



REV. AND MRS. WILBER E. EATON, shown right in picture, left the Riverside Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, Sunday morning, Dec. 31. Rev. Eaton has served more than eight years in the pastorate of the church.

A new deacon, June Ritter, (left), was ordained just prior to their departure and he is shown with his wife and their twin sons, Farrell and Darrell, age 6.

Riverside Church Bids Farewell To Rev. Eaton

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Riverside Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, said goodbye to Rev. Wilber E. Eaton, their pastor for more than eight years, on Sunday morning, Dec. 31. The church is located about two miles from the Moore County line.

His last official service at the church was the ordination of a new deacon, June Ritter who was named to succeed his father, Elmer Ritter on the official board.

The following the service a dinner was held in the fellowship hall. Gifts at this time were presented to the departing pastor and his wife.

Rev. Mr. Eaton, a native of Stokes County, came to the pastorate of the church on the first Sunday in August, 1964. He had previously pastored the Community Baptist Church on

Rt. 2, Seagrove, which he organized. On Wednesday evening, January 3, he assumed the pastorate of the Cedar Falls Baptist Church.

During his pastorate at Riverside, carpeting has been laid and water cooler installed. A fellowship hall has been built and the church building brick-veneered. Four and a half acres of land has been purchased and cleared. The people are also happy over the paving of the road which runs by the church.

But the accomplishment for which the pastor and his wife are most grateful has been the baptizing of 63 people into the fellowship of the Riverside church during the 8 years and 5 months they have served there. In addition, 11 couples have been united in marriage during Rev. Eaton's eight years as pastor.

Present members of the of-

ficial board, in addition to the new deacon, are Larry Wilson and Hoover Hussey. These men, along with the retiring deacon and Edgar Garner, a former deacon, joined the pastor in the impressive "laying on of hands" following the charge to the new deacon and the church.

It was a spirit-filled service as the congregation, under the leadership of Albert Jones, choir director, sang "Let Go and Let God Have His Way," shook hands all around and then at the conclusion of the service went to the front to greet the new deacon and his family, the minister and his wife, and the other members of the deacon board and their wives.

The new deacon is an employee of Klopman Mills, Ramseur Plant. He and his wife, the former Dorothy Jones and their twin sons, Farrell and Darrell, live on Rt. 2, Bennett.