Associates of Gardner-Webb College.

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First Baptist Honor Rev. and Mrs. Bailey

Sunday, June 19, members of First Baptist Church started a series of events to honor their minister, the Rev. Mr. A.A. Bailey and Mrs. Bailey.

From 2 to 5 p.m., the congregation entertained at a community-wide reception that took place in the church fellowship hall where the colors of white and yellow were employed in the decorations.

Sunday school department heads and deacons and their wives took turns greeting the guests and saying the good-byes.

Rev. and Mrs. Bailey were presented flowers. Rev. Mr. Bailey received a yellow rose boutonniere and Mrs. Bailey, a yellow and white daisy corsage to compliment her beige colored dress worn with a jacket.

The refreshment table was covered with a white linen cloth with inserts of lace. Two matching candelabra held yellow and white daisies with pink bignonias accented the white candles.

Guests included the children of the Baileys, Kathy Bailey and Joseph Bailey of Gastonia and the parents of Mrs. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Bryson of Beatty Road, Gastonia.

Sunday, June 26, during the morning worship hour, members of the church presented a love offering to Rev. Mr. Bailey in appreciation of his twenty-eight years of ministry. He has served the church the longest number of years as pastor.

Following the service, a covered dish dinner was served in the fellowship hall.

Sunday, July 3, Rev. Mr. Bailey will deliver his last sermon as minister of the church.

He and his family will make their home in their new home located on Sandy Plains Road, Gastonia. He plans to serve as a supply minister in retirement.

Mrs. Bailey was a teacher's aid at Primary School.
First Baptist Pay Tribute To Baileys

Rev. Mr. A.A. Bailey delivered his last sermon Sunday, July 3, 1983, as minister of First Baptist Church. He had served the church as pastor for the past twenty-eight years.

He and his wife are making their home at a new residence that built on Beatty Road, Gastonia, a house on which Rev. Mrs. Bailey a talented cabinet maker, had done considerable work he also made the majority of the furniture.

In his last written words in the church’s newsletter, Rev. Mr. Bailey wrote: “Thank you with love and sincerity for making these closing days what I am sure will be the most memorable of our lives. Thank you for the reception, the Sunday dinner, the gifts, love prayers, hags and kisses. Thank you for a place of service wherein souls have been saved, Christians have matured, and much has been done for the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.”

Prior to his last sermon, church members had held a community-wide reception in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Bailey and also held a covered dish dinner on June 26. At this time, the church presented the Baileys with a sizeable check and a 35 mm, camera.

Calvin May, chairman of the Deacons, presented the gifts to the Baileys for the church members.

The check was a love gift given by the members.

During the service in which the gifts were presented, messages of tribute to Rev. Mr. Bailey were made by Deacon May, Dr. Hoyle Allred of the Gaston Baptist Association, and Dr. Ernest Williams, a Gastonia Surgeon.

The Baileys’ new address is Route 4, Box 96A, Gastonia, NC 28054.
Rev. Mr. A.A. Bailey has returned from Chile where he made his sixth mission trip for the Southern Baptist Church. He was joined on his mission field visit by a fellow furniture-making hobbyist, Dr. Russell Willis, Baptist minister of Concord, N.C.

"On my previous visits to the mission field, I have always built cabinets," Rev. Mr. Bailey disclosed. "This made the first time I made furniture."

Using his vacation time for his mission work, the mission fields where he had previously been included Mexico, Bermuda, Panama, Guatemala and Chile.

For his second visit the Chile, Rev. Mr. Bailey and Dr. Willis went to Puerto Mont which is a sea port city located in the southern part of the country and is a little more than 800 miles south of Santiago, the capital of Chile.

Rev. Mr. Bailey terms the mission field there, "more of an evangelist outreach center" because it consists of a main church with two mission churches.

While there, they stayed with Archie and Carolyn Jones, North Carolina natives who are Southern Baptist missionaries.

The furniture they made was for the Jones. During their three-week stay, they turned out a number of pieces of furniture. They made a queen size bed, a 3-drawer vanity dresser, a 6-foot desk where among the things it will hold is a short wave radio, a large sofa with a large matching chair to go with it, two ottomans, two large book cases and one book case with a cabinet.

