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6 THE WAKE WEEKLY, Wake Forest, N. C., Thursday, June 5, 1980

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Chester H. (Sonny) Holmes Jr. was ordained to the gospel ministry at Woodland Baptist Church Sunday, June 1.

Holmes has served as pastor of the church since March, 1980. He is a second year student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and is a graduate of The Citadel. Prior to attending Southeastern, he was employed by Wayne County Memorial Hospital, Goldsboro, on the administrative staff.

He is married to the former Harriet Thomas of Wake Forest, and is the father of Elizabeth Hope, age four, and Brian Eliot, age two.

Dr. J. Carroll Trotter, professor of speech and preaching at Southeastern, delivered the ordination sermon. Dr. Willard A. Brown, pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church, gave the charge to the congregation. Dr. E. Leon Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Goldsboro, delivered the charge to the candidate and ordination prayer. Nyle Hart, chairman of deacons, Woodland Baptist Church, presided and pre-



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sented the candidate with a Bible on behalf of the Woodland congregation.

Out-of-town guests included Mrs. Vera Holmes, grandmother of the candidate, from Walhalla, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Chester H. Holmes, his parents of Greenville, S. C., Christie Holmes, his sister of Asheville, Michael Holmes, brother, of Greenville, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Holmes, aunt and uncle of Greenwood, S. C.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Coppedge of Wake Forest and Mr. and Mrs. William Crocker of Raleigh, aunts and uncles of Mrs. Holmes, were present.

An open house and reception followed the service at the parsonage. Over 75 persons were served by the hospitality committee of the church, including Mrs. Mary O'Neal, Mrs. Louise Bailey, Mrs. Dorothy Hudson, Mrs. Agnes Lowery, Mrs. Cora Lee Bailey, and Mrs. Louise Powell. Refreshments and punch were provided by the members of the church. Mrs. Holmes was presented with a corsage and the pastor with a lapel flower. □