



DR. JAMES POTTER

Baptist Revival To Begin

Dr. James Potter of Charleston will conduct special evangelistic services at the First Baptist Church on Anderson St. beginning Sunday.

Services will be held each evening next week through Friday at 7:30 o'clock, according to the Rev. Colon Jackson, pastor.

Dr. Potter, a native of North Carolina and a graduate from Wake Forest College with a B. A. degree, received his Th.M. degree from Southern Baptist Seminary. He has done extra study at the same institution. In 1964 Wake Forest College conferred upon him the Doctor of Divinity degree.

After Dr. Potter's graduation from seminary, he returned to North Carolina to become pastor of the First Baptist Church of Statesville. After serving the Statesville Church for ten years, he went to the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Raleigh. In 1958, Dr. Potter left Raleigh to go to his present pastorate at the Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church in Charlotte.

Dr. Potter has served in many responsible places of leadership in both the North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention. He has served on the Board of Trustees of Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wake Forest Colleges. He also has been a member of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Fayetteville Observer
Gastonia Gazette
Goldsboro News-Argus
Greensboro Daily News
Greensboro Record

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Annual Banquet Session Of C-C Set For Feb. 8

One of the most outstanding Baptist ministers in the state will speak in Mooresville on Tuesday, February 8.

Dr. James S. Potter, pastor of Charlotte's Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church, will speak here on that date at the annual banquet meeting of the Mooresville Chamber of Commerce. This meeting is scheduled to be held in the National Guard Armory, getting underway at 7 p. m.

Plans for this dinner affair are fast taking shape, according to John Allred, president of the organization.

A native of North Carolina, Dr. Potter graduated from Wake Forest College with a B.A. degree and received his Thm.M. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He pursued graduate studies for another year in the Southern Seminary, serving as Fellow in the Department of Theology.

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elected by the Statesville Junior Chamber of Commerce as "Young Man Of The Year."

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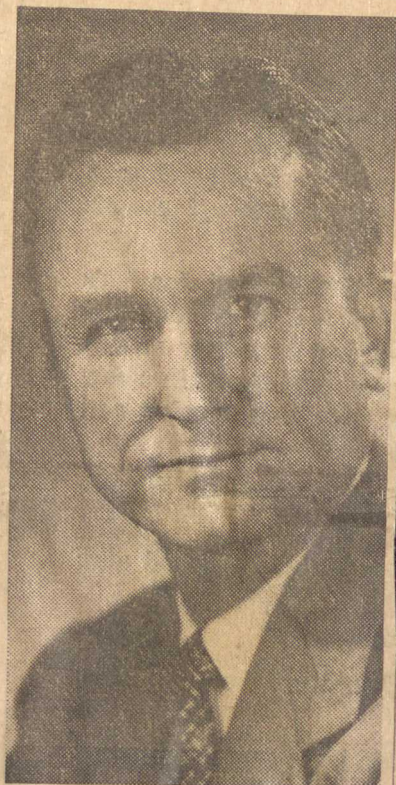
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Over the years, he has been a contributor to various publications and periodicals, including Sunday School lessons for Southern Baptists.

He has served as vice president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and president of the Charlotte Ministerial Association. He is active as a speaker on college campuses, at state assemblies, and at Ridgecrest.

The Doctor of Divinity degree was conferred upon him by Wake Forest College in 1947.

At present, Dr. Potter is preparing a book dealing with Serious Questions That Demand Honest Answers.



DR. JAMES S. POTTER
Outstanding Baptist Minister

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offset by two or three large construction projects, which indicates that in general the industry maintained almost the same record level it reached in 1964.

Most contractors, in fact, operated at full capacity throughout the year, finishing the huge work load begun in 1964 while absorbing the new contracts let during 1965.

All prospects are for a similar good year in 1966—particularly when the North Carolina highway program is included in the forecast.

The \$300-million road bond issue approved by N.C. voters last Nov. 2 will provide \$60 million a year for the next five years, and an estimated \$80 million in funds will be available over the next three years from the Appalachian Regional Development Program.

These programs should increase road contract awards in the state to more than \$110 million a year for the next five years.