One problem in making furniture in Chile is the lack of cured wood. Prior to leaving, they made arrangements to have seasoned timber ready for their use. They used wood from the conifer family.

During his stay, Mr. Bailey spoke at two different churches using a Spanish-speaking interpreter.

"Spanish is their language. Some Germans live there but they restrict speaking German to their family members," he noted.

"I pictures, which I plan to show when I make a report on my trip Sunday, April 17 for the 7 o'clock service."

In describing Puerto Mont, he said, "Is a modern city. The climate is similar to ours except it is turned around. While we are into spring, Chile is going the winter season."

Members of First Baptist will hear additional information on Chile and its missions when they hold their annual homecoming on Sunday, April 24. The speaker is to be the Rev. Robert Bates who is home on furlough from Conception, a mission located halfway between Santiago and Puerto Mont.

For his topic, Rev. Bates will speak on "World Missions of The Church," which will include those where Rev. Mr. Bailey has devoted his vacation times to serve as a volunteer furniture making craftsman.
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Rev. Bailey Is Revival Speaker

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The purpose of the Crusade is three-fold:
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BAPTIST BIOGRAPHY DATA FORM

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

1. NAME BAILEY AYLAN ALEXANDER

Give full names. For a married woman please put maiden name in parentheses.

(EXAMPLE: Cole, Mary Ann (Smith).)

2. BIRTH FOREST CITY Rutherford N. C., July 1, 1921

DEATH

3. PARENTS Robert Vance Bailey and Zula Price Bailey

Father’s occupation Farmer

Mother’s occupation Housewife

(EXAMPLE: Alec Joe Daeks and Luc, Mae (Brown) Daeks)

4. BROTHERS (4)

List full names and year of birth

Rutley 1914, Norman 1919, Herbert 1920

5. SISTERS (3)

List full names and year of birth

Ruth Baine 1917, Ethleen Shift 1923

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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Forest City Rutherford N. C., 1921-1931

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7. EDUCATION:

Grammar school: Graduate? Yes ( ) No ( ) Year graduated 1934

High school: Graduate? Yes ( ) No ( ) Year graduated 1938

School attended: Rutherford-Spendale, Rutherford N. C.

(Whether graduate or not; if more than one was attended, show the last one.)

College: Years attended: None ( ) One ( ) 2-3 ( ) Graduate ( )

Whether graduated or not, list college(s) attended:

(EXAMPLE: 1935-38)

Southern Baptist Seminary Louisville Ky., 3 B. D.

Graduate-level: List college(s), seminary(ies), etc. attended; earned degrees
14. TO BE FILLED OUT ONLY BY THOSE WHO ARE, OR HAVE BEEN, IN SAL­
ARIED CHURCH-RELATED VOCATIONS. (Including pastors, denominational work­
ers, missionaries, ministers of education and music, church secretaries, faculty members or employees of Baptist institutions, agencies, etc.)

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17. CLUB OR GROUP MEMBERSHIP: (Service organizations, fraternal, P.T.A., Civic, etc.) List important positions of leadership held

Member, Belmont Masonic Lodge for 25 years

18. HOBBIES AND LEISURE INTERESTS:

Favorite: Woodcraft

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

The information for items #1-19 has been filled in by ____________

Mailing address: Bessmer City, N.C.

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

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11. RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE:
Conversion: May 1933  
Baptism: Aug 1933  
List any church, other than Baptist, with which formerly affiliated  
Ordained as: Minister ( ) Deacon ( ) Other (Date ordained)  
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   - County: N.C.
   - State: N.C.
   - Date: July 1, 1921

3. PARENTS  
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   - Mother: Zula (Price) Bailey
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   - State
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     - Rutherford 1931-1938

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   - (Name) (Place) (State) (Years attended) (Degree)
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2. BIRTH

   Place: Forest City
   County: Rutherford
   State: N.C.
   Date: July 1, 1921

   DEATH

3. PARENTS

   Father: Robert Vance Bailey
   Mother: Zula Price Bailey

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   Mother's occupation: Housewife

   (EXAMPLE: Alec Joe Doak and Luc Mae (Brown) Doak)

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   Whether graduated or not, list college(s) attended;
   (EXAMPLE: 1935-38)

   - Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N.C.
     - (Name) A.A.
     - (Years attended) 2
     - (Degree)

   Graduate-level: List college(s), seminary(ies), etc. attended; earned degrees

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18. HOBBIES AND LEISURE INTERESTS:
Favorite woodcraft Others gardening

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

The information for items #1-19 has been filled in by G. L. Bailey

Mailing address: 20377 Bessemer City, N.C.

