



Rev. Tripp Ordained At Local Church

Tommy Tripp of Grifton Rt. 2, pastor of the Arlington Street Baptist Church in Greenville for the past four months, was ordained to the gospel ministry in a service at the Calvary Baptist Chapel near Kinston recently.

The 3 p.m. ceremony which began with the congregation singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," accompanied by Eugene Hager at the piano, drew more than 100 persons.

Rev. Kenneth Singley, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church in Kinston, offered the invocation. Song leader John Houghton welcomed the group on behalf of the host church. M. L. Fisher reported for the Neuse Baptist Association's Advisory Committee and Evelyn Pope gave the report for the Calvary Baptist Chapel.

Rev. Ray K. Hodge, pastor of the Kinston First Baptist Church,

delivered the ordination sermon. He challenged Tripp to take the calling seriously and to serve as the gospel messenger in the highest traditions of New Testament leadership. His pastor, Rev. Howard Carlton of Calvary Chapel, gave the formal charge from the church.

Rev. William Brown of Snow Hill, formerly of Grifton, gave a charge to the church to support the minister and to live at peace within their group. Rev. Warren Tyndall of Kennedy Home presented Tripp with a Bible from the chapel membership. Eugene Hager director of missions of the Neuse Association offered the ordination prayer.

Ministers in attendance concluded the ceremony with traditional laying on of hands. A reception at the home of the minister's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Tripp of Grifton Rt. 2, followed the ceremony.



NEW MINISTER

Tommy Tripp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Tripp Sr. of Grifton Rt. 2, was recently licensed to the ministry at Calvary Baptist Church in Kinston. Tripp will be starting his sophomore year at Mount Olive this fall. He is majoring in history and religion, and is a member of B.S.U. and Phil Theta Kappa. Tripp is a 1974 graduate of North Lenoir High School.

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
Raleigh: News & Observer
Raleigh Times
Reidsville Review

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As May 3 Primary nears, more candidates seeking office

Lenoir County

The following press release was issued by Tommy Tripp:

Tommy Tripp, a 1974 graduate of North Lenoir High School, recently filed for the Republican nomination for the 3rd district Lenoir County Commissioner race.

After graduating from Mount Olive College in 1976, he continued his degree program at Campbell College, where he graduated cum laude with a bachelors degree in Religion and a teaching certificate in Bible.

While he was in college, Tommy was the President of Kappa Chi (religious organization), President of the Baptist Student Union, Vice President of the Phi Theta Kappa (honors or academic organization), a Bryan Scholar, a college marshal, and member of the Henderson Science Club, as well as the College Republicans.

He has been active in the Young Republican Party of Lenoir

County.

Because of his own personal commitment to education (Tommy has taught school for nine years), Tommy Tripp sees education as one of the most important issues of our day. "We must do a better job to insure that the educational opportunities afforded our children are not only equal to, but exceed the minimum state requirements. We cannot afford to do any less for our children."

Presently, Tommy is the pastor of First Baptist Church, Pink Hill, and a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary working on a master of Divinity Degree.

"Two things I promise to the citizens of the third district and to Lenoir County are (1) I will not support any increase in the property taxes (ad valorem) that you and I have to pay, and (2) I will be available to hear your concerns, suggestion, and and comments.

"Together, we can make Lenoir County a better place to live, work, and enjoy life.

In Jones County

Barry W. Jones filed for reelection to the Jones County Board of Education recently and issued the following press release:

"The present term has been a very satisfying experience due to the fact that so many improvements have been implemented in the school system. The superintendent is working closely with the Board and the faculty and a good team had been developed.

In the past four years, for the very first time, Jones County Schools have been fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. This is more than just a plaque on the wall. This sends the message that our instructional facilities and personnel measure up to those in the surrounding counties.

Also, recent personnel changes in some key positions have afforded our schools a closer relationship

between parents and the school which in turn have enabled the Board of Education to better deal with some disciplinary problems which, for some reason, have eluded control before.

Another important aspect has been flexible funding. This has allowed the Board to spend monies in a manner which has helped serve the needs of the county and our children.

