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HALIFAX COUNTY THIS WEEK

Enfield Baptist Church gets new pastor

ENFIELD — A new pastor has been selected to fill a permanent position at the Enfield Baptist Church, it was announced this week by the church board of trustees.

The Rev. Dallas William Prestwood will assume the pastorate next month, with his first services delivered here Sept. 4.

He takes the position interim pastor, the Rev. John W. Lambert, has held for the past two years while the church sought a minister to fill the post.

Lambert will return to his home in Raleigh at the conclusion of his service to the congregation of Enfield Baptist Church.

Roxboro: Courier-Times
Rutherfordton: Rutherford Co. News
Scotland Neck: Commonwealth
Selma: Johnstonian-Sun
Shallotte: Brunswick Beacon
Shelby: Cleveland Times
Siler City: Chatham News

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A Lenoir native, Prestwood comes to Enfield from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem where he recently completed course work and training for his M.A. degree in pastoral counseling.

Prior to his university work, Prestwood obtained his M. Div. from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in at Wake Forest in December, 1976.

He received clinical training from North Carolina Baptist Hospital during summer and internship work in 1975-76 and his M.R.E. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1964.

He is a 1962 BA graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College and a 1958 graduate of Lenoir High School.

Past experience of the Rev. Prestwood includes a total of 11 years as a minister of education in several North Carolina and South Carolina churches. This includes 3 ½ years at the First Baptist Church of Albemarle, 3 ½ years at First Baptist Church of Hartsville, S.C., one year at Kathwood Baptist Church of Columbia, S.C., and three years as associate minister, of

First Baptist Church, Goldsboro.

In addition to work undertaken at Wake Forest University, Prestwood served as interim pastor of Brim's Grove Baptist Church in Pilot Mountain, during that period.

Civic activity includes past memberships with the Kiwanis Club, board member and membership chairman of Albemarle Community Concerts, board member of Hartsville chapter of the American Red Cross and a leader in the downtown cooperative ministries in Albemarle, Hartsville and Goldsboro.

The Rev. Prestwood is married to the former Ramona Craig of Lenoir and they have two children, Laura, 8, and Bill, 7.

Mrs. Prestwood is a graduate of Appalachian State University at Boone and is a first grade teacher.

She was assistant organist and director of graded choirs during college and has served as worker in the children's V.B.S. division and in Sunday school conferences for both the North Carolina and South Carolina Baptist State Conventions.



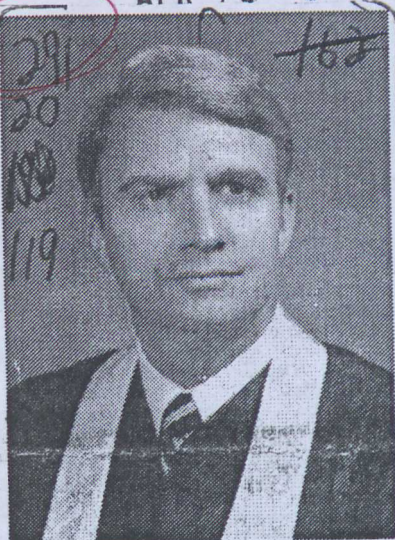
The Rev. Dallas Prestwood. . .
. . .with wife, Ramona.

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First Baptist Calls Enfield Minister To Be New Pastor

Yadkinville First Baptist Church as a new pastor - Rev. Dallas William Prestwood who has served as senior minister at Enfield Baptist Church since 1977.

Prestwood, who is 55, is a native of Lenoir and is a 1962 graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College, where he received a B. A. degree.

He received an M. R. E. degree in 1964 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. At North Carolina Baptist Hospital in the summer of 1974 he attained clinical training and completed an internship in 1975-1976.

Also in 1976, he was awarded

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the Master of Divinity degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1982, at Wake Forest University, he received the M. A. degree in Pastoral Counseling.

Prestwood was interim minister at Brim's Grove Baptist Church in Pilot Mountain, 1976-1977, and associate minister at First Baptist of Goldsboro, 1972-1974.

