

Norris Is New Trinity Pastor

"I was in a revival service one night and I felt a very strong impression that the Holy Spirit was leading me into the ministry" tells the Rev. William Norris as he explains why he retired as a Senior Master Sergeant from the U.S. Air Force in August of 1976.

He still feels the same way and is quite sure that he is following the right path, and who would not be after having undergone the experiences of the Rev. Norris, who is the new pastor at Trinity Baptist Church in Meadow.

As the story goes, Norris who had moved to Buies Creek this summer to attend school at Campbell College went to Dunn to the Carolina Power and Light Company to have the lights in his apartment turned on.

While there, he struck up a conversation with Laura Hope Lee, not knowing who she was or that she was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Meadow. He must have made quite an impression on the lady whose church was at that time without a pastor.

The following Sunday, Norris attended church at First Baptist in Buies Creek. Dr. Dean Martin, interim pastor at the Meadow church, was in attendance in Buies Creek and told Norris that a member of the Meadow church had mentioned his name to him.

Norris then went to talk with the head of the religion Department at Campbell College, Dr. Jerry Wallace.

The next day, Norris got a message to call a Mrs. Lee at the CP&L office. She wanted Norris to talk to the pulpit committee at the Meadow Church and so today, Norris is pastor of Trinity Baptist Church.

Norris, who began his



REV. WILLIAM NORRIS

pastorate officially August 15, has had a 23 year career in the Air Force during which he has traveled in the Canal zone, Korea, Vietnam, where he served during the war in the years 198 and 1969, Great Britain, and Okinawa.

He was called to the well-known Pueblo Crisis, going back to Korea for three months.

After leaving the Air Force, he attended Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest where he received an Associate Divinity degree in May of this year. While attending the Seminary, he held a pastorate at the Baptist Church in McKenny, Va.

In addition to pastoring Trinity Baptist, Norris is now attending Campbell where he plans to get a degree in religion. He and his wife Helen, both of whom are from Simpsonville, S.C., were married in December of 1953, soon after he joined the Air Force.

They have four daughters, all red-headed, Debra, the eldest at 23, is a registered nurse in Columbia, S.C. Their other daughter are Carolyn, age 21, Margie, age 17, and Laurie, age 13. They live with their parents in the pastorium next to the church.

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