

Little River

Rev. Jesse Bailey Given Station Wagon By Flock

BY LYNN MCKELVIN

✓ Rev. Jesse A. Bailey, pastor of the Little River Baptist Church, received a nice surprise after church services last Sunday when friends and residents of the Little River Community presented him with a new Dodge Aspen station wagon as a gift from the community. We hope that he enjoys it and know he will put it to very "good" use.



REV. BAILEY

Clement Baptist revival slated

The Rev. Jesse A. Bailey will be the guest speaker for revival services at Clement Baptist Church, March 28 - April 2. The revival will begin with the 11 a.m. service on March 28, with services throughout the week to be held at 7:30 p.m.

Special music will be presented each night.

A native of Florida, Rev. Bailey is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has held pastorates in Arkansas, Louisiana and North Carolina.

Rev. Bailey is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin W. Long of the Bushy Fork Community.

Bushy Fork

Rev. Jesse Bailey Is New Pastor At Little River Baptist Church ✓



REV. JESSE BAILEY

Rev. Jesse Bailey has accepted the pastorate at Little River Baptist church and will assume his duties there on August 2nd.

A native of Pensacola, Florida, he finished public schools there and graduated from Carson Newman College with B.A. degree in 1957.

He graduated from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with B. D. degree in 1960. He pastored the First Baptist Church in Broussard, Louisiana, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Hayesville, and Greens Creek Baptist Church, Sylva.

He has served as Moderator of Western North Carolina Association, Vice - Moderator of Tuckaseigee Association, General Board member from Region 10, Promotional Director and chairman of committee for George W. Truett Baptist Camp.

He is married to the former Miss Louise Greeson, native of Burlington, and they have one son Jesse, Jr.

BLACK MOUNTAIN NEWS
Brevard: Transylvania Times
Bryson City: Smoky Mountain News
Boone: Watauga Democrat
Burgaw: Pender Chronicle

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Becomes Pastor At Greens Creek

The Rev. Jesse Artemus Bailey, Sr., recently was called as pastor of Greens Creek Baptist Church. of Campbell Junior College and Carson-Newman College. They have a son, Jesse, Jr., age 5.

A graduate of Carson-Newman College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, he has for the past five years served as pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Hayesville. Prior to his ministry at Hayesville he was for three years pastor of First Baptist Church, Broussard, La.

The Rev. Mr. Bailey has served as moderator of the Western North Carolina Baptist Association for two years. He is now serving his second year as chairman of the George W. Truett Baptist Camp, located near Hayesville.

He is presently serving on the General Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

The native of Pensacola, Fla., is married to the former Miss Annie Louise Greeson of Gibsonville, N. C., who is a graduate

Saint Paul's Review
Swansboro: White Oak Scene
Sylva Herald
Tabor City Tribune
Taylorsville Times
Trenton: Jones Journal
Troy: Montgomery Herald
Valdese News
Wadesboro: Anson Record
Wadesboro: Messenger & Intelligencer
Wake Forest: Wake Weekly
Wallace Enterprise
Walnut Cove: Stokes Record

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Rev. J. A. Bailey, Sr.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME: Jesse A. Bailey

BIRTH DATE: October 21, 1935

BIRTH PLACE: Pensacola, Florida

PARENTS: The late Artemus Bailey and Mrs. Syble Price Bailey (resides in Pensacola, Florida).

WIFE: Annie Louise "Lucy" Greeson Bailey

CHILDREN: Jesse A. Bailey, Jr. born January 15, 1963

HOME CHURCH: Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND BAPTISM: March 1951

CALLED TO MINISTRY: April 1952

LICENSED TO MINISTRY by home church in April 1952

ORDAINED: Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida on Nov. 8, 1959

EDUCATION:

Elementary & Secondary schools of Escambia County, Florida

Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn. 1953-57, B.A. in History

(Mrs. Bailey received her A.A. degree from Campbell College, Buies Creek, NC, and a B.A. in Religious Education from Carson-Newman in 1957).

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La. 1957-60, B.D.

PASTORATES:

Part-time as student:

Snowball Baptist Church, Snowball, Arkansas. Served summer of 1955. They called me as pastor, but I accepted only for the summer because I knew I would return to school in September.

Matthews Baptist Chapel, Matthews, La. Mission of First Baptist Church, Raceland, La., August 1959 to February 1960.

Full-time:

First Baptist, Broussard, La., Evangeline Baptist Association, April 1960 to August 1963.

Mt. Pleasant Baptist, Hayesville, NC, Truett Baptist Association, August 1963 to December 1968.

Greens Creek Baptist, Sylva, NC, Tuckaseigee Baptist Association, December 1968 to August 1970.

