



REV. LATT BESHEARS

Call Accepted By Minister

Rev. Latt Beshears of Charlotte has accepted a call to become pastor of Oakdale Baptist Church on the Mocksville Highway.

Mr. Beshears is now pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Charlotte and will assume his duties at the Oakdale church on February 14. He will live at 611 North Bost Street, Statesville.

The minister attended Mars Hill College, Lenoir Rhyne College and has done some work at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest. He has held various denominational positions such as associational Sunday school superintendent, adult department superintendent and president of the Pastor's Conference.

He has also served as a member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention. He has worked in several state enlargement campaigns. Mrs. Beshears has also been active in church work.

Mr. and Mrs. Beshears have two married daughters, Mrs. Peggy Jane Harris of Gainesville, Ga., and Mrs. Beverly Kathleen Cook of North Wilkesboro. Both are graduates of Mars Hill College.

STATESVILLE RECORD & LANDMARK

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East Hickory



Homecoming day will be observed at East Hickory Baptist church Sunday, climaxing a week of revival services.

The Rev. Latt Beshears (above), a former pastor of East Hickory, will deliver the message at the 11 o'clock worship service. He is presently pastor of Oakdale Baptist church at Statesville.

Lunch will be served at the noon hour, and a cordial invitation is extended to all who would like to attend the services and fellowship with friends.

There will be no night services at the church Sunday, it was announced.

Hickory Daily Record

High Point Enterprise
Jacksonville Daily News
Kannapolis Independent
Kinston Free Press
Lenoir News-Topic
Lexington Dispatch
Lumberton Robesonian
Morganton News-Herald
New Bern Sun-Journal
Raleigh News & Observer
Raleigh Times
Reidsville Review
Rockingham: Richmond Co. Journal

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REV. LATT BESHEARS

Local Pastor Is Resigning

Rev. Latt Beshears, pastor of Oakdale Baptist Church for four years, resigned Sunday to become superintendent of mission in LaGrange, Ga.

His resignation will become effective January 12.

During his service at the church 70 members have been added and total gifts have amounted to \$81,344. Of this amount \$13,270 was given to missions. Church property improved.

He has served two years as associational superintendent for South Yadkin Baptist Association, has been president of the Pastor's Conference and has served on various committees.

Shelby Star
Statesville Record & Landmark

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Revival Scheduled By Claremont Church

Revival services will begin at the First Baptist Church, Claremont, Monday, August 19 and continue through Sunday, August 25.

The Rev. Latt Beshears, pastor of the church, will lead the singing, with Mrs. Emmett Huffman from Startown Baptist Church as organist. Beginning at 7:15 p.m. each evening, there will be 15 minutes of organ music and the song service will begin at 7:30 p.m. There will be no services on Saturday or Sunday evenings.



Rev. Latt Beshears

Homecoming will be observed on Sunday. The church will declare itself free from debt and have a note burning. Dinner will be served at one o'clock in the recreation building.

The public is invited to attend the revival services and all former members of the church are invited to the dinner. The nursery will be open at all services for children under four years of age.

Murphy: Cherokee Scout
Nashville Graphic
Newland: Avery Journal
Newton Observer & News-Enterprise
North Wilkesboro: Journal Patriot
Oxford Ledger
Pilot Mountain News
Pittsboro: Chatham Record
Plymouth: Roanoke Beacon
Raeford: News-Journal
Raleigh: Carolinian

AUG 16 1968

Accepts Call



The Rev. Latt Beshears (above) will assume the pastorate of Abee's Grove Baptist Church near Valdese Jan. 1.

The Rev. Mr. Beshears is a native of Wilkes County. For the past several years he has been serving as superintendent of missions in LaGrange, Ga. He has also served churches in North Carolina and Virginia and is a former member of the general board of the North Carolina Baptist Convention.

Mrs. Beshears is the former Rose Waters of Boone. The Rev. and Mrs. Beshears have two daughters, Mrs. James Troy Harris of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. James W. Cook of North Wilkesboro.

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Assumes Pastorate

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Trenton: Jones Journal
Troy: Montgomery Herald
Valdese News
Wadesboro: Anson Record
Wadesboro: Messenger & Intelligencer
Wake Forest: Wake Weekly
Wallace Enterprise
Walnut Cove: Stokes Record

12-16-71



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Morganton News-Herald
New Bern Sun-Journal
Raleigh News & Observer
Raleigh Times
Reidsville Review
Rockingham: Richmond Co. Journal

12-20-71

Beshears Called To Carolina Baptist Assn.



Rev. Latt Beshears

The Carolina Baptist Association has called the Reverend Latt Beshears as superintendent of missions to replace Reverend Guthrie Colvard who retired last August. The Association is made up of 55 churches in Henderson and Polk Counties with a combined membership of 15,000.

Reverend Beshears is a graduate of Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N.C., and attended Lenoir-Rhyne College, Lenoir, N.C., and Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. He has served as pastor at Madison Seminary Baptist Church while attending Mars Hill College; East Hickory Baptist Church, Hickory; Boger City Baptist Church, Lincolnton; Hillcrest Baptist Church, Char-

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lotte; Oakdale Baptist Church, Statesville; and comes from the Abbee's Grove Baptist Church, Valdese. Mr. Beshears has served as superintendent of missions in the Troup County Baptist Association, LaGrange, Georgia, and in various denominational capacities including serving on the General Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

Reverend Beshears and his wife, the former Rose Waters, are the parents of two married daughters, Peggy Jane living in Atlanta and Beverly Kathleen living in North Wilkesboro.

Mr. Beshears will assume his duties shortly after February 16. He and his wife will reside at 3106 Brevard Road, Hendersonville.

