

Dr. Thomas JenkinsLong-time minister Rev. Jenkins

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.Dr. Thomas A. Jenkins, the son of the late Rev. Charles Newton Jenkins and Mrs. Lillie McNeely Jenkins, was born on May 12, 1907 in Charlotte, N.C. He transcended from the "living church" into the church triumphant" on March 9, 1984.

His public school educa-tion was received at Fairtion was received at Fairview Elementary and Second Ward High Schools.
He earned his Bachelor of
Arts and Bachelor of Divinity degrees from Johnson C. Smith University
and his Master of Theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary
in Princeton, N.J. He was
also awarded the Doctor of
Divinity degree by his Al-Divinity degree by his Al-ma Mater, Johnson C. Smith University.

Dr. Jenkins was ordained to the ministry in 1931 and was given the charge by his father who was, at the time, pastor of Brandon Presbyterian Church (now C. N. Jenkins Memorial). His first position was Sun-day School Missionary with the Board of National Missions in Cape Fear Presbytery. In 1934, he ac-cepted the call to become the pastor of Shiloh Pres-byterian Church in Knox-ville, TN. While there, he Synod of Blue Ridge.

In 1942, he enlisted in the Army as a Chaplain. En-tering as a First Lieutenant, he rose to the rank of Major and was honorably discharged in 1945. He served in North Africa, Italy and was awarded a Silver Star medal for gallantry above and be-yond the line of duty.

During 1945-46, he served the Witherspoon Pre terian Church in Princ ton, NJ. Following this pas-torate, he became a "University Pastor" to Presby terian students in South

Dr. Jenkins accepted a call from Catawba Presbytery in 1951 to organize a new Presbyterian Church and in January, 1952, the Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church came into existence. It was there that he spent some of the most satisfying years of his min-istry. He retired from this pastorate in December, 1974.

In organizing Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church, Dr. Jenkins followed in the footsteps of his father, Rev. C. N. Jenkins. who founded Brandon Presbyterian Church.

His services to the kingdom of God, however, did not end with his retirement for he remained actively involved in the spiritual life and activities of the Presbytery. He served as Moderator of Brandon, First United, Catawba, Grier Heights and Third Street Presbyterian Churches and was Pastor Emeritus of the Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church. He was married for 45

years to his feenage sweet-heart, Lona, who preceded him in death in 1974.

Dr. Thomas A. Jenkins is Dr. Thomas A. Jenkins is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Gwendolyn J. Howell; a granddaughter, Mrs. Cheryl H. Paylor; a grandson, Jack D. Howell, Jr.; a grandson-in-law, Larry C. Paylor; three sisters: Mrs. Johnsie J. Yongue, Mrs. Lillian J. Shute, and Mrs. Carey J. Hines; three nieces: Mrs. Johnsie Y. Dease, Mrs. Gloria McClure, and Mrs. Valerie S. Harkey; four nephews: Harkey; four nephews: Matthew Shute, Jr., Charles Shute, Milton Yongue and Joseph Yongue; two brothers in-law: Matthew Shute, Sr., and Ruben Hines; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Ethel Paston; cousins and a host of other relatives and friends.

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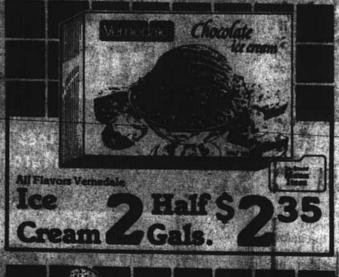
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