Rev. Carl Lacky from Mount Airy, N. C., will be conducting a revival meeting at the Liberty Baptist Church in Snow Hill next week. The services will begin Monday night at 7:30 and go through Saturday. There will be special guest singers each night except on Saturday when a Christian film will be shown entitled, "The Missing Christians."
25-Year Pastorate Noted

The Rev. Carl Lackey was celebrating his 25th anniversary as pastor of the church. He recalled that the first Sunday we were at White Plains after Carl was called as pastor back in 1948, said Mrs. Lackey, "there were 22 people in Sunday School." Twenty-five years later, 926 persons turned out for Sunday School and worship services to help the pastor commemorate the occasion. That was approximately 50 per cent above their normal attendance of from 600 to 700 in Sunday School.

A native of Lincolnton, Lackey moved to High Point as a youth. He was engaged in the upholstery business when he felt the call to preach. He served in two High Point churches before coming to White Plains in 1948.

Church activities, congregational size and total investments have grown sharply during his quarter century here. The value of the church property, which includes two church buildings, a Christian day school, land, parsonage, 11 buses and six school vans, is estimated at a quarter million dollars.

Lackey has been a popular revival speaker throughout the area. He estimated that from seven to eight thousand "salvation decisions" have been made under his ministry during the past 25 years.

The pastor is married to the former Jewel Thomas of High Point, who shares in many of the church activities over which her husband is pastor.

There are two associates at the church, Dale Hawks and Jerry Whiteheart. There is organized and operating a Junior Church over which Gene Bennett presides as pastor.

In addition to his pastoral duties, Lackey conducts a regular series of radio broadcasts.

In addition to an anniversary cake and another cake which was a replica of the church, Lackey was presented a bronze plaque commemorating his service to the congregation.
Local Baptist Leader Dies At Age 78

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WHITE PLAINS — The longtime spiritual leader of hundreds of area Baptists is dead at 78.

Dr. Carl Theodore Lackey of White Plains, noted pastor of White Plains Baptist Church, passed away Sunday morning in Winston-Salem. He had been in declining health for several months, the victim of strokes.

Lackey was one of the earliest ministers to use radio to deliver his messages. He was the first minister to air over Radio Station WPAQ in 1948 and his worship service was a radio feature for 44 years, until 1992.

Under his leadership, White Plains Baptist Church grew from a frame church having some 30 members to a brick church and school complex with hundreds of members.

He established White Plains Christian School, which includes kindergarten through 12th-grade. The school has about 100 students.

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Funeral services for Lackey, one brother, Wesley Taylor of High Point, and several nieces and nephews will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at White Plains Baptist Church.

Lackey was also responsible for the establishment of White Plains Bible Institute at his church complex. The institute trains teachers and preachers two nights a week.

Each year, in the spring and fall, the church hosts a mammoth jubilee, attracting ministers from as far away as Texas, Michigan, Ohio and Nova Scotia. Those away from here attending the jubilee have been housed in the church’s dormitory facilities.

The church has served the worshippers three meals a day at no charge.

Many of attending services are brought to the church each week on a fleet of buses maintained by White Plains Baptist. The fleet’s route covers Surry and surrounding counties.

The White Plains complex was debt-free. The church building, gymnasium, Olympics-size swimming pool for children attending camp, a nearby house, the 15 acres of land on which the complex is located, the large garage housing the fleet of buses and the parsonage; all were built without the church going into debt.

“We never borrowed a dime,” a church member recalled today. “He (Lackey) never went into debt for anything.”

“When I first came to White Plains Baptist Church in 1955, we had 800 people in Sunday School,” Betty Payne, the church secretary for 25 years, recalled today.

“Attendance at worship services was running 300 up there.”

“White Plains Baptist Church, the old building, was built in 1856,” Payne added. “The new church was built 100 years later.”

When Lackey became pastor of the church, the longtime secretary recalled, he said he would be a “pastoral evangelist. He had held revivals and camp meetings in a lot of places.

“He was a church father,” she said.

“There is so much I would like to say about him. He was real. He preached so hard and we took it because we knew he loved us.

“He never had any children, but he started the school,” the church secretary continued. “He wanted to do something for others. He lived every day what he preached. ... There was no one I knew who didn’t respect him. He was an individual, one of a kind.”

Lackey is survived by one brother, Wesley Taylor of High Point, and several nieces and nephews.