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

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Conversion: [Date] 12

Baptism (Age): [Date]

List any church, other than Baptist, with which formerly affiliated

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Example: S.S. Superintendent (Position) Bethel Association (Organization, board, agency, etc.)

Kentucky (State) 1942-1944 (Date)

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BAPTIST BIOGRAPHY DATA FORM

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1. NAME Bailey Arlan Alexander

   Give full names. For a married woman please put maiden name in parentheses.
   {EXAMPLE: Cole, Mary Ann (Smith).}

2. BIRTH
   Forest City Rutherford N.C. July 1, 1921

   DEATH

3. PARENTS
   Robert Vance Bailey and Zula Price Bailey

   Father’s occupation Farmer
   Mother’s occupation Housewife

4. BROTHERS
   (4) List full names and year of birth

   Russell 1911, Norman 1919, Herbert 1920

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   1921-1931

7. EDUCATION:

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   (Name) (Place) (State) (Years attended) (Degree)
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   - **First**: Aylan
   - **Middle**: Alexander

   Give full names. For a married woman please put maiden name in parentheses.
   *(EXAMPLE: Cole, Mary Ann (Smith).)*

2. **BIRTH**
   - **Place**: Forest City
   - **County**: Rutherford
   - **State**: N.C.
   - **Date**: July 1, 1921

3. **DEATH**
   - **Place**: N.C.
   - **Date**:

4. **PARENTS**
   - **Father**: Robert Vance Bailey and Zulma Price Bailey
   - **Mother**: Farmer and Housewife

   *(EXAMPLE: Alec Joe Doaks and Lucie Mae (Brown) Doaks)*

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   - **College**: Years attended: None ( ) One ( ) 2-3 ( ) Graduate ( )
   - **Whether graduated or not, list college(s) attended** *(EXAMPLE: 1935-38)*
     - Gardner Webb, Boiling Springs, N.C. 2
     - Furman U., Greenville, S.C. 2
     - (Name) (Place) (State) (Years attended) (Degree)
   - **Graduate-level**: List college(s), seminary(ies), etc. attended; *earned degrees*
     - Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky. 3
     - (Name) (Place) (State) (Years attended) (Degree)
20. DESCRIPTIVE CHARACTERIZATION (Please read special instruction sheet carefully and sample biographies before proceeding.)

Name of person writing the above characterization ________________________

P. O. Address __________________________

Return to:

Name __________________________

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I was born July 1, 1921 at Forest City, N. C., the son of Robert Vance and Zulie Price Bailey. I was born spiritually in August 1933 and united with the Southern Baptist Church at Ruth, N. C., which licensed me in 1938 and ordained me September 15, 1940.

I graduated from Rutherfordton-Spindale Central High School in 1938, Boiling Springs College in 1940, Furman University in 1945 with a B.A. degree, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1948 with a B.D. degree.

My first work was Associate Pastor to Guy Walker at the Sandy Plains Baptist Church 1940-42 and then as pastor 1942-45. Upon graduation from the seminary I went to Centerville in North Belmont and served 1948-1955. From there I moved to Bessemer City in August of 1955.

Let all be to the glory of God, because when I accepted God's assignment I made a covenant that if He would bless in preparation and location and use me that I would give Him all the praise.

I was invited as a student to serve here as intermin pastor from March - June 1941. It was a memorable experience with the dedication of the building at homecoming in April. I still remember the good crowds on Sunday evening and the great encouragement given to a student. When I finished my service I was given a shower of gifts to help in my plans to go back to school, so those who invested have had a part in my ministry. During this time Mr. Arnold Kincaid was Chairman of the Deacons and Mr. M. T. Saunders was Superintendent of Sunday School.

