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First Baptist Church, Shelby, N.C.
December 9, 1965

Dear Church Family:

Our church is considering extending a call to Mr. John Ward to become our Minister of Music.

This is the pertinent information about Mr. Ward that will enlighten you regarding his training, capability and experience.

Born: Lexington, Oklahoma, Oct. 9, 1920

Education: Graduated from Hugu, Oklahoma High School in 1938.
Graduated Oklahoma Baptist University in 1942 with B.S. Degree.
While here, studied voice and directing under Prof. Warren Angel.
Member of the University Glee Club.
Military Service: (Navy) In World War II. Served in Chaplains Office, and was in charge of all music, including choir directing while on this tour of duty.
Graduated Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1949 with M.R.E. degree. Much of his study was in the School of Music at Southwestern, which is Southern Baptists foremost graduate school of music.

Experience: Served as Director of Education and Music in the following churches:

Immanuel Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla.
Beverly Hills Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
Ross Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
First Baptist Church, Lawton, Okla.
First Baptist Church, Seminole, Oka.
First Baptist Church, Sherman, Texas

(Some of the above churches were served while Mr. Ward was in college and Seminary.)

First Baptist Church, Plainview, Texas, where he is now serving as Minister of Music and Education, having held this position for eleven and a half (11 $\frac{1}{2}$) years. For a part of this time, he had the added responsibility of the youth work. His youth choirs have been on concert tours to California, Washington, Colorado and Canada. Mr. Ward was soloist for the National Convention of Christian Book Sellers. He has directed the music at the Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Texas Baptist State Convention and many revival

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Denominational: District Music Director for Texas Convention
State Convention Missions Commission
Church-State Committee of Texas Convention
Trustee Mexican Bible Institute and Valley Baptist Academy
Directed Music School in Nassau for Foreign Mission Board
Directed Music on Mission Assignments in Hawaii and Japan

Family: Wife Lilah, Son (married and in college), and a daughter who is a junior in High School.

The Music Committee of our church, composed of Dr. John Hamrick, Mr. C.J. Hill, Mr. W.B. Wilder, Mr. Hugh Mauney, Mrs. Dan Hughes, Mrs. Robert Lutz, and Mrs. Blake McWhirter, Chairman, is unanimous in feeling God's leadership to Mr. Ward. The Committee is recommending to our church that we extend a call to him to become our Minister of Music. Due to Mr. Ward's choir rehearsals at Plainview in preparation for his Christmas services, we feel that it would not be fair to him to ask him to come for a Wednesday Service. Therefore, the Committee has invited him to be here Thursday night, December 16th. Please note the following:

Service in auditorium: 7:30 - brief concert by Mr. Ward.

Reception in Ladies Parlor following the service.

Your Pastor and Music Committee

PLEASE PRAY EARNESTLY ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT DECISION.