Little River Baptist, Penrose, NC, Transylvania Baptist Association, August 1970 to December 1983.

Macedonia Baptist, Kings Mtn., NC, Kings Mtn. Baptist Association January 1, 1984 to present.

OFFICE HELD:

T.U. Director, Evangeline Baptist Association, 2 years
Moderator, Western North Carolina Baptist Association, 2 years
Chairman of Regional Committee of George W. Truett Baptist Camp,
Hayesville, NC, 5 years
Promotional Director for Truett Camp, 2 years
Vice-moderator of Tuckaseegee Baptist Association, 1 year
General Board Member, Baptist State Convention of NC from Region 10, 3 years
General Board of the B.S.C. of NC from Transylvania Baptist Association, 6 years
President of Transylvania County Ministerial Association
(this is an interdenominational group), 1 year
Moderator of Transylvania Baptist Association, 2 years
Secretary-Treasurer of Transylvania Baptist Pastors Conference, 2 years
President of Transylvania Pastors Conference, 1 year
Chaplain of Little River Community Development Club, 8 years
Charter member of Little River Volunteer Fire Department (and chaplain), 3 years
Transylvania County School Board Community Involvement Committee, 1 year
Vice-President of Kings Mountain Ministerial Association
Chairman of Strategy Planning Committee of Kings Mountain Baptist Association,
currently serving

WHY I AM A SOUTHERN BAPTIST:

I am a Southern Baptist primarily because I am persuaded we are the closest denomination to the New Testament in doctrine and polity. The Cooperative Program is the best way I have found to support all our various forms of ministries and missions. It is more than money, it is an attitude of working together for the cause of Christ. In each of my pastorates I have sought to lead the church to increase its participation in and through the Cooperative Program. This is done through sermons, bulletins, mail-outs, visiting missionaries and other types of special programs and emphasis.

REFERENCES:

Rev. Cline Borders, Director of Missions, 1175 Wyke Road, Shelby, NC 28150
Rev. Roy Holder, Director of Missions, P.O. Box 546, Brevard, NC 28712
Rev. Roy J. Smith, General Secretary/Treasurer of Baptist State Convention,
P.O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27511-1107
Rev. Fred Lunsford, Director of Missions, P.O. Box 580, Murphy, NC 28906
Mr. Kenneth Woodard, Businessman, Route 1, Hayesville, NC 28904
Mr. John K. Smart, Jr., Attorney, The Legal Building, Brevard, NC 28712

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HISTORY OF LITTLE RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH, 1838-1984
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percent would be returned "to the church as a gift." Paul Kennington was elected as a "go between" for the church to the architect (Henry McDonald) and the construction company. Jerry Miller was chairman of the furnishings committee. Dale Orr and his family donated tables for the fellowship hall.

Hartsell Grubbs was active in the Transylvania Baptist Association. He was chairman of the missions committee when the first full time Director of Missions was called by the Association.

On January 11, 1970, Rev. Grubbs resigned as pastor of Little River (effective at the end of the month) to accept a call as pastor of Friendship Church, Lyman, South Carolina, where he served until 1973. Since leaving that pastorate, he has done pioneer mission work in New York and New Jersey and pastored New Pleasant Church in Gaffney, South Carolina, and Sandy Springs Church in Rutherfordton.

Pastorates before coming to Little River had been in Tennessee and Texas. He was a United States Navy Chaplain (1960-1964) and remained a member of the Reserves until retiring in 1981.

Hartsell Mason Grubbs was born March 20, 1926, in Greenville, Tennessee. Orphaned at the age of five years, he grew up in an orphanage in Tiffin, Ohio, where he remained until 1943. At that time he joined the Navy and served in the European and Pacific Theatre of Operations during World War II, receiving an honorable discharge in 1946. He became a Christian in March 1947, and on August 30, 1947, in Bristol, Virginia married Ina B. Frazier, who was born December 27, 1922, in Bristol, Tennessee. He was ordained by Calvary Baptist Church of Bristol, Tennessee. He received his A. B. from Carson-Newman College (Jefferson City, Tennessee); Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Fort Worth, Texas), and the D. D. from East Texas State University (Nacadoches, Texas).

Hartsell and Ina adopted two sons. Robert Eugene, born December 9, 1960, is a graduate of Emory University (Atlanta, Georgia). Earl Mason, born January 13, 1968, and adopted while the Grubbs were at Little River, is in high school.

JESSE ARTEMUS BAILEY, SR.

