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Elkin Pastor Turns Down

By JOHN LILES
Special to The Observer

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President's Staff Job Offer

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First Baptist Calls Pastor

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The Rev. Flay S. Price, associate minister, is serving as interim pastor.

Chaplain Campbell is now serving in the U.S. Army and is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. During five years of service he has been at the following duty assignments: USATC (Infantry), HQ 2nd Training Brigade, Fort Jackson, S.C.; HQ 3rd Infantry Division Support Command, Wurtsburg, Germany; and from November, 1969, to November, 1970, HQ 43rd Signal Battalion, Republic of Vietnam.

Before entering military service, he served pastorates at Auburn Baptist Church, Auburn, Georgia; Sandy Creek Baptist Church, Louisburg, N.C.; and as assistant pastor and Director of Youth at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N.C.

CHAPLAIN CAMPBELL graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Bachelor of Divinity Degree in 1963 and was a candidate for a Masters in Theology

from the same seminary in 1964.

While serving in the Army he has received two Bronze Stars, Meritorious Service Medal, Purple Heart, Republic of Vietnam-Technical Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Ten Year Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Award, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, and the Vietnamese Service Ribbon with three Battle Stars.

Chaplain Campbell is married to the former Virginia Wilson of Gainesville, Georgia. They have three children; Dwane Jr., 11; Marcia Renee, 10; and Gregory Brian, 8. The family will move to Elkin at the end of the school year.

Elizabethtown: Bladen Journal
Elkin Tribune
Enfield Progress
Farmville Enterprise
Fairmont: Times-Messenger
Forest City Courier
Franklin Press
Franklinton Post
Fuquay Springs: Independent
Gatesville: Gates Co. Index
Gibsonville: News
Graham: Alamance News
Granite Falls Press
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Dwane R. Campbell, born 15 May 1938, in Gainesville, Georgia, is the son of Hugh D. Campbell and Ina Wilson Campbell.



DWANE R. CAMPBELL

His wife, Virginia W. Campbell, born 20 December 1938, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson, also of Gainesville, Georgia. Mrs. Campbell attended Lyman Hall High School and the University of Georgia. The Campbells were married 25 March 1956 and have 3 children: Dwayne Jr. (11), Marcia Renee (10), and Gregory Brian (8).

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Lyman Hall High School - 1955

University of Georgia - 1960

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary - 1963
B.D.

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary - 1964
TH.M.

PASTORATES:

Auburn Baptist Church, Auburn, Georgia - 1956-1960

Sandy Creek Baptist Church, Louisburg, North Carolina - 1961-1964

Snyder Memorial Baptist Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina (Assistant Pastor) - 1964-1965

United States Army Chaplain Corp - 1966-1971

Pastor, Elkin First Baptist Church - June 1971-

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

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 Nov 66-Nov 69 HQ 3rd Infantry Division Support Command, Wurtzburg, Germany.
 Nov 69-Nov 70 HQ 43rd Signal Battalion, Republic of Vietnam.
 Nov 70 HQ 5th Engineer Battalion (Combat), Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

HOBBIES AND SPECIAL INTEREST: The Campbells enjoy participating in activities as a family group. Camping, hunting, fishing, canoeing and traveling are listed as "favorite activities". During their tour in the Federal Republic of Germany, the Campbells traveled extensively throughout Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Spain, Andorra, Italy and Denmark. Their visits included three visits inside Communist East Germany.

VISITORS RECOGNIZED, 1971

Luther Ozment, Area Missionary, Sylva, N. C.
 Troy Harmon, Gardner Webb College, Boiling Springs, N. C.
 A. D. Harmon, Friendship Baptist Church, Elkin, N. C.
 Dr. W. K. McGee, Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C.
 William Poole, Baptist Homes for the Aging
 Rev. Issac Terrell, N. C. Children's Home

