The Rev. Berry Lafone, pastor of Oakland Heights Baptist church, who has completed 15 years of serving the church pastorate, was honored Sunday by his congregation, which presented him with gifts and a gift of money as a token of their appreciation.

When the Rev. Lafone began his ministry in 1953 with Oakland Heights Baptist church, there were only eight members on the church roll. Now there are approximately 160. The church was established in 1943.

In a talk to the congregation, the Rev. Lafone said that much of the credit should go to Mrs. Lafone for her help and inspiration.
New Pastor At Faith Olive

The Rev. Berry Lafone has become the new pastor of Faith Olive Baptist Church in the Advent Crossroads area of Hickory.

The Rev. Mr. Lafone is a graduate of Fruitland Bible Institute and was pastor of Oakland Heights Baptist Church for 16 years. He was one of the founders of the Springs Road Baptist Church.

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