For one year he served as minister of administration at Kathwood Baptist in Columbia, S. C. For three years, he was minister of education at First Baptist of Hartsville, S. C.; and for three and one-half years, minister of education at First Baptist of Albemarle.

The new pastor's wife, the former Ramona Craig of Lenoir, is also an ordained minister and has served as associate pastor and as a writer for the Sunday School Board's Church music department in grades one through six in Nashville, Tenn. She will continue to write for the Sunday School Board. She has served the Enfield Church as minister of music and as an adjunct music instructor at North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount.

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The Prestwoods have one daughter, Laura Elizabeth P. Caldwell, a graduate of Meredith College and a designer for a Charlotte architectural firm; and one son, William Lee Prestwood, a graduate of the N. C. State School of Design and an employee of the same Charlotte architectural firm as his sister, Little & Associates.

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The Pastor Selection Committee recommended to the Church that it call the Rev. Dallas William Prestwood as full-time pastor. The Church adopted this recommendation, and Mr. Prestwood began his ministry here on Sunday, September 4, 1977.



The Prestwood Family

Below is an excerpt from the September 4, 1977, bulletin:

The Rev. Dallas W. Prestwood has assumed the pastorate of the Enfield Baptist Church, and today is his first Sunday in an official capacity. We extend to him and his family a very cordial welcome. As we join hands and hearts to work and worship together, we assure them of our Christian love and support.

After graduating from Lenoir Rhyne College in 1962, Mr. Prestwood earned his Master of Religious Education degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and later received his Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1976 Mr. Prestwood completed an Internship in Clinical Pastoral Education at N. C. Baptist

Hospital. He has also completed his course work on an M.A. in Pastoral Counseling at Wake Forest University.

Mr. Prestwood has served as Minister of Education in several churches and as Associate Minister of the First Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N. C.

Mrs. Prestwood is also a native North Carolinian. Born in Lenoir, Ramona is a graduate of Appalachian State University, Boone, N. C., and has taught first grade. She served as Assistant Organist and Director of Graded Choirs during college. She has served as a special worker in the Children's Division and conducted Vacation Bible School and Sunday School Conferences for both the North Carolina and South Carolina State Conventions.

The Prestwoods have two children, eight year old Laura, and seven year old Bill.

Dallas, Ramona, Laura, and Bill, we are pleased that you are here!

In a Church Conference held June 15, 1977, the Church accepted the following recommendations:

1. That the Church should build a new parsonage, adequate in size to accommodate an average size family.
2. That the new dwelling should be built on a lot in the city limits of Enfield.
3. That the Church should purchase the lot and house located at 311 West Burnette Avenue, the property of Mrs. R. E. Shervette, Jr.
4. That the lot in Randolph Pines now owned by the Church should be sold.

At the September 14th Church Conference, the Pastor's Housing Committee gave a progress report on plans for a new parsonage. Specifications on the size lot on Burnette Avenue (105' x 210') were clarified. After a discussion and determining that the lot was adequate, the Church approved the committee's plans for disposing of the small house located on the lot.

At our November 2nd Church Conference, the Pastor's Housing Committee reported that the projected plan for a new parsonage would be on the bulletin board before Sunday, November 6, for the congregation's consideration. A special conference was announced for November 16, at which time the plan would be discussed and the committee would ask approval to secure bids for the projected parsonage.

At the called Church Conference, discussion and deletion of the plan was authorized the Pastor's parsonage.

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The parsonage is now ready for occupancy.

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At the Church Conference, the original parsonage property, to Mrs. Louis Street on January 23, 1977.

Under the able leadership of the Church is going forward with compassion and dedication and cooperation among the members with great expectation.

Mrs. Prestwood, to the life of the Church. She is a talented organist and choir leader. Under her leadership, the church has grown in membership and one youth group.

The thirty-seven bronze and were made. The handbells were purchased from R. Hunter Pope.

Mrs. Prestwood (grades 4-7) and Mrs. Prestwood.

Mrs. Johnny Vivian.

The Enfield Baptist Church has a "handful" of members whom are non-resident. Life had to be sustained.