Wadesboro Southerner
Thomasville Times
Tryon Bulletin

At Abbee's Grove

Rev. Latt Beshears Resigns Pastorate

The Rev. Latt Beshears, nearing the end of four years as pastor of Abbee's Grove Baptist Church, announced Tuesday that he has resigned.

Rev. Beshears has accepted a call to be director of Missions in the Carolina Baptist Association in Hendersonville. Before coming to Abbee's Grove church, he served in a similar position in LaGrange, Ga.

Rev. Beshears, under whose leadership Abbee's Grove Church has enjoyed progressive years, has served East Hickory Baptist Church, Boger City Baptist Church in Lincolnton, Hillcrest Baptist Church in Charlotte and the Oakdale Baptist Church in Statesville.

His last service at Abbee's Grove Baptist Church will be on February 16. He assumes his new duties shortly after that.



Rev. Beshears

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Troy: Montgomery Herald
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Wadesboro: Anson Record
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Wake Forest: Wake Weekly

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Minister In Valdese Plans To Leave Post

VALDESE — Rev. Latt Beshears, in his fourth year serving the Abbee's Grove Baptist Church in Valdese, resigned Jan. 19 at the morning worship hour. He will assume the work of Director of Missions in the Carolina Baptist Association and will be living in Hendersonville. His resignation will be effective at the close of the morning service Feb. 16.

The Rev. Mr. Beshears was ordained at the Penelope Baptist Church and has served the East Hickory Baptist Church, Boger City Baptist Church in Lincolnton, Hillcrest Baptist Church in Charlotte, Oakdale Baptist Church in Statesville and has been director of Missions in LaGrange, Ga.

He also served on the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and is involved with the Sunday School department

of the Baptist State Convention in Enlargement Campaigns throughout the state.

Hendersonville: Times-News
Hickory Daily Record
High Point Enterprise
Jacksonville Daily News
Kannapolis Independent
Kinston Free Press
Lenoir News Topic
Lexington Dispatch
Lumberton: Robesonian
Morganton News-Herald
New Bern: Sun-Journal
Norfolk: Virginia Pilot
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Beshears to speak

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HENDERSONVILLE — French Broad Baptist, 182 Grandview Lane, will continue their year-long bicentennial celebration with the Latt Beshears as guest speaker on Sunday, March 3, for the 11 a.m. worship service.



Beshears

Since retiring as director of missions of the Carolina Baptist Association, Beshears has served 14 churches as interim pastor. He serves as director of the senior citizens in his local church near Millers Creek and has been in several revivals since retirement.

The Rev. Mervin J. Garrison, pastor of the church, invites the public to attend. A nursery will be provided.

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Homecoming. Photograph of Latt Beshears,
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pastorate was at Matoaka Baptist in Matoaka, West Virginia (left in 1976). Died October 12, 1984. Mrs. Sigmon (Bessie) and the two sons live in Princeton, West Virginia; she enjoys visits back to Hickory to visit relatives. (Information obtained by Mae Fleming.)

✓ Rev. Latt Beshears - December 12, 1943: "Next Sunday Latt Beshears will preach. In Mars Hill preparing for the ministry." Latt was active earlier in the year of 1943 at Penelope - elected deacon in 1943, helped with the RAs and helped Blaine lead the singing. Latt was baptized at Penelope October 23, 1938. He was examined by the ordaining committee of the South Fork Association on July 14, 1944, and the ordination service was held at Penelope on July 16, 1944. Before year end, he was pastor of Beach Glen Baptist Church. When he preached at Penelope on May 5, 1946, he was still in school at Mars Hill.

Rev. V. C. Martin - V. C. Martin and his wife, Roberta, attended Penelope Church in the late '30s and early 1940s. Mrs. Martin is the aunt of Mrs. Anne Phillips. V. C. Martin was serving as one of Penelope's ushers in 1939 and served as Sunday School Superintendent for the year 1939-40. Mr. Martin was ordained after leaving Penelope (ordained at East Hickory Baptist Church) and has served as a pastor for a number of years. He was instrumental in building Sandy Ridge Baptist Church in Hickory.

Rex Lockhart graduated from Mars Hill (July 2, 1944) entering Wake Forest. June 1946 - "Rev. Isaac Rex Lockhart graduated from Wake Forest, ordained at Penelope September 1946 - to enter seminary at Louisville, KY.

Rev. D. H. Conner, Sr. - Ordained minister at Penelope for a number of years - 1940s, 1950s.

Rev. Wade Nelson Bryant (December 11, 1895 - May 18, 1980) - Rev. and Mrs. Bryant came to Penelope in the early 1950s. Rev. Bryant had been ordained at Lower Creek Baptist Church in Lenoir, had attended Mars Hill College and Fruitland Bible Institute, and he had

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 AT OAKDALE BAPTIST CHURCH by: Mildred
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Children's Council

The Youth Council, a Children's Council was formed for the children. The following persons are the newly organized committee: Cathy and Roy and Phyllis Pegram, and Steve and the church's pastor, the members of this are capable individuals. They organize worship, bible studies and field trips. Working with youth worker Mildred Ann Galloway, a visit is at home from Brevard and conducts a planned for school vacation will be to the Tanglewood and Tweetsie. Future plans committee.

New Committees

Added to Oakdale's officers in 1987. In determining areas where the church and families facing a crisis situation. The committee will assign persons to help new and learn about activities in the church. Important as the area around Oakdale sees potential for even more rapid growth in the known as the accounting committee, will be and preparing the weekly bank deposit.

Pastors



Thomas L. Reese
Mission Pastor
Jan. 5 - April 30, 1961



Joe T. Whitworth
May 1, 1961 -
December 9, 1964



Latt Beshears
February 14, 1965 -
January 12, 1969



Norman Joyner
February 1, 1969 -
February 13, 1977