

Former Old Fort Pastor Awarded Divinity Degree

The Reverend William Harold Owens, pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church in Heath Springs, S.C., and former pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Old Fort, was recently awarded the Bachelor of Divinity degree. While here, he also served as a vice moderator of the Blue Ridge Association.

Dr. Robert G. Witty, president of Luther Rice Seminary, conferred degrees on more than 300 graduates in services at the Jacksonville First Baptist Church on May 5, climaxing a week of activities including undergraduate seminars, graduate tutorials, and a doctoral colloquy.

The speaker for the occasion was Dr. Kenneth Meyer, president of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. Rev. Edwin Diaz, director of Spanish Mission work for the Jacksonville Baptist Association, Dr. David Gouch, chairman of the Advisory Trustees, and Rev. Rudolph McKissick, pastor of Bethel Institutional Baptist Church, joined the Seminary Administration to complete the programming.



REV. HAROLD OWENS

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Dr. W. Harold Owens, pastor of Philadelphia Baptist Church in Marshville, was graduated summa cum laude from Trinity Theological Seminary in Evansville, Ind. on Aug. 9. Owens received the Doctor of Ministry degree. Owens has served Philadelphia Baptist Church for the past 17 months. ||

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