The question of finding, training and keeping an adequate labor supply continues to be the major construction industry problem in the Carolinas, training and employment opportunities are going unfilled at practically every level.

This is a problem shared by most industries in the two states, however, as the continuing emphasis on industrialization drains the area labor pool.

Construction costs, which have risen steadily during the past few years, probably will continue to do so in 1966 as competition for skilled workers pushes up labor costs, and as material prices continue to increase.

Dr. Potter Is Evangelist During Revival Services At First Church

Dr. James S. Potter will be the Evangelist during Revival Services to begin at the First Baptist Church on Sunday morning, March 13, 1966. The closing service will be next Friday evening, March 13, 1966. Services will be held each evening at 7:30 P.M. Dr. Potter is Pastor of Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.



Mr. Harold (Hal) Shoemaker will be in charge of the Song Service. He is Minister of Music at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church.

Mrs. Sam P. Harrell, Minister of Music for the local Church will serve as organist.

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Mr. Shoemaker is well known throughout North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention having served as President of the North Carolina Music and Education Convention. He has appeared as soloist at Baptist State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention Ministers Conference - Evangelistic Conferences Assemblies in North Carolina and Florida. He is a popular Revival Song Leader in the churches of North Carolina. He is a baritone soloist who was trained at Statesville Public

Schools, Mars Hill College, Appalachian State Teachers College and Salem College (School of Music). He was also baritone soloist with the Baptist Chorale on its European tour in 1965.

The pastor of the First Baptist Church, Reverend George E. Simmons, cordially invites the people of Wadesboro and Anson County to participate in these Services and to hear this outstanding Revival Team.

Wadesboro: Anson Record
Wadesboro: Messenger & Intelligencer
Wake Forest: Wake Weekly
Wallace Enterprise
Walnut Cove: Stokes Record

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Dr. Potter



DR. JAMES S. POTTER

Dr. Potter Guest At Services

Revival services will begin at the First Baptist Church on S. John St. Sunday with Dr. James S. Potter as guest minister. He is pastor of Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church in Charlotte.

Dr. Potter will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday and at 7:30 each night through Friday. Special music will be provided by the choirs of the church under the direction of Mrs. Robert S. Piner.

A graduate of Wake Forest College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Potter was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Statesville. He also served as pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Raleigh and has served on the board of trustees of Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wake Forest College, in addition, he is active in the N. C. Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention and is active as a speaker on college campuses and state assemblies.

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Goldsboro News-Argus
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Greensboro Record

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Newbury

First Baptist Church Revival Begins Sunday

Dr. James S. Potter of Charlotte will be the guest minister for revival services at First Baptist Church. This series of special services will begin Sunday evening at 7:30 and continue each evening through Friday.

Dr. Potter is a native of North Carolina. He received his B.A. degree from Wake Forest and his Th.M. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

He was for ten years pastor of First Baptist Church, Statesville. Just prior to his present pastorate at Pritchard Memorial Church in Charlotte, he served the historic Tabernacle Baptist Church in Raleigh.

Dr. Potter has been most active and influential in denominational affairs having served on several important committees; as a trustee for Gardner-Webb College and Wake Forest College; as vice-president of the N. C. Baptist Convention.

The music for the services will be under the direction of Gerald R. Carter, minister of music of the church. Carter, who joined the staff of First Baptist Church in January, is a native of Georgetown, S. C. He is a graduate of Furman University and New Orleans Seminary and has done further graduate work at Tulane Uni-



DR. J. S. POTTER

... Will Lead Revival



GERALD CARTER

... Minister of Music

versity. He came to his present position from First Baptist Church, Rock Hill, S. C.

The public is extended a most cordial welcome to share in these special services.

Lexington Dispatch
Lumberton Robesonian
Morganton News-Herald
New Bern Sun-Journal
Raleigh News & Observer
Raleigh Times
Reidsville Review
Rockingham: Richmond Co. Journal

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Dr. J. S. Potter

First Baptist

Revival Leader

Revival services begin at The First Baptist Church Easter Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Dr. James S. Potter, pastor of Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, will be the visiting minister.