In contrast to some other opinions, it is felt that the Board has done the best possible with the very limited resources rather than cast aside something just because it has some age on it.

The Board has implemented a long-range plan for updating buildings which will enable all children to study in relative comfort. A good example of this is the Comfort School building. This facility first taught many of our grandparents but through renovation, which cost a fraction of the

price of a new building, this school will be in good shape for another 10 to 15 years allowing the county time to re-assess the situation and make in-depth plans later.

The next anticipated project is to air-condition the Trenton Elementary School as well as construct a new facility at Pollocksville. If our children are required to attend school more than the present nine months air-conditioning will allow them to study in comfort. As buildings are insulated and a few others changes made, less money will be spent in the long run.

The present board has a very good working relationship with each other and the Administration. I urge you, as responsible citizens, to return me as an incumbent to the Board of Education. I assure you that I will continue to work for the best interest of all children as well as all citizens in Jones County. Your vote will be greatly appreciated on May 3, 1988." c

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BAPTIST BIOGRAPHY DATA FORM

Please read carefully the *Instruction Sheet* and then list the appropriate information as it directs.

1. NAME Tripp Tommy Cecil
(Last) (First) (Second)

Give full names. For a married woman please put maiden name in parentheses.

[EXAMPLE: Cole, Mary Ann (Smith).]

2. BIRTH Lenoir Memorial Hospital Lenoir N.C. 8/22/56
(Place) (County) (State) (Date)

DEATH _____

3. PARENTS Gerald Brewster Tripp Jr. and Peggy Lou (Huggins) Tripp
[EXAMPLE: Alec Joe Doaks and Lucy Mae (Brown) Doaks]

Father's occupation Machinist Mother's occupation Housewife

4. BROTHERS (4) List full names and year of birth _____
(Living or deceased) Number

Gerald Brewster Tripp, Jr. - Jan. 30, 1948 Danny Allen Tripp - Feb. 27, 1954
David Benjamin Tripp - Oct. 20, 1950 Stevie Leroy Tripp - Dec. 8, 1959

5. SISTERS () List full names and year of birth _____
(Living or deceased) Number

6. CHILDHOOD RESIDENCE: (Please list each residence of 3 years duration or more, up to the time of the 18th birthday)

Type of Community	Post Office	County	State	Dates
Rural (R); town under 2500 pop. (T); city 2500 or more pop. (C). Check one.				

R ☒	T ☐	C ☐	<u>Rt. 2 Box 357</u>	<u>Lenoir</u>	<u>N.C.</u>	<u>1956-'83</u>
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7. EDUCATION:

Grammar school: Graduate? Yes (✓) No () Year graduated 1970

High school: Graduate? Yes (✓) No () Year graduated 1974

School attended: North Lenoir LaGrange N.C.
(Name) (Place) (State)

(Whether graduate or not; if more than one was attended, show the last one.)

College: Years attended: None () One () 2-3 () Graduate (✓)

Whether graduated or not, list college(s) attended:

(EXAMPLE: 1935-'38)

<u>Mount Olive</u>	<u>Mt. Olive</u>	<u>N.C.</u>	<u>1974-'76</u>	<u>A.A.</u>
(Name)	(Place)	(State)	(Years attended)	(Degree)

<u>Campbell</u>	<u>Buies Creek</u>	<u>N.C.</u>	<u>1976-'78</u>	<u>B.A. (Religion)</u>
(Name)	(Place)	(State)	(Years attended)	(Degree)

Graduate-level: List college(s), seminary(ies), etc. attended; earned degrees

(Name)	(Place)	(State)	(Years attended)	(Degree)

8. SPECIAL AWARDS OR RECOGNITION RECEIVED: (Honorary degrees, such as: D.D., Howard College, 1948; citations, such as: *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, 1939; honorary positions, such as: "Man of the Year"—Pryor, Okla., 1943; etc.) Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities (1978)
Who's Who in American Junior Colleges (1976)

9. MARITAL INFORMATION:

Spouse	Birthdate of Spouse	Place of Marriage (Town and State)	Date of Marriage
(1) _____	_____	_____	_____
(2) _____	_____	_____	_____

