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New Parkton Baptist Minister And Family



Rev. Elmer L. Joyner of High Point became pastor of Parkton Baptist Church December 28th and preached his first sermon last Sunday. Mr. Joyner has served churches in Virginia but came to Parkton from Pearce Baptist Church in Zebulon, where he was pastor for three and one-half years. He received his B.A. degree from High Point College and his

B.D. degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, in 1962. He married the former Rebecca Ledwell of High Point and they have two children, Stephen 9 and Carole 4. From left, Mr. Joyner, Carole, Stephen and Mrs. Joyner. (Photo A. T. Johnson.)

X Pastors Portrait

By JOE McLEAN
Times Church Editor

Rev. Elmer L. Joyner, pastor of Pearce's Baptist Church near Zebulon, began getting experience for the ministry before he graduated from high school.

Rev. Joyner, then a student at High Point High School, worked part time in a High Point drug store.

"I wouldn't trade anything for the experience I gained while working in the drug store," Rev. Joyner continued. "You get to meet all kinds of people and see them as they really are."

The Franklin County minister worked for nine years in the drug store. He estimates that he averaged 50 hours a week in addition to his course load in college and high school.

His decision to enter the ministry came while he was a sophomore at High Point College. "I had been pointing toward a career as a teacher," he recalls. "But I made up my mind when I was a junior that I would enter the ministry."

A member of the North Main Baptist Church in High Point, Rev. Joyner served as youth pastor during the church's youth week. "That played a big role in my decision," he said.

"My wife had a great deal to do with the decision too," Rev. Joyner said. He married the former Becky Ledwell in his sophomore year at High Point.

He entered Southeastern Seminary when he graduated from High Point in 1959, and worked part time for a Raleigh based insurance company during two of his three years at the seminary.

Concluding his seminary



REV. ELMER L. JOYNER

studies in 1962, he went to Red Oak, Va., where he became pastor of a three-church field; The Antioch, Bethel and Wyliesburg churches.

He came to Pearce's Church in June 1964. Recalling his own experience as a youth minister, he has particularly emphasized this work at Pearce's church.

"It is really amazing what some of these high school students can do," he states. "I have had several of the high school students deliver 20-minute talks. And do a good job with it too."

Rev. Joyner is presently vice moderator of the Tar River Association and chairman of the missions committee for the association. In Red Oak, he belonged to the Ruritan Club. He is also a member of the Franklin County Ministerial Association.

In order to improve his sermons and his writing ability, Rev. Joyner is taking a three year writing course. He hopes to contribute some non-fiction articles to magazines and other periodicals in the future.

He also enjoys golf when he can find the time. Rev. and Mrs. Joyner are the parents of two children, Stephen, 8, and Carole, 4.

Raleigh Times
Reidsville Review
Rockingham: Richmond Co. Journal

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Local Pastor Attends Meet

Making local churches more effective in helping people deal with their problems was the subject of a course in practical christianity attended by the Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Lee Joyner of Eastlawn Baptist Church in Burlington.

The school, held at the Foundation for Christian Living in Pawling, N.Y., was attended by a hundred ministers and their wives from the United States and Canada.

The Rev. Joyner said the sessions encouraged him to involve lay people in matters beyond established church programs. He said the course is concerned with why some churches are more successful than others in helping people to live more creatively.

Other sessions are scheduled next year, in January, May, and October.

Burlington: Times-News
Chapel Hill Newspaper
Charlotte News
Charlotte Observer
Concord Tribune
Dunn Record
Durham Herald
Durham Sun
Elizabeth City Advance
Fayetteville Observer
Fayetteville Times
Gastonia Gazette
Goldsboro: News-Argus
Greensboro Daily News

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New Rich Square pastor prefers the country life

By TOM FORTNER
News-Editor

RICH SQUARE — Some men are built for the city; others for the slower paced life of the country.

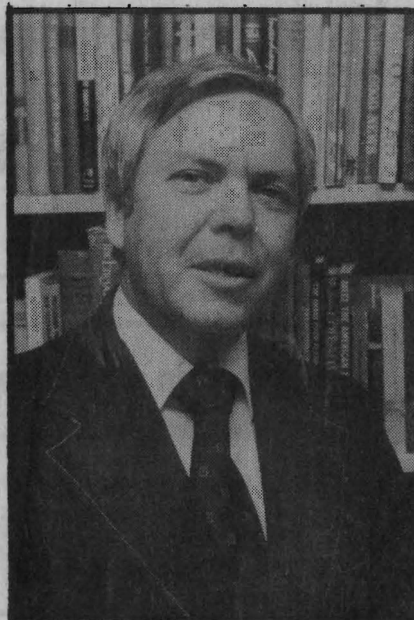
The new pastor of the Rich Square Baptist Church traded the power and prestige of a big city pastorate for time — time for people, time to reflect.

The Rev. Elmer Joyner, pastor of Eastlawn Baptist Church in Burlington for the last eight years, became the spiritual leader of the smaller church here in late September. Joyner replaced the Rev. Harold L. Rumfelt, who moved to Durham.

