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First Baptist Shelby eyes Maryland pastor

Prospect to preach Sunday

CASSIE TARPLEY
Star Staff Writer

First Baptist Church of Shelby is prepared to call Dr. Robert W. Canoy as its next permanent pastor.

The church is excited about the appointment, which comes almost a year after the departure of 26-year pastor Dr. Gene Watterson, said Dianne Travis, secretary to the church and pastor.

Dr. R. Wayne Stacy of Gardner-Webb University has served as interim pastor during the church's search.

Canoy currently is senior pastor at First Baptist Church, Rockville, Md.

Members of the pastor search committee and the board of deacons have recommended the call, Travis said.

In Shelby to meet with groups from the congregation at drop-ins today, Canoy will preach his first sermon to the full congregation Sunday at 11 a.m.

Travis said the church will convene a called conference immediately following the morning worship service to vote on Canoy's appointment.

Pending a successful call and acceptance — which is expected — Canoy could be in Shelby by the first of March, Travis said.

Canoy, 38, is a native of Greenville, Miss., and received his master's and doctor's degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

He and his wife, Cynthia, have two sons, ages 10 and 5.