

Church Honors Rev. Thompson

First New Light Baptist Church observed the pastor's 20th anniversary of service to the church last Sunday in White Oak.

An afternoon service was held in honor of the Rev. A. G. Thompson. The Rev. Joseph M. Dunham of Fayetteville spoke, and the music was by choirs from Hilly Branch Baptist Church, Lumberton, and Savannah Baptist Church, Cedar Creek.

J. P. Dunham served as master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Laura Thompson, wife of the pastor, was presented a cash gift of \$15 by Mrs. Laura Council from the Ladies Auxiliary. Sylvester V. Brown, clerk of the church, made a presentation of \$300.89 to the pastor. Brown praised Rev. Thompson for his service and contribution to the community and stated he expected continued ministry in the years to come.

There were visitors from Fayetteville, Lumberton, Elizabethtown and Cedar Creek.

At the morning worship service Sunday Rev. Thompson preached on the subject, "Assured of a Safe Landing."

Lunch was served in the cafeteria for the many friends after the morning service.

Kinston Free Press
Lenoir News Topic
Lexington Dispatch
Lumberton: Robesonian
~~Morganton News-Herald~~
New Bern: Sun-Journal
Norfolk: Virginia Pilot
Raleigh: News & Observer
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First New Light Baptist Church

Observes Pastor's 20th Anniversary

WHITE OAK -- On December 1 as the members of the First New Light Baptist Church gathered to celebrate their pastor's 20th anniversary the atmosphere permeated a feeling of love and unity.

The day began with the Sunday School Department in session at 10:00 a. m. The morning worship service was conducted by the pastor at 11:30 a. m. He used as a subject: "Assured of a Safe Landing".

Immediately following the morning services, lunch was served for the many friends in the cafeteria.

The afternoon service was held in honor of Reverend A. G. Thompson's twenty years of service. The speaker for the occasion was Reverend Joseph M. Dunham of Fayetteville. Music was rendered by choirs from Hilly Branch Baptist Church in Lumberton and Savannah Baptist Church in Cedar Creek.

Mrs. Laura Council presented Mrs. Laura Thompson, wife of the pastor, with a cash gift of \$15.00 from the Ladies Auxiliary. She told Mrs. Thompson that behind every successful husband stands a devoted wife.

Sylvester V. Brown, the clerk of the church, then made the final presentation of \$300.89 Reverend A. G. Thompson. He made known to the pastor that he was aware of the fact that all of the twenty years had not been pleasant ones. He also praised him for his service and contribution to the community. In closing words

he said that we shall be expecting your continued service in the years to come.

The anniversary was well attended by people of the community and adjoining communi-

ties. There were visitors from Lumberton, Fayetteville, Elizabethtown and Cedar Creek.

Mr. J. P. Dunham served as master of ceremonies for the occasion.