Number of children (). List their full names and birthdates: (an example of a married daughter would be: Mrs. John Alan (Mary Lou) Ross, 3-7-1918)

10. VOCATIONAL HISTORY (List all vocations, occupations, trades, or professions engaged in for two or more years) Teacher, umpire, agricultural scout,
stock clerk

11. RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE:

Conversion _____ (Date) 12 (Age) Baptism _____ (Date) Granger Missionary Baptist (Church) Kinston, N.C. (Location of Church)

List any church, other than Baptist, with which formerly affiliated

Ordained as: Minister (✓) Deacon () Other _____
9/17/78 (Date ordained) Calvary Baptist (Church) Kinston (Place) N.C. (State)

12. LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITY, *UNSALARIED* (Place the *number of years service*, in the space provided, for each office ever held.)

Gen. Supt., Director, President	Dept. Supt., Director, Circle Chm.	Teacher, Counselor, Sponsor, Leader	List below other offices or service, such as: Sec., Assoc. Supt., etc.	Other Offices (give number of years service)
S.S. <u>1</u>		<u>8</u>	<u>Honorary Associate</u>	Deacon _____ Ch. Treas. _____ Trustee _____ Ch. Library _____ Usher _____ Ch. Recreation <u>1</u> Ch. Clerk _____ Choir Mem. <u>1</u> Other _____ Choir Direc. _____ Ch. Committee Chm. _____
T.U. _____			<u>Pastor of Granger</u>	List completed Study Course diplomas (Indicate related organizations, such as: S.S., T.U., etc.) _____
V.B.S. _____			<u>Missionary Baptist Church</u>	_____
Broth. _____				_____
W.M.U. _____				_____

13. DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE, *UNSALARIED*. (Please list positions held in Baptist associations, conventions (state or Southern), national and world-wide organizations, such as; moderator, president, clerk, trustee, board, commission or committee members; etc.)

Example: S.S. Superintendent Bethel Association Kentucky 1942-1944
(Position) (Organization, board, agency, etc.) (State) (Date)

14. TO BE FILLED OUT ONLY BY THOSE WHO ARE, OR HAVE BEEN, IN SALARIED CHURCH-RELATED VOCATIONS. (Including pastors, denominational workers, missionaries, ministers of education and music, church secretaries, faculty members or employees of Baptist institutions, agencies, etc.)

TYPE AND LENGTH OF SERVICE: List all positions of such service with one or more years of duration; check F (full-time) or P (part-time). Examples:

(Position)	(Church, agency, area, institution, place of service)	(Date of service)
F ☐ P ☒ 1. pastor	County Line Baptist Church, Turkey Creek, La.	1925-1929
F ☒ P ☐ 2. missionary	Ogbomosho, Nigeria, W. Africa	1930-1952
F ☒ P ☐ Pastor	First Baptist Church, Pink Hill, N.C.	JAN., 1983
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15. OTHER TYPES OF RELIGIOUS SERVICE: (In associations, assemblies, colleges, conventions (state or Southern), national or world-wide meetings, such as: speaker, music director, committee chairman, etc.)

(Position)	(Place of Service)	(Date of Service)
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16. AUTHORSHIP (Include books, booklets, lesson courses or curriculum material, and tracts) (Book, item, etc.) (Publisher) (Date published)

_____	_____	_____
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17. CLUB OR GROUP MEMBERSHIP: (Service organizations, fraternal, P.T.A., Civic, etc.) List important positions of leadership held

18. HOBBIES AND LEISURE INTERESTS:

Favorite Sports (baseball, basketball, Others football, bowling)

19. PUBLIC SERVICE: (Military, educational, political, etc. not previously listed)

Member of Young Republicans

The information for items #1-19 has been filled in by Rev. Tommy Tripp

Mailing address Rt. 2 Box 357 Grifton, N.C. 28530

Sources used in compiling the information are: (Example: personal knowledge; minutes, Calvary Baptist Church, Wisner, La.; Court Records, Covich County, Miss.; etc.)

Personal Knowledge

DO YOU HAVE LETTERS, DIARIES,
PHOTOGRAPHS, OR OTHER MEMENTOES????

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