Dr. J. S. Potter

Dr. Potter is a native North Carolinian, a graduate of Wake Forest College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and one of the outstanding preachers in the state. He held pastorates at First, Statesville and Tabernacle, Raleigh, prior to accepting the pulpit at Pritchard Memorial. All are three churches known to be among the leading preaching pulpits among Baptist churches in North Carolina.

He is the author of several books, many articles and is preparing a new book for publication at this time on "Serious Questions That Demand Honest Answers." He is also helping prepare The Life and Work Curriculum for The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Dr. and Mrs. Potter are world travelers and have been commissioned by one of the leading airlines to lead tours of Egypt, The Holy Land and Europe.

The congregation of The First Baptist Church invite the community to share with them this outstanding personality and to participate with them as they seek spiritual enrichment and evangelism for modern man each night at 7:30 p. m. There will be wonderful congregational singing, choir and solo special music, and fellowship to warm the soul.

Sanford Herald
Shelby Star
Statesville Record & Landmark
Tarboro Southerner
Thomasville Times
Tryon Bulletin
Washington Daily News
Wilmington Star
Wilmington News
Wilmington Star-News
Wilson Daily Times
Winston-Salem Journal
Winston-Salem Sentinel
Norfolk: Va. Pilot

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Church Revival Will Be Held

Revival services will be held in Immanuel Baptist Church each night this week beginning at seven-thirty o'clock.

These services will be the first of this nature since Immanuel moved into the new building at 1101 South Elm Street.

The guest evangelist for the service will be Dr. James S. Potter, Pastor of Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church, Church, Charlotte, N.C. He was reared in Wilmington, N.C. and was graduated from Wake Forest College. The Baptist institution conferred upon him the degree, Doctor of Divinity, in 1964. He received his theological training from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Potter has served as pastor of three of the prominent Baptist Churches of North Carolina: First Baptist Church, Statesville, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Raleigh and he has been in his present pastorate for about twelve years. In addition, Dr. Potter has made special contribution to the operation of Baptist institutions of the state, having served on the Board of Trustees of Gardner-Webb College, Mars Hill College and Wake Forest College.

He has been a member of



JAMES POTTER

the Baptist Sunday School Board of Southern Baptists, writer of Sunday School lessons for Southern Baptists and contributor to several of its publications. He has been a member of several important committees of the Southern Baptist Convention. With North Carolina Baptist Convention, he is currently a member of its General Board preached the convention sermon in 1958, served a term as President of the convention, and has been a member of numerous committees serving North Carolina Baptists.

Dr. Potter is in wide demand as a speaker on college campuses, state and south-wide religious assemblies, and Immanuel Baptist Church feels fortunate in securing the services of this distinguished minister.

The public is cordially invited to participate in the services this week in Greenville at Immanuel Baptist Church.

Greenville Reflector

Henderson Dispatch
Hendersonville Times-News
Hickory Daily Record
High Point Enterprise
Jacksonville Daily News
Kannapolis Independent
Kinston Free Press
Lenoir News-Topic
Lexington Dispatch
Lumberton Robesonian
Morganton News-Herald
New Bern Sun-Journal
Raleigh News & Observer
Raleigh Times
Reidsville Review
Rockingham: Richmond Co. Journal

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Dr. James S. Potter

AT FIRST BAPTIST

Dr. James S. Potter In Revival Here

Dr. James S. Potter, pastor of Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church of Charlotte, will be guest minister for revival services at the First Baptist Church Sunday through Friday. Members of the church are urged to attend all services and bring others with them. The public is invited to attend any or all of the services.

The Sunday morning service will be at eleven o'clock and the evening services, Sunday through Friday, at 7:30. There will be a Nursery for nursery age children.

Dr. Potter is a native of North Carolina. He was graduated from Wake Forest University and received the Th. M. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He pursued graduate studies for another year in the Southern Seminary, serving as Fellow in the Department of Theology.

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He was pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Raleigh before going to his present pastorate. Throughout his ministry he has been active in the denomi-

national life, having served in many places of responsibility in the Baptist State Convention and in the Southern Baptist Convention. He is active as a speaker on college campuses, state assemblies, and Ridgecrest. In 1964 Wake Forest University, his alma mater, conferred upon him the degree, Doctor of Divinity.

