Wallace Tallent born June 7, 1931 is a native of Macon County. He and his wife, the former Virginia Moore, have two children - Keith Tallent and Audrey Tallent Buchanan.

On August 28, 1966, Mr. Tallent was ordained into the Baptist ministry at Central Baptist Church. Rev. George A. Cloer was pastor there at the time. He has pastored churches in both Macon and Jackson counties. His pastorates in Macon County are: Ellijay Bible Baptist, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Black Mountain, Prentiss, Oak Dale, Watauga, and White Oak Flats Baptist. In Jackson county: Piney Mountain and Mount Zion. He is presently pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church at Dillsboro, N.C.

Rev. Tallent now resides on Mashburn Branch Road, Franklin, N.C.

The researcher notes that during Rev. Tallent’s pastorate at Watauga, he enhanced the church with his willingness to go the full distance to complete his God given task. He greeted his congregation with a smile of compassion for God’s people. He was instrumental in the educational addition to the church building. While the construction was taking place, Rev. Tallent was there sanding and staining window frames and doing whatever he could to help with the building project. He did many notable things to add to the growth of the church. He has a talent in music that he often used in spreading the gospel. He purchased a second-handed piano for the choir-practice room. Also, he purchased the first Bibles that were given to the new converts. The church later assumed the responsibility of purchasing the Bibles to be given to the new converts. Rev. Tallent encouraged his church to attend all given services. One quote that he often used was, “...stay in the book.”