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August 1970 - December 1983

Jesse Artemus Bailey, Sr. was born October 21, 1935, in Pensacola, Florida, to Artemus and Syble Price Bailey. His father died while Jesse was pastor at Little River. His mother lives in Pensacola. Jesse married Annie Louise (Lucy) Greeson June 8, 1957. Lucy was born September 30, 1936. Her parents

were Junious Greeson, who was killed in World War II, and Ella Blythe Greeson Long, who died while the Baileys were at Little River. Lucy Bailey's stepfather, Melvin W. Long, lives at Roxboro. Jesse A. (Jay) Bailey, Jr. born January 15, 1963, is in the Air Force; he was married to Donna Greene of Flat Rock while his father was pastor at Little River.

J. A. Bailey, Sr. became a Christian in March 1951, was licensed to preach by his home church (Pleasant Grove Baptist, Pensacola) in April 1952, and was ordained by the Pleasant Grove Church November 8, 1959.

Jesse received a B.A. in history from Carson-Newman College (Jefferson City, Tennessee) and a B.D. from New Orleans (Louisiana) Baptist Theological Seminary. Lucy received an A.A. from Campbell (then a junior college) at Buies Creek and a B.A. in religious education from Carson-Newman.

While a student, Rev. Bailey had pastorates in Arkansas and Louisiana and served in Chicago, Illinois, as a summer missionary with the Home Mission Board. Full time pastorates before his coming to Little River were at Broussard (Louisiana) First Baptist Church (1960-1963); Mt. Pleasant Church, Hayesville (1963-1968); and Green's Creek Church, Sylva (1968-1970). He was active in associational work in the associations of which these churches are a part.

On February 1, 1970, the following were elected as members of a pulpit committee at Little River Church: John Bradley, Ray Keener, Ted Whitmire, Gola Hudgins, and Martha Sue Mackey (Blythe). Rev. Jesse Bailey was called as pastor June 14. He and Mrs. Bailey united with the church August 2, the Sunday Jesse preached his first sermon as pastor.

In 1971 and in 1972, Jesse Bailey participated in evangelism efforts in Jamacia, supported financially by Little River Church. In April 1974, the church financed "a trip for the pastor to Mexico to tour the mission field."

On August 21, 1977, the church and community surprised the Baileys "with a new Dodge station wagon showing them our appreciation." In 1982 Jesse and Lucy were provided a trip to Israel.

In 1974 Arthur Bishop, a student at Fruitland served as student-associate pastor. During each summer of 1978-1983, a college student served as a youth worker for ten weeks. Children's worship was begun in 1974. John K. Bradley and Jerry Merrill were among the workers early in this ministry; Martha Blythe worked for a number of years. A week-day preschool kindergarten was begun in the fall of 1982.

On August 14, 1977, a note-burning during homecoming celebrated the church's being free of debt on the church

building. The brick wall extending from the utility building was built in 1977. The parking lot was paved in 1978. Pew cushions were purchased in 1979 in memory of Martin Shipman and Joseph Baynard. The old church bus was sold to Grace Baptist Church in 1972, and in 1979 a new Dodge van was bought. The bell tower was constructed in 1983 and dedicated at homecoming. A portion of the cost of the bell tower was financed by memorials to Dola Shipman and P. L. McMahon.

Sunday morning worship services at Little River Campground were begun in 1978 and continue to be held each summer, beginning in May and going through Labor Day weekend. The annual senior citizens' day honoring those sixty years old and over has been celebrated every year since 1975.

Jesse Bailey was very active in the Transylvania Baptist Association, serving on the General Board of the State Convention for six years (as he had earlier represented Region 10 for three years). He was moderator of the association three years.

He served as president of the Transylvania County Ministerial Association, as secretary-treasurer and as president of The Transylvania Baptist Pastor's Conference, as a volunteer chaplain and chairman of the chaplains at Transylvania Community Hospital, and as chaplain of Little River Volunteer Fire Department (of which he was a charter member).

Jesse A. Bailey resigned as pastor on November 27, 1983, (effective December 25) to accept the pastorate of Macedonia Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

RONALD LOUIS RYAN

Pastorate to begin in August 1984

The pastor search committee introduced Ronald and Linda Ryan to the church at an informal open house in the fellowship hall on Saturday, June 9, 1984. On June 10, the choir sang a special arrangement of "The Old Rugged Cross," and Rev. Ryan preached a message entitled "The Dynamics of the Cross" during the Sunday morning worship service, after which the church extended a call to Ronald L. Ryan to become the pastor.

The Ryans accepted the call of the church and responded that morning at the close of the worship service. Rev. Ryan expressed his sincere appreciation for the prayers of the pulpit committee and the church. He also said he believed the Lord had led in all things and that God's will had brought them and the church together stating, "The promise of Colossians 1:9-10 is one that we may claim together as we plan to be co-laborers together with Christ."

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Hartsell Grubbs
1965-1970



Jesse Bailey
1970-1983



Ronald Ryan
1984

