

Forest Park Has Changes

Rondel
Forest Park Baptist
Congregation at 1994
Bloomfield Drive has a new
pastor as its former pastor
resigned to become an In-
dependent Baptist missionary
to Australia.

The Rev. John A. Baker,
33, served Forest Park for 14
months. He resigned Aug. 20
to join the staff of Association
of Baptist for World
Evangelism. After about a
year of deputation work and
seeking sponsors to support
the work, he and his wife will
be assigned to Australia.

They expect to leave for
their first four-year tour of
duty in December, 1973.
Meanwhile, they are living at
2518 Lomond Street. In ad-
dition to his deputation work,
Baker is in the construction
business for himself and his
wife, the former Vira Foster,
is an operator for Southern
Bell Telephone Co.

Baker's successor at Forest
Park is the Rev. Richard K.
Mathis, 30. He was ordained
on Oct. 21 at Goldfloss Baptist
Chapel. He has had a radio
ministry on WKBX for the
past five years. The half-hour
program is broadcast at 4:45
p.m. on Sundays.

Mathis came to this work
from Pleasant Fork Baptist
Mission where he served for
a year.

A native of Winston-Salem,
he is the son of Mr. and Mrs.
Roy E. Mathis of 3098 Old
Salisbury Road. He is married
to the former Barbara Ann
Levens of Lewisville,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
D. E. Hampton of Clemmons.
They have three children:
Diane, Kenneth and Annette.

The family lives at 1933 Old
Salisbury Road. Prior to his
ordination, Mathis was em-
ployed with Bowman Gray
School of Medicine for three
years in its maintenance
department.

The Bakers are natives of
Blue Ridge, Ga. He is a 1971
graduate of Piedmont Bible
College, where he received
the Th.B. degree. His first
attended Immanuel Baptist

College in Atlanta for two
years. Mrs. Baker graduated
last June with a three-year
diploma in Christian
education.

Prior to entering the
ministry "on the call of God,"
Baker worked in Atlanta with
General Motors Corp. for 10
years. The Bakers have three
children: Angela, 10; John
Allen Jr., 7, and Lydia, 5.