He loves the Lord and he loves people. Three years ago he was guest minister for revival services here and people learned to love and appreciate him and his ministry.

Music will be under the direction of Minister of Music Jack Campbell with Mrs. John Whitener at the organ. Several different choirs will be used during the week.

Rev. R. K. Benfield is pastor.

Lumberton Robesonian
Morganton News-Herald
New Bern Sun-Journal
Raleigh News & Observer
Raleigh Times
Reidsville Review
Rockingham: Richmond Co. Journal

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Milford Hills Baptist Plans Revival Series

Dedication services will continue at Milford Hills Baptist Church with revival services led by Dr. James S. Potter, pastor of Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church of Charlotte.

Special services will begin Sunday night at 6 o'clock and continue Monday through Friday at 7:30.

Dr. Potter is a native of North Carolina, a graduate of Wake Forest College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

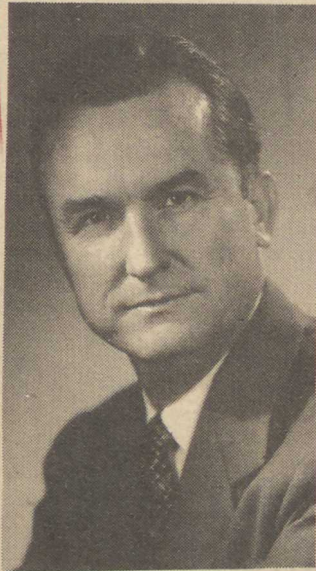
He was pastor of First Baptist Church of Statesville for about 10 years and later served as pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church of Raleigh.

He has served as trustee for various Baptist colleges and institutions, is a member of the Sunday School board of the Southern Baptist Convention, contributes to various publications and periodicals, including Sunday School lessons for Southern Baptists. He is also active as a speaker on college campuses, state assemblies, and at Ridgecrest.

Rocky Mount Telegram
Salisbury Post
Sanford Herald
Shelby Star
Statesville Record & Landmark
Tarboro Southerner
Thomasville Times
Tryon Bulletin
Washington Daily News
Wilmington Star
Wilmington News
Wilmington Star-News
Wilson Daily Times
Winston-Salem Journal
Winston-Salem Sentinel
Norfolk: Va. Pilot

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Plan Revival In Southport

Dr. James S. Potter will be the evangelist next week in revival services at Southport Baptist Church.

A Brunswick County Native, Dr. Potter is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Southern Baptist Seminary. He is pastor of Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church in Charlotte, and has been pastor of First Baptist Church, Statesville, and Tabernacle Baptist Church, Raleigh.

Dr. Potter has been on the board of trustees of Gardner-Webb College, Mars Hill College and Wake Forest University. He has served on the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and has contributed to various publications and periodicals, including Sunday school lessons.

He is presently preparing a book dealing with serious questions that demand honest answers.

The public is invited to attend the services which will be held Sunday evening through Friday evening, March 14-19, at 7:30 p.m. A nursery will be provided for the convenience of parents with small children. Reverend John C. Dean, pastor of the church, indicates that the church fellowship is expecting a week of worship and spiritual renewal.

Southern Pines Pilot
Southport: State Port Pilot

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Hillsborough First Baptist Revival Plans Announced

Dr. James S. Potter will lead revival services for the First Baptist Church in Hillsborough April 23 through 28. "Welcome service" for Dr. Potter will begin the revival and will be held Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. Services will be held each evening through Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Potter is presently pastor of the Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church in Charlotte.

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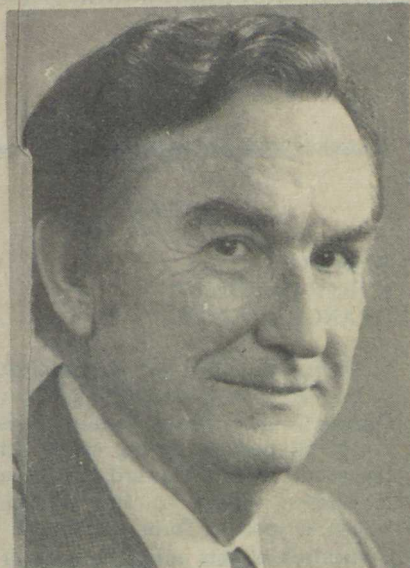
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He is active as a speaker on college campuses; state assemblies and at Ridgecrest.