Administration of Joyner's church in Burlington, 450 members strong, simply left too little time for the kind of close contact with people that most pastors thrive on. In Burlington Joyner's church held three weekly services, ran a seven-day-a-week day care center for 100 youngsters and fielded committees for everything under the sun. Tired of being merely an administrator, Joyner resigned to "really be more what the Lord called me to be, and that's a pastor."

Joyner and his wife, Becky, have two children at home, Carole, a senior at Northeast Academy, and Scott, a fifth grader. A second son, Steve, is married and lives in Raleigh.

A native of Wilson County, Joyner



The Rev Elmer Joyner

moved to High Point early in life and was educated there in the public schools. He later earned a bachelor's degree at High Point College before entering seminary school at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

One of the reasons Joyner was eager to become associated with a rural church was to provide himself more opportunity to pursue a part-time writing career. A published author, Joyner has sold six articles to various periodicals this year, the most recent of which will appear in the October-November issue of "Modern Maturity Magazine," the official publication of retired teachers.

In his writings, Joyner does not confine himself strictly to religious themes, though many of his articles do have religious overtones. Recent works include a list of ten commandments for staying married (which should have wide utility in our divorceplagued society) as well as a tender Christmas story, which he hopes to publish this winter.

Joyner said the lessened demands on his time now should allow more hours to

spend at the typewriter. "I can be a very effective rural pastor and still have time to write," he said.

Although Joyner stressed that he isn't knocking the big city life, he feels that it's for someone other than him. With a smaller church, he said, "there is more time to visit the people. That's where it's really at — for me."

"I'm right where I ought to be."

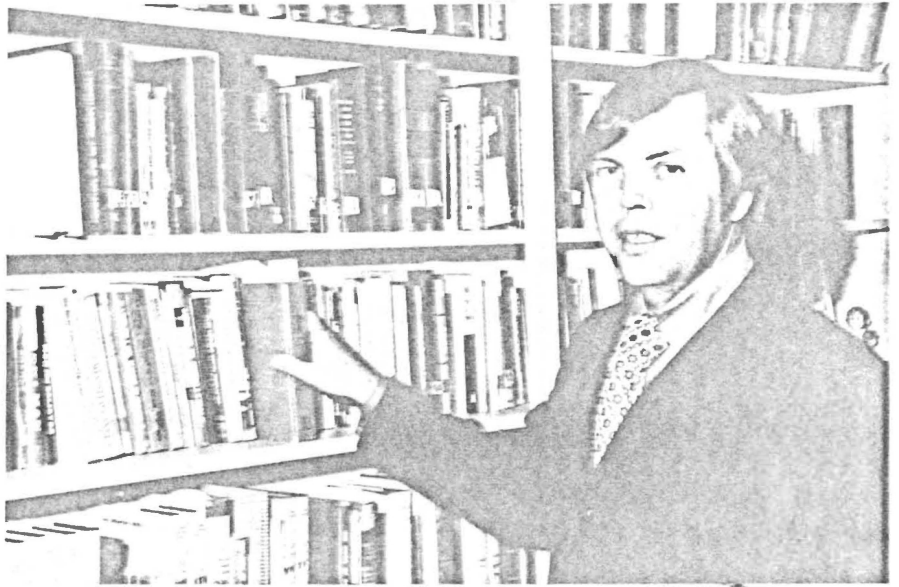
Jackson Lions supper Thursday

JACKSON — The Jackson Lions Club will sponsor its annual Sausage and Pancake Supper Thursday, Oct. 23, 6-8 p.m. at the Lions Club building here.

Plates will be \$2.50 per person for all you can eat.

All proceeds will go to the White Cane Fund for the blind. J.D. Carver, chairman. Master Chef will be Lions Club president, Dr. Ed Evans.

Northampton News, 22 Oct 1980.



REV. ELMER LEE JOYNER

THE PASTOR

The Rev. Elmer Lee Joyner has been pastor of Eastlawn Baptist Church since January, 1972. He is a native of Wilson County, North Carolina, but the family moved to High Point, N.C. before he started public school. The pastor graduated from High Point High School and High Point College. In 1962, he completed his seminary training, receiving his degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.

Before coming to Burlington, Mr. Joyner was pastor of Parkton Baptist Church, Parkton, N.C. His previous pastorates were at Pearce Baptist Church, Zebulon, N.C., and the Antioch, Bethel, and Wylliesburg Baptist Churches near Chase City, Virginia.

He has served as President of the Pastor's Conference in both the Robeson and Tar River Associations and currently serves in that capacity here in the Mount Zion Association.

His ministry is undergirded by the strong conviction that a church cannot become strong in its Christian work until the homes making up the church take on Christ-like characters. For this reason, he considers personal and family counseling a vital part of his ministry and has had wide and varying counseling experiences.

He enjoys writing, and even though his time is limited, HOME LIFE, THE WAR CRY, and BAPTIST MEN'S JOURNAL have published his articles.

