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CHARITY AND CHILDREN

THOMASVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1965

Shelby First Church Calls Dr. McClain

Dr. Joseph T. McClain will begin his new duties April 18 as pastor of First Church, Shelby. He succeeds John E. Lawrence who last year became pastor of Forest Hills Church, Raleigh. Dr. Forrest Feezor has been interim pastor.

Dr. McClain comes to Shelby from Independence, Mo., where he has been pastor of Maywood Baptist Church, a 1600-member congregation. The Shelby church has 2300 members.

A native of Oklahoma, the 45 year old minister is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary. He has held pastorates in Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Missouri. Much of his ministry has been devoted to teaching, on the faculties of Howard Payne and Ouachita, Baptist colleges in Texas and Arkansas respectively; and at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif; and Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.