

Kenly Baptist Church Gets New Pastor

The Rev. James David Tucker has been selected as the new pastor of Kenly Baptist Church.

Mr. Tucker, a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, has already begun his new duties with the Kenly Church. He succeeds the Rev. George Knight, who resigned last month to accept the pastorate of a Baptist Church at Rowland.

The new minister and his family were scheduled to move this week into the Baptist parsonage in Kenly.

A 36-year-old native of Gastonia, Mr. Tucker received an associate in arts degree in 1970 from Brewton-Parker College in Mt. Vernon, Ga. He attended Georgia College in Milledgeville, Ga. in the fall of 1970 and was awarded a B.S. degree by Georgia Southern in Statesboro, Ga. in 1972.

Mr. Tucker was ordained in 1968 at Annie S. Page Memorial Baptist Church in Riddleville, Ga. He served as pastor of Midway Baptist Church in Baxley, Ga. in 1968-70 and Bay Branch Baptist Church in Sylvania, Ga. in 1970.

The minister is married to the former Frances Jones, 33-year-old native of Riddleville, Ga. They have three children: one son and two daughters.

Mrs. Tucker, who attended Georgia State College in Atlanta in 1968-69, Brewton-Parker College in 1969, and Georgia College in the fall of 1970, holds a B.S. degree from Georgia Southern in 1973. She is a teacher.

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Local Minister Being Cited As Baptist Leader

Dr. James D. Tucker, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Albemarle, for almost four years, has received



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notice that he is being listed in *The Official Register of Outstanding Americans, Special Edition of Southern Baptist Leaders, 1985-86.*

A native of Gastonia, Dr. Tucker received his education at Georgia-Southern College and Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest. He came to Albemarle from Asheville in August, 1982. He is married to the former Miss Frances Jones and they have three children: Rebecca Russell, David Tucker and Mary Tucker.

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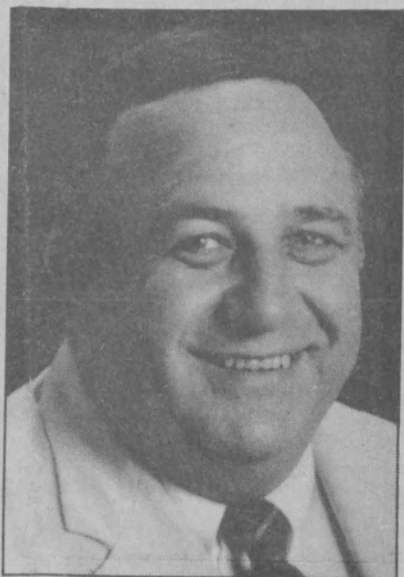
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291 Pastor of Grace Baptist announces retirement

Dr. James D. Tucker, who served as pastor of Grace Baptist Church, located at the corner of Edgemont St. and Salisbury Ave. announced retirement plans effective May 5. A reception will be held in his honor Sunday, June 2 from 2 until 4 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Members extend a cordial invitation to the community to attend.

He graduated from Georgia Southern College and earned his Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. During his 28 years in the ministry, he has served churches in Georgia and in Kenly and Asheville.

Rev. Tucker came to Grace Baptist Church in August 1982. He has been active in Stanly Baptist and Stanly County Ministerial associations, hospital and police chaplaincy, Rotary Club, Stanly County Corrections Unit, and has served on state and local committees.



Rev. James D. Tucker