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Highlands: Highlander
Hillsborough: News of Orange Co.
~~Jonesville: Yedkin Enterprise~~
Kenansville: Duplin Times
Kernersville News
King: Times-News
Kings Mountain Herald

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Dr. Potter speaks at First Baptist

Dr. James S. Potter, pastor of Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, will be the guest speaker at the 9 and 11 a.m. worship service at First Baptist Church, Fifth Ave. and Market St.

He is a native North Carolinian and received his B. A. degree from Wake Forest College and his Th.M. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he also did graduate studies. In 1964 Wake Forest College conferred upon him the degree, doctor of divinity.

For 10 years he was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Statesville, where he was active in civic life, being elected by the Junior Chamber of Commerce as the "Young Man of the Year." He also was pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Raleigh.

Dr. Potter has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Garner-Webb College, Mars Hill College, and Wake Forest College. He is a member of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and various other committees of the Convention, and is a contributor to various publications and periodicals.

He has served as vice-president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, chairman of the Convention's Committee of 25, the Committee



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Wilmington Times
Tryon Bulletin
Washington Daily News
Wilmington News
Wilmington Star
Wilmington Star-News
Wilson Daily Times
Winston-Salem Journal
Winston-Salem Sentinel
Winston-Salem-
Journal-Sentinel

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THE REV. JAMES S. POTTER

Potter Joins Heart Drive

The Rev. James S. Potter, pastor of Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church, has been named Business Days chairman of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Heart Association drive to be conducted next month.

C. Emery Inman, chairman of the drive, said Potter will direct solicitation of small business firms in the city. In announcing the appointment Inman stressed Potter's strong leadership abilities in the building of a new sanctuary at the church.

Asheville Times

Asheville Citizen-Times

Burlington: Times-News

Charlotte News

Charlotte Observer

Concord Tribune

Dunn Record

Durham Herald

Durham Sun

Elizabeth City Advance

Fayetteville Observer

Gastonia Gazette

Goldsboro: News-Argus

Greensboro Daily News

Greensboro Record



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Dr. Potter To Lead Baptist Revival

Coming to lead the annual revival at the First Baptist Church in Rutherfordton March 16-21 will be Dr. James S. Potter, Pastor of Prichard Memorial Baptist Church of Charlotte.

A native of North Carolina, Dr. Potter graduated from Wake Forest College with a B.A. degree. He received his Th. M. degree from the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky where he also pursued graduate studies and served as Fellow in the Department of Theology.

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The revival preacher was pastor of the historic Tabernacle Baptist Church of Raleigh. Active in the denominational life of Baptists in North Carolina, Dr. Potter has distinguished himself as a member of the Board of Trustees of Gardner-Webb College, Mars Hill College and Wake Forest College. He served on the Executive Committee of the Wake

Forest College Alumni Association and is a member of various committees of the Southern Baptist Convention.

As a writer, he has contributed to various publications and periodicals including Sunday School lessons for Southern Baptists.

He was chosen to serve as Chairman of the Baptist State Convention's Committee of 25 to study the needs and possibilities of existing institutions and agencies and the possibility of establishing new institutions. He was chairman of the Committee on Resolutions and the Committee on Nominations for the State Convention. He was selected to bring the annual convention sermon in 1958. He has served as Vice-President of the Charlotte Ministerial Association and is a much-sought-after speaker for state assemblies and Ridgecrest. In 1964 his alma mater, Wake Forest college, conferred upon him the Doctor of Divinity degree.

This successful pastor and outstanding preacher is now pastor of the Prichard Memorial Baptist Church in Charlotte. Under his leadership this downtown church has erected new facilities, including a beautiful new sanctuary.

