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# 'Just Doing It' is program theme for Craig Morrison's youth ministry

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BURGAW - Although Craig Morrison is a Baptist, headed for the Campbell University Divinity School in the fall, he is full time minister of youth at Burgaw Presbyterian Church at least for the summer. Morrison married Burgaw native Laurie Gay Henderson — a classmate and clogging teammate at Mars Hill College — on June 19.

Craig entered Mars Hill on a clogging scholarship with plans to transfer to NC State and study engineering.

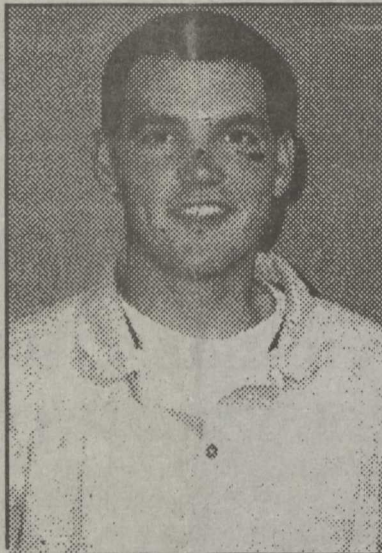
A Mars Hill class under Dr. Bob Melvin led Craig to pursue full time Christian service.

At Burgaw Presbyterian, Morrison has started a program called, "Just Doing it", based on Matthew 7:12, "Therefore, all things whatever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." The program is based on service to others.

The twenty youth under Morrison's supervision have taken on some of the Cape Fear Work Camp projects. They work two days a week.

Building projects are not new to Morrison as he is the son of a carpenter and worked with his father during his teen age years.

An avid sports fan, Craig says he feels that helping the elderly have a better physical life also helps youth stay physically fit.



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Morrison tried to hold the interest of youth by getting them involved in Sunday School and worship. "Sometimes it is necessary to revise spiritual program to get them involved," he said of youth ages 12-20.

The youth enjoyed the July 4 fireworks. On July 11 they went to Jungle Rapids Water Park and plan a white water rafting trip for July 22-24.

A Mars Hill graduate with a BA in Religion, Craig will commute to Campbell in the fall. Laurie is a fourth grade teacher at Rocky Point School and the couple lives in Burgaw.

Craig has served as youth mini-

ster at Elah Baptist in Leland, he was youth minister for Emma Anderson Memorial one summer and for the past year has been youth director for First Baptist, Weaverville.

He also gained preaching experience in an internship at Mars Hill.

Craig said he grew up in the church and made a profession of faith at age 11 but had not felt called into the ministry until the second semester of college.

"Part of my job here is to be prepared to fill in for Pastor Ray Mendenhall," he said.

"Laurie was my first clogging partner at Mars Hill," Morrison said. The Bailey Mountain Cloggers are seven time national champions. (Bruce Aycock of Burgaw is now on the team).

The Bailey Cloggers travelled to Austria, Italy, Germany, and Ireland while Laurie and Craig were on the team.

Craig's hobbies are reading, soccer, water sports and clogging.

The youth minister plans a second dance at the depot in August as a school kick-off.

He says the close community of Burgaw reminds him of home and he just might make it his home.