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Open Door Baptist Church calls Danny R. Keever as first pastor

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The Open Door Baptist Church, affiliated with the Johnston Baptist Association, has called a pastor.

He is the Rev. Danny R. Keever of Stanley. The church is in Smithfield, but hasn't picked a permanent location.

Mr. Keever is a graduate of Trinity College of Florida in Holiday, Fla. He is also a 1985 graduate of Limestone College in Gaffney, S.C. He majored in Bible. In 1994, Mr. Keever graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest with a master of divinity degree.

Previous church ministry has led him to be a resort missionary with the South Yadkin Baptist Association in the Lake Norman area. In 1977, he began a ministry with Calvary Baptist Church in Clearwater, Fla. as minister of evangelism.

From 1983 to 1986, Mr. Keever was associate pastor of Denver Baptist Church in Denver, N.C. And from 1986 to 1990, he served as pastor of Friendly Avenue Baptist Church in Maiden.

Mr. Keever has clear ideas about pastoral ministry that he

recently expressed.

"The pastor is an undershepherd, charged with the responsibility of shepherding the flock of leading, feeding, and tending the believers entrusted to his care," he said. "The church shall have as its objective the full obedience to the will of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Mr. Keever has been married to the former Beth Schneider since 1975. The Keevers have four children: Christey, 18; Elizabeth, 14; Joy, 9; and Rachel 7.

Mr. Keever was licensed in 1974 by Valley Hills Baptist Church in Bristol, Tenn. In 1978, he was ordained to the gospel ministry by Calvary Baptist Church in Clearwater, Fla.