I was already dating Kathleen at this time and she came with me frequently on Sunday evenings. We were married on May 27, 1943 and several people from Bessemer City came to the wedding. My wife has indeed been my helper. She attended school with me in Louisville and this was a help in study. In my pastorates she has served as the churches enlisted her services in teaching, playing, singing, and administration. Kathleen and I have been blessed with two children: Kathy Ann who was born May 27, 1949 and Joseph who was born December 20, 1953.

Mr. Hoke Coon was Chairman of the pulpit committee when I came to Bessemer City. His interest and support has been sustained all these years to make his life one of great influence. I tried to be most complimentary recently when I told him I had no reason to be disappointed with him over these years. Mrs. Coon has also served with support for the total church program.

Deacons have always been my assistants with the chairman being my right hand man. These have been servants with delegated responsibility on committees. It would take adjectives of the superlative degree to describe the work and integrity and attitude of these men. The Church now names some forty men who have served as deacons.

My pastorate at Bessemer City has been a long one, and yet seventeen years pass rapidly when one is busy. It has been busy with the schedule calling for study, visitation, administration, teaching, counselling, and being of some assistance in the Gaston Baptist Association where your pastors have served as called upon. As far as length of pastorate was concerned I have not tried to pre-determine that. Pulpit committees have come and I have been open to leave as I felt the Lord to lead.

You have been a good church people to work with, and the history will show this. You have loved your pastor, prayed for him, been teachable, and followed his leadership. Many visitors have commended you by saying you were one of the most attentive con-
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many members have witnessed and helped in evangelism but a pastor never

and kindness. The pastor is always grateful for your consideration of his family.

My early pastorate here was marked with a high percentage of old people and during

I am not one to claim credit since others sow where we reap but it is interesting that
during these years there have been 326 additions by baptism and 285 by letter, making a

A part of your growth has been the acquiring of property. When I came there was no

The building at South Mountain was a labor of love and has proven a blessing to the

In 1955, the roof leaked, and baptistery leaked, and basements leaked. Now we are in

The pastor did not want a parsonage when it was built in 1964 but wanted to plan for

As this history goes to press, the church is busy with plans for a children's building, the

When it comes to janitorial service, the church has had some of the finest such as S.W.

Church secretaries have served overtime in quality service. Some of these have been

The music department has given the pastor commendable cooperation and provided
such music as to be a vital part of the worship of God. A special page will refer to those who are serving in leadership.

Mr. Forney Lowe will go down in history for teaching the senior men for twenty seven years and then have them name the class for his honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bullard, Jr. have been a great help in purchasing appliances and materials.

Dr. R. L. Cochcroft who was at church so frequently and served as deacon, teacher, leader, singer and soulwinner, made one of the most profound impressions upon the community and county. A Sunday School Class has been named to his memory.

Mr. A. F. Briggs will be remembered as a faithful spiritual giant and Miss Lucy Williams will be thought of as Lydia of Thyratira.

For over thirty two years, Mrs. D. V. Matthews left nothing to be desired in serving as organist and most of the time as Minister of Music. Miss LeMerle Alford, Minister of Music for seven years, has labored tirelessly with over a hundred enrolled in graded choirs. Mrs. L. C. Ward has sacrificed to play and sing at funerals.

Mr. Bill Lindsay has served as proficient treasurer for twenty one years. This is his way of serving the Lord.

Mrs. W. A. Lindsay, church florist, has made all arrangements for memorial flowers, special and regular services, and floral tributes for the deceased members.

Mrs. Dot Lynn has served as librarian since the library was started about seven years ago.

Ushers, with good chairmen like T. A. Lynn, Jerry Savage, and Buddy Horne have always served in a most acceptable manner.

You cannot keep records on the work of the Holy Spirit, so let the history bear witness that God has born unquestionable evidence in the organization, sustenance and edification of this church. Only people like you who have some interest and who make some contribution will live to tell the story of continued success.