or. J. Ray Butler takes over eins of Rowan Association

A Winston-Salem pastor has no over the reins of one of the s's largest religious organiza-s and says he plans to continue successful history of promoting and encouraging evange

Dr. J. Ray Butler, elected mod-or of the Rowan Baptist Associ-in July 21, has jumped right into duties of his office. Last week, met with other officers of the peciation to map out a plan to p upgrade support of Shaw inity School and Shaw Univer-The plan, Butler said, fits right with the organization's emphasis er education.

Shaw Divinity School need: what Driving School needs to help purchase a piece of perty that has been valued at a million dollars," said Butler, sor of Shiloh Baptist Church, he purchase would include the abuildings, a church site and actional facilities on the divinity. onal facilities on the divinity

polis campus."
Not surprisingly, the position noderator is a role with which let feels comfortable. He served the moderator of the Western Association from 1955 to He also was chairman of the board of the General Bapate Convention of North Car-

State Convention of North Carminc, for 23 years.
The Rowan Baptist Associamin, whose membership is commind of 125 churches, is one of the
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Dr. J. Ray Butler, recently elected moderator of the Rowan Bap-tlst Association, has mapped out a complete agenda for the organization.

Toward that end, plans are on the drawing boards to begin an eventual merger of Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School. Under the plan, Shaw Divinity School would become a graduate school under the auspices of Shaw Univer-sity. Butter said that at this point. sity. Butler said that, at this point, the matter has only been unofficially tossed around but that such a merger would strengthen the resources and long-term potential of both institutions.

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Butler said that he plans to encourage churches to remain true to their purposes as missionary Baptist organizations.

"I'm sure that I will strive to lead pastors and churches in areas that will help bring about the betterment of pastors, churches and congregations," he said. "I hope to lead them in the objectives of which missionary Baptists are all about in the state of North Carolina, and within the General Baptist State Convention family."

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But Butler points out that while the association pursues its mission of educational support, it will not neglect its other objectives.

"I plan to also lead this organization in the outreach of evangelism," he said. "It's part of our belief, Ultimately, as missionary Baptists churches, we believe in evangelism. Missionary Baptists believe in stewardship. The thing is that we have to place an emphasis on teaching in these areas. There must be a process of growth. We're going to re-emphasize the need for education as a whole, but not just for Shaw University or Shaw Divinity School. I am going to stress studying God's word and studying the Bible. These are the studying the Bible. These are the ways to get people spiritually stronger. By doing that we provide

insight which will improve their own spiritual life and the life of the church."

Butler's other community and Butler's other community and religious activities include membership in the Baptist Ministers Conference and Associates of Winston-Salem and Vicinity, the Forsyth Clergy Association of Winston-Salem, the local NAACP, the Human Relations Committee, Experiment in Self-Reliance, the United Way nord the March Health United Way and the Mental Health

Association.

On the national level, he is affiliated with the National Theological Alumni Association of Shaw Divinity School, the Executive Board of Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention USA Inc., the National Baptist Sunday School Publishing Board and the National Baptist Convention USA Inc.

Before coming to Shiloh Ban-Better coming to Shiloh Bap-tist, Butler served as pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Wilm-ington, New Christian Chapel Bap-tist Church in Rose Hill and at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Favetteville.

Mount Olive Baptist Church in Fayetteville.

He has been included in listings of "Who's Who Among Black Americans-Marquis," "Who's Who in the East and Southwest" and "Who's Who Among Black Americans."

Other ministers elected to offices in Other ministers elected to offices in the Rowan Baptist Association were: Dr. Reuben Gilliam, first vice moderator, the Rev. John Mason, second vice moderator, the Rev. Gregory K. Moss, third vice moderator, the Rev. Darryl Robinson, secretary; the Rev. Konnie Robinson, assistant secretary; Dr. H.L. Moore, statistician; the Rev. B.M. Daniels, treasure: and the Rev. Hill auditor. surer; and the Rev. Hill, auditor.

CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, AUG. 11

The General Assembly of the Church of God Apossitic continues at the Benton Convention Center teagh Sunday, Aug. 14. Guest speakers will be Kenath Hagin of Tulsa, Okla., and John F. Avanzini of bit Worth, Texas. Sessions will be held at 10 a.m. of a 7 p.m. The youth will be ministered to by guest maker Pastor Stephen Wiley of Tulsa, Okla., the figuator of "Gospel Rap." Children's church services to will be held. For more information call St. Peter's burch of God Apostolic at 722-2285.

FRIDAY, AUG. 12

Ambassadors for Christ Revivals Inc., will present leart & Soul," the latest album release of the Ambassador for Christ Choir at 7:30 p.m. at Ambassador abderal, 1500 Harriet Tubman Drive. Guests will be lateral Ward Farmer and the Wagner Alumni Gospel oir and Chris Gray and the Love Center District from Statesville. Admission is free.

SATURDAY, AUG. 13

The Morning Star Baptist Church Building Fund all sponsor a yard sale and fish fry from 8 a.m. to 2 m. at the church, 1332 Diggs Blvd. Hot dogs and the church is a characteristic of the sponsor of the church is a characteristic of the church is a church is a characteristic of the church is a characteristic of the church is a churc

SUNDAY, AUG. 14

The Mass Choir of St. Stephen Baptist Church will recent a Singing Festival at 3 p.m. The program will saure the Kimberly Park Holiness Church Young boats Choir, the Gospel Supremes, the Realistics capel Singers, the Gospel Stylistics and the St.

Stephen Baptist Church Young Adult Choir. The Mass Choir is directed by Tommy Jackson.

Rising Ebenezer Baptist Church will celebrate the
fifth anniversary of their pastor, the Rev. B.J. Milton,
at 4 p.m. The speaker for the morning service will be
the Rev. Moore, associate minister. The guest church
for the evening service will be Shady Grove Baptist
Church. The Rev. Haywood Gray will be the guest
sneaker.

Waughtown Baptist Church will hold its Homecoming Jubilee at 11 a.m. at the church, 838 Moravia St. All former and present members are asked to join the fun with pastor Dennis Bishop. For more information call 784-7386 or 788-1575.

Revelations of Faith Church Inc. will hold its fourth celebration of the church anniversary through Sunday, Aug. 21. A variety of speakers will participate in the celebration.

The Joint Board of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church will hold its annual observance at 7 p.m. The Rev. E.K. Lilly and the congregation of Mars Hill Baptist Church will be the guests.

The Forsyth County Missionary Union will observe its 78th anniversary at 3 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church, 916 E. 12th St. Dr. J. Ray Butler, host pastor, will deliver the message. Evelyn Clayburn, first vice president, will preside. Roxanna Pitts is the president.

Hubert H. Caldwell Jr. will be ordained as pastor at a service at 4 p.m. at the Bible Christian Center, 2306 Cragmore Road. The Rev. L.V. Stennis, chief executive office and presiding bishop of the Carolina Juris-

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