

Ordination Service

for

MARK STEVEN ALEXANDER

July 31, 1983

7:30 P. M.

South Norfolk Baptist Church

Chesapeake, Virginia

PRELUDE: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Beethoven
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP: . . . "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee!"
SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP (In Unison)

"And how shall They preach, except They be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach The Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"
(Romans 10:15)

HYMN OF ADORATION 40 "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name"; Perrenet
INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER H. Wadell Waters
PASTORAL GREETING

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF ORDINATION.. W. L. Lumpkin
REPORT OF ORDINATION COUNCIL John A. Brown

ANTHEM: "Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God," Mueller
SERMON: "How Shall They Hear?" - Romans 10:14 . Frank Hughes, Jr.

CHARGE TO THE CANDIDATE. Samuel W. Tatem
PRAYER OF DEDICATION Henry V. Napier
LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRESENTATION OF BIBLE Joseph T. Hughes
PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE Julian T. Parrell
HYMN OF GUIDANCE 222 "Day By Day" Oscar Ahnfelt
BENEDICTION Mark Steven Alexander
POSTLUDE: "O God, Our Help In Ages Past" Croft

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A reception honoring *Reverend Mark Steven Alexander* follows The Ordination Service in Hughes Hall sponsored by the W. M. U. of the church.

PROGRAM PERSONNEL

ADULT CHOIR, South Norfolk Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Virginia
BROWN, John A., Executive Secretary of Norfolk Baptist Association
HOPKINS, Michael Dale, Minister of Music and Youth, South Norfolk Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Virginia

HUGHES, Frank Jr., Pastor, South Norfolk Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Virginia

HUGHES, Joseph T., Pastor, Biltmore Baptist Church, Glen Allen, Virginia

LUMPKIN, W. L., Pastor, Freemason Street Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia

MATHEWS, Russell, Organist, South Norfolk Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Virginia

NAPIER, Henry V., Pastor, Raleigh Heights Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Virginia

ORDAINED MINISTERS and DEACONS of Area Churches

PARCELL, Julian T., Chairman of Deacons, South Norfolk Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Virginia

TATEM, Samuel W., Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia

WATERS, H. Wadell, Retired Pastor, Middleburg Baptist Church, Middleburg, Virginia

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BIOGRAPHY

Mark Steven Alexander is the son of Mark and Cecile Alexander, Southern Baptist Foreign Missionaries to Argentina.

He was born August 21, 1957. Attended High School in the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina. College Training was at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, receiving a Bachelor of Arts with majors in Foreign Service, Spanish. Seminary Education was completed in 1982, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, receiving the Master of Divinity Degree.

Mark has received many honors: maintained a grade point average (g. p. a.) above a 3.5 through High School, College, and Seminary; graduated Cum Laude from Baylor University. Served as Student Missionary in Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Phoenix, Arizona.

December 20, 1980 he married Karen L. Douglas. She is seeking a Masters Degree in Fine Arts (Creative Writing) University of Virginia.

He has been called and is now preaching for the Sharon and Mt. Tabor Baptist Churches in Buckingham County, James River Association, Virginia.

His address: Rt. 3 - Box 447, Scottsville, Virginia 24590.
His father, Mark M. Alexander, Jr., ordained to the Gospel Ministry, by the South Norfolk Baptist Church, August 20, 1950.

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REV. MARK PULLEN, PASTOR

STUDY: 622-2876

Ordination Council for
Mark Alexander June 21, 1983

2:00 PM in Sanctuary of
South Norfolk Baptist Church

- I. Dr. William Lumpkin was elected to serve as chairman of the council.
- II. Rev. Mark Pullen was elected to serve as recording secretary.
- III. The Examination:

Q. What was your conversion experience and tell us how you perceive your call to the ministry?

A. "I grew up in a Christian home the son of missionary parents in Argentina. At the age of 11 I personally acknowledged that Jesus Christ was my Saviour. I attended and graduated from Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary.

I feel a sense of calling to career missionary service. I was just recently called to pastor Mt. Tabor and Sharon Baptist Churches in the Charlottesville Area."

Q. Who were some of the most influential persons in your life in bringing you to this commitment?

A. "My parents-especially my mother. My B. S. U. Director and another missionary kid who had gotten away from the Lord but had come back."

Q. How do people come to know God?

A. "Jesus is who He said He is and I accept that fact personally."

Q. Do you understand God in Trinitarian Terms?

A. "It is difficult to understand intellectually but I do accept and believe in the Trinity."

Q. What is the primary function of the Holy Spirit?

A. "He works in me personally."

- Q. Is sin a universal part of every man's life?
- A. "Yes! Sin is falling short of being the kind of person God intends us to be"
- Q. Is there an hereditary involvement in sin?
- A. "Man is prone to and predisposed to sin."
- Q. Do men have to be introduced to the Grace of God in order to deal with the sin problem?
- A. "Men must hear and believe the Gospel."
- Q. What is your view of Scripture?
- A. "They are God's record of His self disclosure to men. They are still God's Word. I accept the human dimension in Devine inspiration."
- Q. What is the New Testament doctrine of the church?
- A. "The church is the Body of Christ grouped together for fellowship and ministry. It is composed of true believers."
- Q. What relationship should exist among the churches?
- A. "A relationship of interdependence and strong cooperation should exist among autonomous churches."
- Q. What are the arguments against total independency?
- A. "The same reason an individual church shouldn't be totally isolated and alone. Churches can do more together than any one can do alone."
- Q. Can a church be autonomous without being totally independent?
- A. "Certainly-absolutely!"
- Q. What is the purpose of the church ordinances?
- A. "Obedience to Christ and testimony or witness to the world as well as to the church."
- Q. Is the mode of baptism important?
- A. "Yes, - baptism means immersion. The symbol should represent its meaning."
- Q. What is your concept of the professional or full time ministry?
- A. "All christians are called to ministry. The full time minister is to be an example, a trainer and a minister to the entire body. It involves the proclamation and teaching of the Gospel. He is to be their example in ministry."

Q. What is the function of ordination?

A. *"It separates one to serve the Lord. It is the church's affirmation and recognition of one's calling and gifts to ministry. It does not set one above others but sets one apart to service."*

Q. Do you think every church ought to be a missionary body?

A. *"Yes, we've gotten away from local missions emphasis with every church being on mission to its own community."*

Q. Should the church which ordains one to ministry, maintain contact with and show a continuing interest in the ordinand?

A. *"A church should follow the ordinand with continued interest and prayer."*

Dr. Lumpkin asked the candidate to depart the room while we discussed his qualifications.

It was moved and seconded that South Norfolk Baptist Church ordain Mark Alexander to the Gospel Ministry with highest recommendations. It passed un-animously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Mark Pullen
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