



REV. J. GERALD HARRIS

Flint-Groves Church gets new pastor

Flint-Groves Baptist Church welcomes a new pastor, the Rev. J. Gerald Harris, for services beginning Sunday, Sept. 13.

The 30-year-old pastor will take over pulpit duties previously held by Rev. Hoyle T. Allred, who resigned in February to become secretary of missions for the Gaston Baptist Association.

Born in Hickory, Rev. Harris graduated from Valdese High School. He received his AB degree from Mercer University, Macon, Ga.; and his BD degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest.

His collegiate activities include vice-president of the student body; president of the varsity debate club; a preacher on the Mercer B.S.U. youth revival team; vice-president of Blue Key National Honor Council.

Rev. Harris has held four previous pastorates including the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church of Raleigh, and the Newport Baptist Church of Newport.

He and his wife, Martha, have a three-old daughter, Miriam Love, and twin sons, John Mark and Gerald David, born in February.

Rev. Harris enjoys his family activities, golf, other competitive sports, writing and journalism.

In associational work, he has served as secretary of the Raleigh Baptist Association Pastor's Conference; as president of the Atlantic Baptist Association Pastor's Conference; and as a North Carolina Baptist Hospital representative.

He was also chairman of the Carteret County Drug Education Committee.

Rev. Harris and his family will make their home in Gastonia after Sept. 1.

4 new pastors begin work in area Baptist Churches

Four new pastors have recently assumed pulpit duties in churches of the Gaston Baptist Association.

Rev. J. G. Bailey, a native of Asheville, was appointed to the pastorship at South Point Baptist Church of Belmont. He succeeds Rev. John D. Hemingway.

Since ordained in 1958, Rev. Bailey has maintained four pastorships. He was last associated with Ridgemont Baptist Church in Ridgemont for three years.

He is a graduate of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute and the Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest University.

Rev. Bailey and his wife, Ruby, will make their home in the pastorate on Horsely St. "I'm excited about South Point," Bailey said, "We're anticipating beginning building on our new sanctuary."

This Sunday, Rev. Jess Balew will preach his first sermon as the pastor of Centerview Baptist Church of Mt. Holly.

Prior to his current calling, he served the Westover Baptist Church in Charlotte for 14 years.

Rev. Balew received his education from Furman University and the Southeastern Seminary.

During nearly 23 years in the ministry, he has pastored four churches.

He will replace Rev. James Gantt.

His wife is the former Violet Pugh of Salisbury. The Balew's have four teenage children.

The new pastor at Friendship Baptist Church is Rev. Sam O. Stevenson, formally with Emmanuel Baptist Church in Charlotte.

He fulfills the pulpit vacated by the retirement of Rev. A. P. Millen.

Rev. Stevenson has degrees from Gardner-Webb College; the New Orleans Baptist Seminary; and Southeastern Theological Seminary.

A minister for some 28 years, he is married to the former Elizabeth Costner, and they have two teenage children.

Heading the helm at Flint-Groves Baptist Church is Rev. J. Gerald Harris, a native of Hickory.

Rev. Harris is a 1966 graduate of Southeastern Seminary.

His last pastorate was at Newport Baptist Church, Newport.

Rev. Harris has served as secretary of the Raleigh Baptist Association Pastor's Conference; president of the Atlantic

Conference; and a former representative to the North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

He and his wife, Martha, have a daughter and twin sons.

Rev. Harris replaces Rev. Hoyle T. Allred, now secretary of missions for the Gaston Association.

Newport Baptists Obtain Minister

The Rev. John Gerald Harris, formerly pastor of Olivet Baptist Church, Raleigh, will begin his new pastorate at Newport Baptist Church Sunday.

Mr. Harris is a graduate of Mercer University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is married to the former Martha Jean Maxwell of Newman, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have an infant daughter, Mariam Love.

The church will honor Mr. and Mrs. Harris with a reception at the church from 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday.

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Baptist Church To Hold Revival

Revival services are scheduled to begin tonight at National Avenue Baptist Church, 1605 National Avenue, with Rev. J. Gerald Harris, pastor of Newport Baptist Church, Newport, as guest evangelist. Services will begin each night at 7:30 o'clock and conclude with the morning worship service on Sunday, May 24.

Special music will be provided by the choirs of the host church, under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Bodkin, with the youth choir of the Newport Church presenting special music on Tuesday night.

Mr. Harris is a native of Valdese. He attended Mercer University, Macon, Ga., earning the A. B. degree in 1963 and the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, where he received the B. D. degree in 1966.

In addition to his present pastorate he has served other churches in North Carolina and Georgia. He has served the Newport Church since 1967 and is presently the chairman of the Carteret County Drug Education Committee.

Following the conclusion of the revival services, the church will observe its annual Homecoming Day with dinner on the grounds and a session of worship with music.

A nursery will be provided.

Rev. Marvin D. Hays, pastor, invites the public to attend.

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