

Parkview to honor pastor, wife

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291 A retirement farewell program will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Parkview Baptist Church in Morehead City to honor the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Smith.

The Rev. Smith has served as pastor of Parkview since 1989. His final day will be Sunday.

The characteristics of the Rev. Smith's ministry have been evangelism and growth. He's led two of the three churches he's pastored in building programs because of the extensive growth of the congregation.

He and his wife Ann have also done extensive ministry with couples. They've led several spiritual renewal marriage seminars for couples.

They are both Precept Bible teachers.

Mrs. Smith has been active in women's ministries, leading women's conferences, prayer seminars and Bible teachings.

The Rev. Smith has based his teachings on the Word of God, and



THE REV. DR. AND
MRS. JERRY SMITH

has challenged all age groups to righteous living and to guard the integrity of their faith.

The Smiths plan to return to full-time evangelism, conducting

conferences, retreats and seminars. They will move to their home in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The Rev. Smith has been in full-time ministry for 22 years. He is a retired Naval officer, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

He served in Viet Nam, and had a command at sea tour. While serving in Mayport, Fla., The Rev. Smith committed to the gospel ministry on Feb. 20, 1973.

He received a master's degree from International Seminary. He's a 1979 graduate of UNC-Wilmington. The Rev. Smith received his doctorate at Southern Baptist School, Jacksonville, Fla.

The Smiths, married for 43 years, have four children who are all married, and along with their mates are serving the Lord in church ministries and evangelism.

They have nine grandchildren.

Sunday's program will feature music, laughter and testimonies.

For more information, call the church, 726-2259.

Hampstead Pastor Ordained



Rev. Jerry L.

Smith

Jerry L. Smith was ordained to the Gospel Ministry during an afternoon service conducted on Sunday, March 5, at Hampstead Baptist Church.

Mr. Smith was called as interim pastor of the Hampstead church a few months ago, then called as pastor.

He and his family live in the Scotts Hill community near Hampstead.

The Rev. Vincent Wall, Pastor of the Southside Baptist Church, Wilmington, delivered the ordination sermon.

Others participating were Rev. L. G. Green, Barlow-Vista Church, scripture; Rev. Earl Rogers, interim pastor of the Pine Valley Church, Wilmington, who led the ordination prayer; deacons attending participated in the laying on of hands; Frank Sanderlin, chairman of the deacons of Hampstead Church, presented Mr. Smith with a Bible; charge to the candidate was given by Rev. Homer McKeithan, Associate Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Wilmington; and in the absence of the Rev. Horace Jackson, Pastor of Sunset Park Baptist Church, Wilmington, the charge to the church was given by Rev. A. L. McGee, pastor of the Calvary Church, and chairman of the ordination committee.

In giving the charge to the candidate, Mr. McKeithan pointed out (1) It's important that you know God as you begin and further your ministry; foster that personal relationship with God (2) Know yourself, be able to measure your own weaknesses and your own strength, then be a good steward of your talents (3) Know others; know their needs, hurts, anxieties, desires and share these (4) Know your denomination; you can find meaning for strength.

In giving the charge to the candidate, Mr. McGee told the Hampstead church members that the church owes the pastor their deepest kind of love, "as near like you love the Lord as you can", he said. In referring to the pastor as the undershepherd, he admonished the members to support the pastor, make life comfortable for him, work with him, pointing out that the pastor can do no work "alone"; just knowing the congregation is there helps the pastor to do his job. "Go visiting with him, and visit your pastor.

The benediction was given by Pastor Jerry Smith.

The impressive service was attended by members of the host church, members of other churches of the Hampstead area, and those from Wilmington area churches.

The attendance included a large number from Calvary, where Mr. Smith previously held membership and was licensed.

Mr. Smith, who retired after 20 years in the Navy, is currently attending the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Reception

Following the service a reception was given at which time friends got to greet Rev. Smith, his wife, Ann, and their children, Gary, Penny, Diane and Michelle.

Punch, coffee, cake, nuts and mints were served from a table that was covered with white lace and centered with an arrangement of yellow and white flowers.

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