

Through Her Music Gillard Touches The Lives Of Many

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Diana Phifer Gillard is a living example of how God can change one's life. The change for Mrs. Gillard started a chain reaction that has touched the lives of many, mainly through the ministry of music.

Mrs. Gillard, a member of Second Calvary Baptist Church and the church's Senior Choir, decided to set up a concert for the Correction Center for Women in Raleigh. And now there are plans for similar concerts.

"The music," she thought, "would give you something to think about, whereas you may not have thought about God before. Sometimes it can be real lonely. But when people come and share the gospel you know someone cares."

Mrs. Gillard should know, she has experienced the physical imprisonment. But she realized that with the help of God no one can imprison you mentally unless you let them. And from this point on, her life began to brighten.

"I thought I could change myself but I couldn't do that on my own. I had to let God change me. He took all my desires away and placed me with a whole new group of people - Christians."

Mrs. Gillard was brought up at the Second Calvary Baptist Church. "Becoming a member of the choir was my first church involvement. I wanted to do something...I had to do

Sorority

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Blood-Give-In

The Charlotte Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority is sponsoring a Blood-Give-In on Saturday, February 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gethsemane AME Zion Church, 531 Campus Street.

The Zeta Sorority is a service organization, having been founded in 1920, on the campus of Howard University.

According to Miss Madie Simpson, president of the Sorority, the Blood-Give-In is our way of reaching out to those who need us.

We especially call upon the black community to stand up and be counted in this effort. Approximately 90 churches and 35 other sororities, fraternities, and service clubs have been contacted for the give-in. We also hope that there will be others responding as a result of the announcements through the news media.

Special recognition will be given to each participating group.

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Now A Reality

The Davidson-Cornelius Tutorial Enrichment Program is no longer an idea but a reality.

On Monday, February 1, 50 students began filling their afternoons with positive reinforcement skills in the areas of reading and math. They also received homework help and cultural enrichment activities that will help enrich their lives and eliminate some of the boredom and frustration that sometimes low achievers experience in a regular school setting.

Twenty students from Davidson College, who will serve as volunteer tutors along with two other staff members from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System, attended a curriculum and cultural workshop facilitated by Miss Melinda Johnson, associate director and curriculum coordinator, and Miss Brenda Froneberger, drama and arts coordinator of Gethsemane Enrichment Program.

The operational hours of the center will be 3:45 to 6:45, Mondays through Thursdays, in the Davidson Community Center without cost.

Students in grades 1-6 attending the Davidson-Cornelius Schools, who may be interested, may contact Mrs. Ann Brown, instructional leader or Miss Peggy Brown, coordinator of the Davidson site.

something. I started putting something into the church and I started getting something out of it."

The program featuring the Second Calvary Baptist Church Choir in concert at the Correction Center for Women was a success. "I know that it lifted the audience up but it also blessed the choir members. And I think they enjoyed doing it."

Mrs. Gillard called and arranged this concert with the help of Judy Berlow and Ted Martin, minister of music for Second Calvary. "Both of them and my sister Selma Burton have been a great inspiration to me," Ms. Gillard pointed out.

She has suggested to Martin that the choir present a concert once a month to prisons, including honor grade custody prisons in the area.

The prison in Huntersville, Mrs. Gillard explained, responded enthusiastically to the proposal. In March another concert has been planned. The choir will sing at Stonewall



Diana Phifer Gillard
...Spreading God's love

Jackson Training School, prisons in Salisbury, Newton, Monroe, Statesville and return to Raleigh tentatively with Myers Tabernaie AME Zion Church in June.

In May the choir will travel to a prison in Atlanta, Ga.

It seems as if the chain reaction will continue to promote better understanding of God and fellowship. "Jesus is the answer and the only way on earth

to make it," she said.

Because one lady saw a change needed to be made in her life... "I tried life my way and I couldn't handle it my way"...many people have and will continue to benefit.

Faith abounds and Mrs. Gillard is pushing to present a musical Christian concert at the Central prison for men in Raleigh. She also works at Trim-Line as a seamstress and is going to take the state board test for cosmetologists soon. She enjoys reading, writing, the movies and singing. She has three sons: Marco, James and Demon.

One other favorite hobby of Mrs. Gillard is spreading the Word of God anywhere she can. She collects and sends off for Biblical literature such as book marks with "The Lord's Prayer" on "Jesus Is Love" printed on it.

"I distribute them out to people especially in the morning. People don't like to smile in the morning. I spread His Word anyway I can."

