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Harris, Harlan (1948 – 1953)

Pastors of First Baptist Shelby

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In 1946, Mr. J. G. Ross was in a meeting at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. there to meet the young men who were looking for the music for the Congregation of pastors and evangelists. When that meeting opened the decision to call J. G. Ross as assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church of Washington, the assistantship was short for, having come to Washington November 2, 1947, Mr. J. G. Ross became pastor of the Church on April 4, 1948.

Mr. J. G. Ross was in the Northwest. He graduated from Western College, Weston, Virginia, where he was quite active in athletics - football, track, and swimming. He is listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. He received the B. A. degree from the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and the Master's degree from Washington Baptist College, Washington, D.C.

During his pastorate of the Shady Church, Mr. J. G. Ross was instrumental in the reorganization of the Sunday School

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and the thinking of a new educational unit.

He meant much to the youth of the

Church as he told young folk meetings

in his home each Monday night and

accompanied the group to Camp in

Colorado each summer. It was also

during his protest that a church

library was established.

Since Mr. Shreve was a classmate

and close personal friend of Billy Graham,

he was able to secure Mr. Graham

for a city meeting at the Century Club

was a real blessing to the city.

Mr. Shreve has served in the

following capacities: Assistant Pastor of

Temple Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. in 1946;

Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Shelby,

North Carolina 1947-54. Pastor of the

First Baptist Church, Blainville, Texas,

1954-59. He has been active in

Southern Baptist Life ... President of North

Carolina District Conference and member

of North Carolina State Board of North Carolina

During his stay in Shelby, Dr. Harris was awarded the Junior Chamber of Commerce's "young Man of the year" award in 1952.

Dr. Harris has traveled in Europe, Africa, the Holy Land, and Mexico. He has preached in Rome, Italy; Cairo, Egypt; and Jerusalem.

Now living in Colorado, Dr. Harris is a full-time evangelist, a man of God, and a great preacher.

Perhaps his love for people and his humility may best be expressed in his own words: "The dedication of the Shelby High School annual to Madeline and me meant much more to me than did my doctorate."