

Thursday, December 5, 1974

Rev. Alexander Called As Lovedale Church Pastor



Rev. And Mrs. Bruce B. Alexander

The new pastor at Lovedale Baptist Church is the Rev. Bruce B. Alexander. It is his first pastorate.

He and his wife, Joyce, and their three children, Ricky, 11; Steve, 10; and David, 6; have moved into the church parsonage in Lovesfield Community.

Ordained into the ministry on November 17 at Rock Hill Baptist Church in Inman, S. C., he began his duties at the Lovedale Church effective November 19. The Rev. Ron Jackson delivered the ordination sermon.

The Rev. Mr. Alexander, a native of Ohio, attended Ohio

State University for one year. Currently a student at Fruitland Institute, he will graduate in June.

The Alexanders have been residing in Spartanburg county, S. C., where he was employed in a carpet factory. Mrs. Alexander is a native of Inman, S. C.

For the past several months, the Rev. C. C. Welsh has been serving as interim pastor at Lovedale Baptist Church.

Sylvia Herald

Tabor City Tribune
Taylorsville Times
Trenton: Jones Journal
Troy: Montgomery Herald
Valdese News
Wadesboro: Anson Record
Wadesboro: Messenger & Intelligencer

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Services Are Held For Hamburg Pastor

Funeral services for the Rev. Bruce B. Alexander, 36, of Glenville, who died Sunday, August 7th, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on highway NC 107 north of Cashiers, were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Hamburg Baptist Church, of which he was pastor.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Department reported that the one-vehicle accident occurred Sunday afternoon. He was en route to South Carolina and Sunday evening, after he had failed to arrive in South Carolina, a search was begun, the report said. Officers and Rescue Squad members found the body at approximately 8 a.m. Monday.

The Rev. Cecil Davis and the Rev. C. O. Vance officiated at the services. Pallbearers were Wayne Bryson, Cameron Breedlove, Verner Rice, Jerry Hunter, Barry Nicholson and Joe Cuthrell. Burial and Masonic graveside rites were held in Rock Hill Baptist Church Cemetery in Inman, S.C.

The Rev. Mr. Alexander was a native of Columbus, Ohio, and was a former resident of Spartanburg County, S. C. He was a resident of Jackson county for the past three years. A former pastor of Lovedale Baptist Church, he was a graduate of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute and was a member of Dillsboro Masonic Lodge 459. He was president of the Glenville Community Development Club and active in community affairs.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Joyce L. Alexander; three sons, Richard, Stephen and David Alexander of the home; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Alexander of Stuart, Fla.; two brothers, Bill Alexander of Griffith, Ind., and Darrell Alexander of Columbus, Ohio; a sister, Mrs. Dawn Loftin of Orlando, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Moody Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Sylva Herald
Tabor City Tribune
Taylorsville Times
Troy: Montgomery Herald
Valdese News
Wadesboro: Anson Record
Wadesboro: Messenger & Intelligencer
Wake Forest: Wake Weekly

Lovedale Church Pastor Resigns

The Rev. Bruce Alexander, pastor of Lovedale Baptist Church since November 19, 1974 will be leaving December 27. Beginning the first of the year, he will be the Public Relations Officer for the Oxford Orphanage of Oxford. The orphanage is a children's home supported by the Masons of North Carolina.

The Rev. Mr. Alexander will be residing in the central part of the state since his duties will require him to travel over the entire state.

During his two years here in Jackson county, the Rev. Mr. Alexander has led the church into consistent growth in fellowship and spiritual relationship. Although the entire congregation is sad to see him leave, they are aware that he is trying to follow God's leadership in this decision. He informed the church that he had prayed over the decision for four months and that it was one of the hardest decisions he had ever had to make in his life since things were going so well in the church.

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BRUCE B. ALEXANDER
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On August 10, 1977 Bruce B. Alexander was buried in the Rock Hill Baptist Church Cemetery in South Carolina with many chapters of his life, as man sees them, unwritten. He died too young in the minds of those whom he left behind. However, in the Chapters of Life that he did write, he left an influence that will live on and on. He wrote little, spoke often and counseled untold numbers of men, women and children and stood as a symbol of moral and spiritual strength. His life represents a combination of reverence, frugality and toil. He belongs to the procession of hard working and God-loving servants of God. Bruce Alexander wrote his own funeral services in the kind of life he lived - enthusiastically searching, sharing and caring. Although he is gone he is still with us. His interest and enthusiasm for the work in the Tuckasegee Baptist Association and for the congregations in the churches he pastored will provide a foundation for those who follow. He loved people and had much concern for their welfare whether or not they were members of his "church flock."

Now in an effort to honor and to pay tribute to him to whom God has said: "Well Done," we dedicate these, the 1977 Annual Minutes of the Tuckasegee Baptist Association. God loved him and we loved him, too.

PASTOR DIES IN ACCIDENT

Bruce B. Alexander, 36-year-old pastor of the Hamburg Church, Glenville, Tuckaseigee Association, died Aug. 7 from injuries received in a motorcycle accident near Cashiers.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Department said the one-vehicle accident took place on a Sunday afternoon, but his body was not discovered until Monday.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Joyce L. Alexander; three sons, Richard, Stephen and David; his parents of Stuart, Fla.; two brothers; and a sister.

BIBLICAL RECORDER, August 20, 1977, p. 4:2

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CHANGES

.....Bruce B. Alexander from Lovedale in Tuckaseigee Association to Hamburg in the same association.

BIBLICAL RECORDER, June 11, 1977, p. 5:3

BRUCE ALEXANDER ORDAINED

Bruce B. Alexander, pastor at Lovedale Church, Sylva, was ordained by the Rock Hill Church in Inman, S. C. He is presently student body treasurer at Fruitland where he will graduate in June.

BIBLICAL RECORDER, January 18, 1975, p. 5:1

FRUITLAND GRADUATES 68

Sixty-eight will receive diplomas Bruce Bing Alexander
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BIBLICAL RECORDER, May 31, 1975, p. 14:1