Messengers, 1971

Belview: George Shepherd, Victor Jones, Virginia Warden, Roy Church, Juanita Church.
 Laurel Springs: Mrs. Bernice Thomas, Van Miller, Mrs. E. W. Shepherd
 Liberty: Mrs. A. O. Joines, Andrew Cleary, J. K. Blum, Mrs. J. K. Blum, Mrs. Ray Caudill, Mrs. Andrew Cleary
 Mt. Carmel: Melvin Miles, Gene Crouse, Bill Shaw, Junior Walker, Stewart Lyons
 New Hope: Donald Musgrove, Greek Halsey, Frank Roupe, Huston Wyatt, Bob Dolinger
 New River: Mrs. Bessie Rector: Mrs. Albert Osborne, Mrs. Herschel Johnson, Robert Andrews, Mollie Pollard

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THE REV. AND MRS. DWANE CAMPBELL and their children, Dwane Jr. (Standing at left), Marcia Renee, and Gregory Brian.

New Pastor To Begin

The Rev. Dwane R. Campbell will preach his first sermon as the new pastor of Elkin First Baptist Church this Sunday.

The Rev. Mr. Campbell, who accepted the position in March, will assume his pastoral duties Tuesday, June 1.

On Friday of this week, a reception honoring Mr. Campbell and his family will be held in the church fellowship hall from 8 to 10 p.m. The public is invited.

Mr. Campbell, who is 33, is a native of Gainesville, Georgia, and comes to Elkin from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he has been stationed for the past seven months as a

United States Army chaplain with the rank of Captain. He served a year's tour of duty in Vietnam.

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Mr. Campbell succeeds the Rev. J. Parker McLendon who resigned the Elkin pastorate last July to become superintendent of Mills Home, the Baptist Children's Home in Thomasville. Since that time, the Rev. Flay Price, the church's associate pastor, has served as interim pastor.

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 Granite Falls Press
 Greensboro: Democrat

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Local minister Dwane Campbell is elected to high Baptist post

By GRAHAM WILLIAMS
Staff Reporter

The pastor of Elkin's First Baptist Church has been elected president of the Baptist State Convention's General Board.

The Rev. **Elkin**
Dwane R.

Campbell, 40, was elected by acclamation during the board's regular winter meeting last month in Raleigh. In addition, Campbell will

serve as chairman of the General Board Executive Committee, the major policy committee of the state Baptist body.

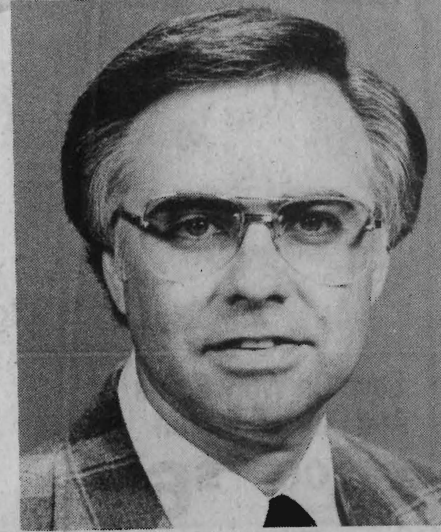
"I'm a little awed," Campbell said of his election for a one-year term. "This promises to be one of the most historical years in Baptist history and the North Carolina convention. I look forward to it."

Among Campbell's duties will be to seek a solution to differences

between the convention and Wake Forest University.

"We must find a resolution of the Wake Forest-convention problem and all the issues that dispute raises for all our Baptist schools," Campbell said. "At the same time, the ongoing work of 3,600 churches in North Carolina is to be considered, also. A great deal is being done by the staff of the convention to help the

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DWANE CAMPBELL
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Campbell added that he hopes the convention and Wake Forest trustees can get together and talk out their problems.

"I hope the recent action of the convention to withhold funds and place them in escrow will enable us to sit down and really identify the areas of disagreement between us," he said. "We have tended to gloss over the major differences."

He also expressed hope that ties between the convention and Wake Forest would not be broken permanently.

"We want to see if a relationship can be maintained and if not, we will have to face the inevitable," he said.

"Right now, we are in a period of transition and I don't know how it will come out. I hope it won't come to

a divorce."

Campbell said he had always had a good relationship with Wake Forest officials and that he wanted to keep it that way.

