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Also on Sunday, the Rev. Wayne Adkisson, former minister of education and outreach at Pritchard Memorial, will become pastor of Sharon Baptist Church. Adkisson earned his doctor of ministry degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest. He replaces the Rev. James Ballard, who left last August to become associate pastor and minister to singles at Hickory Grove Baptist Church.

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Adkisson new pastor for Baptists

The new pastor of Southport Baptist Church, Dr. L. Wayne Adkisson, will lead worship for the first time at his new church this Sunday.

Adkisson is former pastor of Sharon Baptist Church in Charlotte, where he served 11 years. He is a graduate of Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, TN, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY, and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

A native of Tennessee, Adkisson and his wife have two daughters.

What divides N.C. Baptists?

Charlotte Observer
Dec. 4, 1985
**Lack of integrity is the
problem, not inerrancy**

The Rev. Dexter Greene, pastor of Steele Creek Baptist Church: When the fundamentalist element vowed in the late 1970s to "take over" the Southern Baptist Convention by whatever means necessary, it quickly became a holy war. . . . Paul Pressler rallied around him several pastors of the mega-churches who knew and understood power, and who also had an insatiable desire for more power. In the years to follow, this group whipped a great many Southern Baptist pastors and lay people into a froth around the rally point of inerrancy. . . .

It is painfully obvious that the issue that has divided us is not one of the inerrancy of scripture, but one of a willingness to work together despite our differences. Southern Baptists did that for nearly 150 years until the fundamentalists took over. The issue now has become one of integrity and credibility, and the plain fact of the matter is these two qualities are sorely lacking in SBC "leadership."

Who controls beliefs?

Doug Mauldin of Rock Hill: The Rev. M. Doyle Holder (Nov. 20 Religion & Ethics, "Moderate Baptists take over") chooses conveniently to ignore the fact that his fundamentalist/conservative faction has ruthlessly frozen out moderates from the SBC since 1979.

Holder raises the red herring that the issue is biblical inerrancy. The real issue is the control of the convention and the God-given, Baptist-held belief that churches are autonomous and that members read the Scriptures, and, with prayer and study, decide what they mean for themselves.

Moderate Baptists do not wait for the word to come down from Rome, Nashville or Mr. Holder as to what we believe and what we should believe. We answer to God, not to him or the SBC.

Stop the name calling

Dr. L. Wayne Adkisson, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church and member of the N.C. General Board's executive committee: I do not wish to debate the issues which divide our Baptist family in the secular press. . . . It is time to stop name calling and rock throwing. It is time to affirm our diverse ways of getting the Word out. . . .

I would like to think the day will soon come for N.C. Baptists to welcome the election of convention leadership from both sides of the theological aisle. Then the theological and denominational preferences of our leaders will no longer be sources of fear and anxiety for the rank and file. We will do away with turf control, and be grateful for the record levels of financial support and volunteerism being invested in mission partnerships throughout our world. And then within Baptist-dom there will be a