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Grassy Creek Church Schedules Homecoming

Grassy Creek Baptist Church will hold its annual homecoming on Sunday.

The Rev. W. Barry Garrett of Bethesda, Md., a former pastor of Grassy Creek Church, will deliver the message at the 11 a. m. worship service, which will be followed by a picnic lunch.

After leaving Grassy Creek, the Rev. Mr. Garrett spent three years as pastor of Swift Creek Baptist Church between Hartsville and Darlington, S. C. He then returned to his native state of Oklahoma for a brief pastorate and from there he went to Tucson, Ariz., where he was pastor of North Tucson Baptist Church.

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While in Arizona, he was elected to serve as the first full-time editor of the Arizona Baptist state paper, the Baptist Beacon, a position he held for 11 years. During that time he served as president of the Southern Baptist Press Association for one year.

During the time he was in Phoenix as editor of the state paper, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C., decided to create a news, information and interpretation service from the nation's capital as a service to the nine national Baptist conventions which sponsor the denominational agency. The Rev. Mr. Garrett was selected to head the program and on Jan. 1, 1958, the Garrett family moved to Washington. He was associate editor in charge of information services for 20 years.

As part of his duties at the agency, he was bureau chief for the Washington office of Baptist Press, the official news agency of the Southern Baptist Convention. He created another service called Baptist Public Affairs through which he serviced most of the other Baptist denominations in the U. S. and Canada.

In order to implement his work in Washington, he became an accredited news reporter and correspondent in the Senate and House press galleries, the Supreme Court press room and the press room of the White House.

The Rev. Mr. Garrett said that one of the most interesting of his activities while in Washington was the opportunity to serve as Baptist Press news reporter at three of the four annual sessions of Vatican Council II in Rome. The Biblical Recorder and other Baptist publications printed many of his reports from the Vatican, and in recognition of his work in Rome, Oklahoma Baptist University awarded him an honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1965.

Mrs. Garrett taught in the first grade in public schools in Arizona and Maryland for about 30 years and is now retired.

The Garretts have two children, Mrs. Barry D. (Nancy) Londeree of DeLand, Fla., and Mrs. Thomas B. (Katherine Ann) Howell of Bethesda. They have six grandchildren.

On their return home, the Garretts will go to Nashville,

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Tenn., for the traditional tour of Music City, U. S. A., which for them will include a stop at the headquarters of the Southern Baptist Convention and Vanderbilt University, as well. They have a grandson who is a student at Vanderbilt. From Nashville, they will go to the Knoxville area for a visit with friends and a tour of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. On the weekend of Oct. 10, they will stop at Carson-Newman College at Jefferson City, Tenn., for homecoming. Their daughter, Nancy, is a Carson-Newman graduate. They expect to return home about the middle of October.

The Rev. Mr. Garrett retired from his post in Washington on Oct. 31, 1978.

When he was pastor of Grassy Creek Church, it was a charge which also included Mountain Creek and Amis