"I'm hoping for the best for the convention and the university," he said. "In conversation with Dr. (Ralph) Scales and the board of trustees, I have always had an open dialogue. We've been able to settle our differences as reasonable men. I hope to come to a happy solution for the convention and the school."

Having been a member of the General Board, which is the ruling body between conventions, Campbell said he realizes that his election as president of the board presents him with problems which he must now try to solve.

"You inherit a lot and there's not a lot you can do about it," he said.

Elkin minister says no to Carter's offer

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By VIRTIE STROUP
Sentinel Religion Reporter

An Elkin minister has turned down the chance to be President Carter's aide on religious affairs.



DWANE CAMPBELL

The Rev. Dr. Dwane Campbell, president of the Baptist State Convention's General Board, considers it an honor "to have been considered" for the post, but he wants to remain in Elkin. He has been pastor of First Baptist Church there for eight years.

"I feel committed to what I am now doing," Campbell said in a telephone interview.

He said a member of Carter's staff contacted him some weeks ago after his name "had been submitted as a possible candidate for a presidential staff officer." He officially said "no" to the offer this week.

He said the post, as he understands it, is an advisory position where he would have worked as a liaison for the president in the area of religious affairs and to religious leaders in the country.

Campbell said he gave the offer "serious consideration, but I must admit it did not weigh heavily on my mind. I have to feel pushed or pulled about a new work. I need to have a sense of fulfillment or a sense of call."

He said he did not feel that pull and he was not interested, at the moment, in living in Washington.

"Now if the president had called . . .," he said, jokingly.

He already knows one member of Carter's family. Ruth Carter Stapleton, the evangelist and author, was a member of Campbell's church in Fayetteville, Snyder Memorial Baptist, where he was associate pastor.

Campbell has served his country before. He was an Army chaplain in South Vietnam, in Franconia, Germany, northwest of Munich, and at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

He was planning a career as a chaplain when contacted by the Elkin church, but "I felt it was what I ought to do." It was at that point, he said, that his military chaplaincy had begun to be more paperwork.

"While paperwork is necessary," he conceded, "it was not my prime function for life. I wanted to work with people."

He said the person getting the presidential aide position, no doubt, will advise the president on trends in the religious life of America, "particularly where it involves political ramifications."

Campbell said he believes the president would like to enlist the Christian community's assistance in governmental causes.

One such cause, he said, is probably the SALT II agreement, "where the president wants support." Campbell's feelings on the agreement are this: "The strategic arms limit is going to be a factor for human survival in the future. I am not sure we've got a workable plan, but, at the moment, I suppose I would support the plan — with caution."

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new Wake Forest University-Baptist State Convention agreement means.

"The new relationship now gives both the convention and the university some breathing room," he wrote his congregation. "Both 'institutions' are now full-grown and one need not longer dominate the other. However, a new relationship is established in covenant and for the mutual benefit of each other.

"If the Wake Forest trustees approve this compromise at their meeting in December, then I feel that our church can with good conscience still support Wake Forest through our Cooperative Program gifts through the convention.

"If we approve designating the 6.04 percent of our Cooperative Program gifts in the new relationship, beginning Jan. 1, 1981, it

will not affect the amount of our gifts, but simply direct that this small amount continue to go to our great university as in the past."

In other words, he said, the new plan will not cost North Carolina Baptists any more than what they have been giving all along.

The plan was approved by the convention during its annual session earlier this month. The adopted plan was a compromise from the original presented by a special study committee, and approved by the university trustees. The plan will allow one-third of the school's trustees to be from "any evangelical Christian body," evangelical being the added word.

Benfield said he hopes his congregation will vote to continue to support Wake Forest since the convention will continue to elect all trustees and "our convention will continue to work with Wake Forest . . . Wake Forest will remain a Christian university, with close ties to North Carolina Baptists and with very high academic excellence and standing."

WFU Plan

The Rev. Ray W. Benfield, pastor of Lindley Park Baptist Church in Greensboro and former pastor of Peace Haven Baptist Church here, has an easy way to explain to his members what the

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