Pastor James O. Mattox, in sharing the announcement of this revival and Dr. Potter's coming, promises a real blessing to those who come to hear this man of God. Rev. Doug Roebuck, Associate Pastor, will lead the congregational singing and the special music will be under the direction of Mrs. J.F. Alewine, the Church's Minister of Music.

A special feature of the revival will be "Golden Ager's Night" when the church will honor its Senior members at a special dinner in the Fellowship Hall prior to the revival service on Wednesday night.

The church is observing a week of prayer for the revival this week in preparation for the great week.

Pastor Mattox extends a cordial welcome to the community to attend and to be blessed by this effort. The services will begin each evening at 7:30. Rides will be available for those who need them by calling the church office.

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

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Profile: **JAMES S. POTTER**

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Pine Valley Baptist Church

Church membership: 1,025

Hometown: Wilmington.

Education: Wake Forest University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; pursued graduate studies after receiving master of theology degree, served as teaching fellow in the Department of Theology; special studies at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Became minister: 1940.

Became interim minister at current church: Nov. 1, 1991.

Previous churches: First Baptist, Apex; First Baptist, Statesville; Tabernacle Baptist, Raleigh; Pritchard Memorial Baptist, Charlotte; and a variety of interim pastorates.

Activities: President of Charlotte Ministerial Association; director of the Heart Fund; president of Statesville Rotary Club; preacher on college campuses and evangelist in churches in a number of states. Hobbies include golf, walking, reading.

Reason for joining clergy: The good Lord called me.

Message for readers: I'm very excited and enthusiastic about my ministry as interim



pastor at Pine Valley Baptist Church. The church has huge possibilities for greater service to God's work in the Wilmington area. One of the warmest and most caring fellowships I've ever known, I

find here with these people. I plan to emphasize making an even stronger tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; raising to a higher level the spirit of enthusiasm for the progress of the church; motivating the people to become more involved in a ministry of outreach; and nurturing the church members in Christian growth through prayer and Bible study. I serve as a kind of bridge between the preceding pastor and his successor. It is my aim to do whatever I can, by God's grace, to prepare the way for a happy and useful ministry by the pastor who will eventually be called to serve this good church.

The Morning Star will feature a profile of an area minister in this column each week. To have your church's pastor featured, please write to Religion reporter, Wilmington Morning Star, P.O. Box 840, Wilmington, N.C. 28402-0840.

The First One Hundred years

OF TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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McClelland of Wake Forest College served as director of Senior, Youth and Junior choirs from 1952. Frank L. Perry served as Educational Director of the church. Under his direction the church instituted further grading of both Sunday School and Training Union. This additional grading system caused a healthy climate which added much vitality to the organizations.

In 1954 it was realized that the two frame houses must come down and a new educational building was erected. Much consideration was given to the type of structure that would best suit the needs. Not only must the utilization be considered but since this would front even with the original structure, consideration of design must be considered. A plan was approved and the two dwellings removed. Construction of the new building was well under way when Dr. Ellis, who had been in bad health for some time, resigned in 1956. Many fine characteristics of this man are remembered. He was a peacemaker. His sermons were truly inspired as he said many times he would enter the pulpit with a prepared message but would totally change it by the time he started to preach.

DR. JAMES S. POTTER (1956 - 1959)

Dr. James S. Potter with his wife and three children came to accept the pastorate of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in July 1956. The membership welcomed them with warmth and enthusiasm. Dr. Potter came from the First Baptist Church of Statesville where he had had a successful ministry for ten years, being active in the civic and religious activities there.

Dr. Potter, a North Carolinian, a graduate of the New Hanover High School in Wilmington, received his higher education from Wake Forest College with a B. A. degree in 1941 and his Th. M. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, where he also studied for another year, serving as Fellow in the Department of Theology. In 1964 Wake Forest College conferred upon him the Doctor of Divinity degree.

