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Church News

Baptist 200 Alexander Ave.

Harrisburg Saturday Night Alive, 7 p.m. Presentation of "When Angels Watch" featuring the Young Adult Missionary Group. The Garinger High School Gospel Choir will perform as well.

Sunday

•New St. John Baptist 2000 St. John Church Road Worship services will be held at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. The Voices of Hope, the church's youth choir will be in concert at 6 p.m.

•Community Outreach Christian Ministries 1222 Oaklawn Ave.

The congregation will dedicate its new sanctuary Sunday at 5 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. David Chadwick of Forest Hill Presbyterian Church.

Seasonal services

Dec. 7

C. •Johnson Smith University Choir will hold its annual Christmas Vesper service at 5:30 p.m. at Jane M. Smith Memorial Church. Featured performers include John Apple of the American Guild of Organists and Karen Hite Jacob. Free.

•"Walk Through Bethlehem" at Matthews United Methodist Church, 801 S. Trade St., Matthews, will open at 4 p.m. The interactive program features a recreation of the sights and sounds of Bethlehem at the time of Christ's birth. Features 300 costumed performers and nativity animals.

Dec. 11

The Charlotte Christian Women's Club I will present "Memories of Christmas Luncheon," featuring The Market Place at Mint Hill at the Rain Country Club. Vocalist Lynn Pope will perform. The event begins at 11 a.m. Cost \$10.50

Dec. 14

Northside Baptist Church, I-85 and Sugar Creek Road, will "1997 Spirit present Christmas" at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The cast of more than 200 will recreate the birth of Christ. Free. For more information, call 596-4856.

Items for Church News should be submitted by Monday at noon to appear in Thursday's Charlotte Post. To ensure accuracy, items should be printed or typed and include phone numbers and appropriate addresses.

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It matters not what church you are a member of, if you have never been awakened to your LOST condition you are not saved and you are on the road to hell. You could go to hell right now! Your being a member of the Methodist church, or Baptist church, or any church is no sign you are saved. No! Your being religious is no sign you are saved. Some of you religious leaders are going on teaching, preaching, witnessing, and doing great missionary work. but you must give up all your teaching, preaching, and religious duties before you can be saved. You must give up your church before you can be

saved. You have to be born again (John 3), and made a new creation in Christ Jesus my Lord. Have you been born again? Have you been made a new creation in Christ Jesus? You say you have, but Christ is not the center of your testimony. You don't talk about what He means to your heart, you are talking about church activities. You don't talk about the SACRIFICE. You have never told others about what Christ means to your heart. No, you have not. But you say you are saved. Your heart is deceived! For you to go on in your present condition means that one day you will lift up your eyes in Hell. Oh, may my heavenly Father have mercy on you and awaken you to the fact you are a LOST SINNER. My friend, you would give ten thousand worlds just to be awakened to your lost condition. That's right, oh, if you only knew my

Lord. My sinner friend, pray for the discovery of your soul. If you knew what you were praying for, you wouldn't pray for it. But you must discover the lost and ruined condition of your poor soul here or there, and it would be far better for you to discover your lost condition here than in eternity. There is hope for you now, but if you go out into eternity without Christ, there is no hope for you. And let me say in closing this letter, if you go through this life and fail to come to know Christ, it can be said of you as it was said of Judas: "It had been better for that man that he had never been born" Will that be said of you? May you turn to the Lord before He comes. As the world turns and grows more and more wicked and violent we know the coming of our Lord is very near. And the Middle East pot is boiling again as we come down to the end of another 2,000 years. Every 2,000 years an event takes

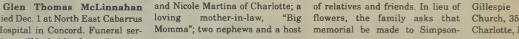
place that changes the course of man's history WORLD-WIDE. We are very near the end of another 2,000 years and look for the coming of my Lord any moment. Are you looking for Him to come? His Coming is my only Hope as I sit here before this typewriter. And I ask the Lord for wisdom and grace to WRITE THE TRUTH, warning men and women of their coming destruction if they don't repent and turn to Christ. I know we are living in the CLOSING DAYS, or better yet, MOMENTS just before our Lord comes. I may be talking to someone about the COMING of the Lord when he comes, and you'll be rebelling against it, and in the "twinkling of an eye you'll take your eye off me and then look back but I won't be there. My Lord came for me when you took your eye off me. My friend, turn to Christ. Your Gospel Editor and Teacher,

J.M. Little

died Dec. 1 at North East Cabarrus Hospital in Concord. Funeral services will be held today at 2 p.m. at Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church, 3545 Beatties Ford Road. The body will lie in state an hour before the funeral.

Mr. McLinnahan was the son of Herman Strickland and Ola Ellison. At an early age, Mr. McLinnahan joined St. James AME Zion Church in Red Springs, N.C

He received his early education in the public schools of Red Springs. Mr. McLinnahan received his bachelor's degree from NC A&T State University in Greensboro and continued his education at UNC Charlotte. He began his professional career in Adamsville, S.C. as a coach and social studies teacher. He also taught in Charlotte at J.H. Gunn



Momma"; two nephews and a host memorial be made to Simpson- Charlotte, N.C. 28216.

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Rev. Diggs

Obituary

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•The Ministry of Reconcili-

ation will celebrate its anniver-

sary at 6:30 p.m. Featured guests

include Evangelist Tina Patrice

Johnson and Expression of Praise

II. Services continue Sunday at 4

p.m. with Bishop A. Foxworth of

New Life Pentecostal Church, of

Rains, S.C. Both services will be

held at First Mayfield Baptist

Oakgrove Missionary

Church, 901 Oaklawn Ave.

mation, call 334-3782.

Saturday

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Friday

Elementary School and spent 22 years at Northwest Cabarrus High School in Concord.

He was recognized in 1996 and 1997 for his outstanding service to Junior Achievement of Cabarrus County.

During his long career, Mr. McLinnahan also served as a counselor at the McCain Training School for Boys in McCain and was the first director of the Gaston Boys' Club in Gastonia. He was a longtime member of Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church were he served as chair of the Board of Trustees and was a member of the Nomination and Personnel Committee, the LOCK-BERT Committee and the United Methodist Men.

Mr. McLinnahan was also a member of the National Education Association, NC Teachers Association and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Mr. McLinnahan is survived by his wife of 38 years Maxine; two sons, William (Velveta) and Glenn II (Nolly); one brother David Ellison (Barbara) of Laurinburg, N.C.; one sister Marta Ellison Mason (Edward) of Anchorage Alaska; three grandchildren, William and Ebony of Red Springs