Elmer and Becky have been married for 15 years and have three children: Steve-14, Carole-10, and Scott-3. They enjoy working together as a team in their church labors and appreciate the challenges and opportunities of serving here at Eastlawn.

OPERATION BAPTIST BIOGRAPHY DATA FORM

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

1. NAME JOYNER ELMER Lee
(Last) (First) (Second)

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

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

2. BIRTH Wilson County, N.C. March 31, 1937
(Place) (County) (State) (Date)

DEATH _____

3. PARENTS Clyde JOYNER, Fannie Ellen (Wilson) JOYNER
[EXAMPLE: Alec Joe Doaks and Lucy Mae (Brown) Doaks]

Father's occupation mill worker Mother's occupation mill worker

4. BROTHERS (4) List full names and year of birth Clyde Jr - 1921,
(Living or deceased) Number
Carlie Elbert - 1935, Claudie - 1939, Kannie Matthew - 1949

5. SISTERS (4) List full names and year of birth
(Living or deceased) Number
Leila Marie - 1934, Betty Jean - 1941, Patricia Ann - 1945,
Evelyn June - 1948

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>Wilson</u>	<u>N.C.</u>	<u>1937-1941</u>	
R ☐ T ☐ C ☒	<u>High Point</u>	<u>Guilford</u>	<u>N.C.</u>	<u>1942-1959</u>
R ☐ T ☐ C ☐				
R ☐ T ☐ C ☐				

7. EDUCATION:

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

High school: Graduate? Yes (✓) No () Year graduated 1955

School attended: High Point Central High Point 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)

(Name)	(Place)	(State)	(Years attended)	(Degree)
<u>High Point College</u>	<u>High Point</u>	<u>N.C.</u>	<u>1955-1959</u>	<u>B.A.</u>

(Name)	(Place)	(State)	(Years attended)	(Degree)
<u>Southeastern B.F.S.</u>	<u>Wake Forest</u>	<u>N.C.</u>	<u>1960-1962</u>	<u>B.D.</u>

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

(Name)	(Place)	(State)	(Years attended)	(Degree)
<u>Southeastern B.F.S.</u>	<u>Wake Forest</u>	<u>N.C.</u>	<u>1960-1962</u>	<u>B.D.</u>

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.)

9. MARITAL INFORMATION:

Spouse	Birthdate of Spouse	Place of Marriage (Town and State)	Date of Marriage
(1) <i>Rebecca Carolyn Ledwell</i>	<i>High Point, N.C.</i>	<i>High Point, N.C.</i>	<i>8-17-1957</i>
(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)

STEPHEN LEE, 12-23-1958, Carol DANNETTE, 1-23-63

10. VOCATIONAL HISTORY (List all vocations, occupations, trades, or professions engaged in for two or more years) *Drug store clerk.*

11. RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE:

Conversion *1955* (Date) *18* (Age) Baptism *1957* (Date) *North Main St.* (Church) *High Point, N.C.* (Location of Church)

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

Ordained as: Minister (☒) Deacon () Other *March 1962, Evangelist*
3-15-62 (Date ordained) *Calvary Baptist Church* (Church) *Raleigh* (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. _____				Deacon _____	Ch. Treas. _____
T.U. _____				Trustee _____	Ch. Library _____
V.B.S. _____				Usher _____	Ch. Recreation _____
Broth. _____				Ch. Clerk _____	Choir Mem. _____
W.M.U. _____				Other _____	Choir Direc. _____
				Ch. Committee Chm. _____	
				List completed Study Course diplomas (Indicate related organizations, such as: S.S., T.U., etc.)	
				<i>Workers Diploma</i>	

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 (Position) Bethel Association (Organization, board, agency, etc.) Kentucky (State) 1942-1944 (Date)
S.S. Superintendent *TAR RIVER Association* *N.C.* *1964-*
Chairman Evangelism *Concord Association* *Ua.* *1962-63*

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 ☐			
F ☐ P ☒	Pastor	Antioch Baptist Church, Red Oak, Va.	1962-1964
F ☐ P ☒	Pastor	Bethel Baptist Church, Chase City, Va.	1962-1964
F ☐ P ☒	Pastor	Wylliesburg Baptist Church, Wylliesburg, N.C.	1962-1964
F ☒ P ☐	Pastor	Pearce Baptist Church, Rt 3, Zebulon, N.C.	1964-
F ☐ P ☐			

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)

16. AUTHORSHIP (Include books, booklets, lesson courses or curriculum material, and tracts)

(Book, item, etc.)	(Publisher)	(Date published)

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 Reading Others Golf

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

The information for items #1-19 has been filled in by Elmer L. Jayner

Mailing address Rt 3, Zebulon, N.C.

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

Personal Knowledge

20. **DESCRIPTIVE CHARACTERIZATION** (Please read special instruction sheet carefully and sample biographies before proceeding.)

Name of person writing the above characterization _____

P. O. Address _____

Return to: _____

Name _____

P. O. Address _____