Dr. Potter began his new ministry with vim and dedication. While Dr. J. A. Ellis was pastor, plans had been made to remodel sections of the church building, build a chapel, a new education building, and staff offices. The Carroll home and the Youth Building had been torn down and ground was broken on August 14, 1955, for the new buildings. Various loans had been made,

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including \$175,000.00 through the Raleigh Building and Loan Association in January 1956. So Dr. Potter had the responsibility and privilege of carrying out the building projects. The education building and staff offices were completed and well-furnished, the dining hall and a modern equipped kitchen, and the commodious chapel added to the efficiency of the church life. Later the sanctuary was air-conditioned and other improvements were made by paving a parking lot back of the church. A correlated church program was inaugurated, and a Family Night supper was held in the dining hall every Wednesday night before prayer meeting.

On February 20, 1957, Hal Shoemaker with his wife and twin children came from the Ardmore Baptist Church in Winston-Salem to the Tabernacle to be Education and Music Director. He was educated at Mars Hill College, Appalachian Teachers College, and Salem College, and he soon organized seven choirs and entered into the educational activities of the church. With Dr. Potter, he was instrumental in remodeling the choir loft in the sanctuary and purchasing a new Baldwin electric organ. (The old pipe organ was given to Campbell College.) Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker were capable and enthusiastic leaders and an inspiration to all, so it was with regret of the members when they left in 1960 to follow Dr. Potter in Charlotte.

During this time, Mrs. Gladys Sutter, a gifted musician, was organist. She had training under Peyton Brown of Raleigh and Dr. Harry Cooper of Meredith College. Dr. Potter also had efficient and capable staff members to help with his ministry.

In the fall of 1956 under the Department of Evangelism, Dr. Potter went to Alaska for two weeks on a mission crusade. He was also elected to the Sunday School Board in 1957. (Since leaving the church, he has continued active in denominational work.)

In 1956 under the sponsorship of Thomas G. Bashford, Lee Pridgen (Raleigh Baptist Associational Missionary), Frank Perry (Tabernacle Education Director), and Dr. Potter, a Fellowship Sunday School was organized, sponsored by the Raleigh Association with Mr. Bashford as director. The mission was named The Fuller Mission in honor of J. W. Fuller, a deceased deacon who had been missionary in spirit and action.

On April 26, 1959, the church accepted with regret the resignation of Dr. Potter to take effect in June as he had accepted a call to the Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church in Charlotte. During the three years of Dr. Potter's pastorate, there had been

lent speaking voice, and his sermons were well-developed and inspiring. Mrs. Potter was a charming helpmate and an asset to his ministry. Dr. Potter was innately an evangelist and he was able to reach many people in a spiritual and helpful way in the church and in Raleigh. He endeavored to fill a special place in life. Once he wrote in *The Record*, "I now find myself caught up in a new urgency to do my best as a minister of Christ, as a preacher of the message of salvation. I want my little years to count for God."

DR. JAMES F. HEATON

We come to our Centennial Celebration. A hundred years ago ten consecrated Christians *came running and builded them* a Tabernacle where they could fulfill the Great Commission in their own Jerusalem, Raleigh. This year, 1974, the Tabernacle Baptist Church commemorates the endeavors and mission of all those Christians who have gone before, spending a hundred years in the service of the Lord.

Dr. James F. Heaton is the pastor of this historic church. He came in October, 1959, with his wife, Elizabeth, from Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he had been pastor for five years. Dr. Heaton, a Missourian, received an A.B. degree from William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, a Th.M. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree from William Jewell. Mrs. Heaton is also a highly trained helpmate with degrees from Baylor University at Waco, Texas, and the Carver School of Missions in Louisville. In addition to Tulsa, Dr. Heaton had had pastorates at Hardin, Jefferson City, and St. Louis, Missouri. Also he had served two years as chaplain in the United States Navy. So the Tabernacle was grateful for and fortunate in having this distinguished and dedicated couple as their Christian leaders.

During the fifteen years as pastor, Dr. Heaton has had an efficient staff to help in the ministry of the church. In 1961 Robert W. Poole followed Hal Shoemaker as Assistant to the Pastor and Minister of Music. The church welcomed with pleasure Mr. Poole, his wife Pearl, and their two young sons to their native state and into the membership. Mr. Poole, a graduate of Louisiana College, studied two years at New Orleans Theological Seminary and later received a Master of Music de-

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