Through her prayers and willingness to let God do His will in her life, Mrs. Gillard has touched many - probably far beyond her dreams. She may not realize it but through her God is reaching out to others. Her mission was inspired by God and as long as He prefers the mission continue.

"We have made a list of prisons located three to four hours from Charlotte.

And once we visit these prisons we will take the list and start visiting them all over again." And the chain reaction of love continues.

"Y" Sleep-In

The Rock Hill YMCA will have a sleep-in for boys and girls 6-10 years of age Friday, February 5, beginning at 7 p.m.

Anyone that pre-registers before Friday, February 1, will get a \$1 discount.

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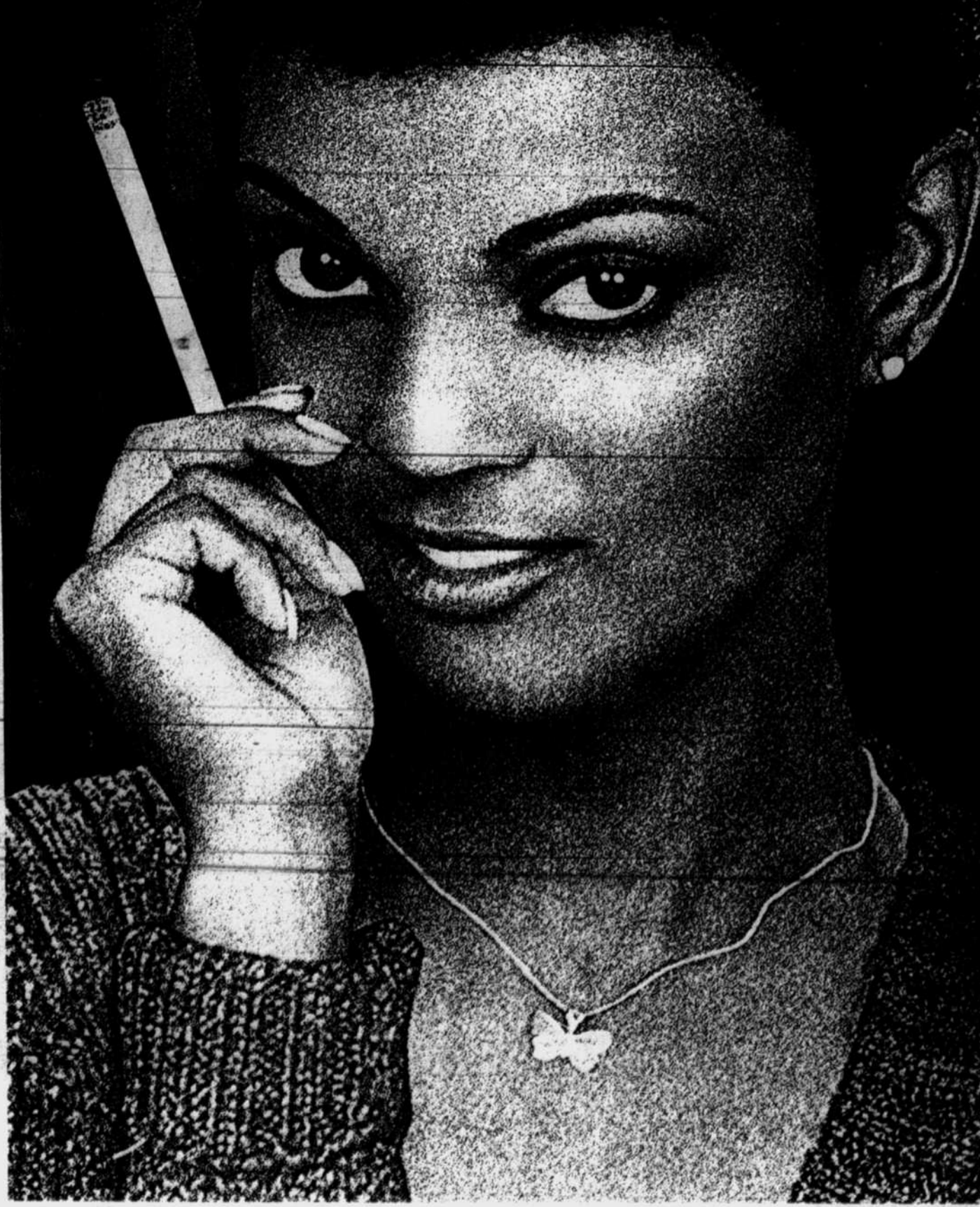
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