

Name GILL, JR., John Cooper State N. C.
(last) (first) (second)

Church, institution or agency providing information:

Name of person filling in the data form:

John C. Gill, Jr.

Address Murfreesboro, N. C. Date June, 1960

Sources of Information:

Personal Knowledge

RESIGNS



After a pastorate of six and one-half years at Memorial Baptist Church, the Rev. John C. Gill, Jr., recently submitted his resignation, and it was received by the church in quarterly conference last week with reluctance. Giving health reasons for his action, the minister agreed to continue his administrative and pastoral duties until a successor is named.

Wilmington: Journal
 Williamston: Enterprise
 Windsor: Ledger-Advance
 Yadkinville: Yadkin Ripple
 Yanceyville: Caswell Messenger
 Zebulon Record

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Spouse	Birthdate of Spouse	Place of Marriage (Town and State)	Date of Marriage
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Minister - College Administrator

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Conversion 1937 (Date) 10 (Age) Baptism 1937 (Date) First Baptist, Penton Harbor, Michigan (Church) (Location of Church)

List any church, *other than Baptist*, with which formerly affiliated

Ordained as: Minister (☒) Deacon (☐) Other _____

May 8, 1950 (Date ordained) First Baptist Church (Church) Henderson (Place) N. C. (State)

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