

## W'ville Church Presents "Life Of Christ"

The Weaverville United Methodist Church will present "The Life of Jesus", a pageant depicting the life of Christ from prophecy to resurrection, will be presented on April 14 at 8 p.m. The four-act production, directed by Patti Young and Dave Horn, is the result of the work of some 35 church members.

The play will be presented at the Weaverville United Methodist Church. The Rev. Joseph Sorrell will narrate the production. Andy Duff plays the role of Christ in his adult years.

The April 14 presentation will mark the culmination of a two-year project first begun by a small group of women at the church. Mary Carlson and Kay Baluss, who wrote much of the script, took the passages from scripture to construct the pageant.

In addition to the script, church members have been busy preparing props, sets and costumes and rehearsing their roles. Some 35 church members have parts in the presentation.

The play presents a succession of events in the life of Christ from the prophecies of Isaiah, through Jesus' ministry and crucifixion.

The public is invited to attend the Saturday night presentation free of charge.



APOSTLES DALE PENNELL and Jeff Pennell, left, flank Andrew Duff with fellow apostles Tim Meadows and Shawn Fitz. Duff portrays Jesus in "The Life of Jesus."

## Nuclear Discussion Set

Phillip Bennett, a professor of philosophy at the State University of N.Y. at Cortland, will present a talk on the issue of nuclear war on April 12 at 7 p.m. at Allenstand on Little Laurel. For more information, call 656-2773.

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## UNC-A Plans Palm Sunday Concert

A Palm Sunday concert April 15 featuring music ranging from Handel's "Messiah" to "Jesus Christ Superstar" will be performed at the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

The 4 p.m. concert at Lipinsky Auditorium will be performed by UNCA's 35-voice University Singers under the direction of Dewitt Tipton. Tipton calls the program "a survey of traditional and contemporary music illustrating the Lenten-season ideas of penitence, sorrow and rejoicing."

The concert opens with "Hosanna to the Son of David" by David Moe, a 20th-century composer, and closes with nine selections from "Jesus

Christ Superstar." "The concert is framed by works representing the more joyous sense of the Easter season, while the middle parts of the program are more contemplative," says Tipton.

The program includes selections from Handel's "Messiah," "Out of the Depths" by Alan Hovhaness, and a selection from Beethoven's "The Mount of Olives." Also performed will be three versions of "Ave Verum Corpus" ("Hail True Body") from Mozart in the 18th century, William Byrd in the 16th century, and Edward Elgar in the early 20th century.

The "Jesus Christ Superstar" selections will be

accompanied by the UNCA Studio Ensemble, a four-piece rock group directed by Wayne Kirby, UNCA's resident electronic music composer.

"The 'Superstar' selections trace the life of Jesus from the week of Palm Sunday through the Crucifixion," says Tipton. "This rock opera was very controversial when it first appeared in the early 1970s, but it's a great piece of music and I think it's time we listen to it again."

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. The concert is sponsored in part by the UNCA Music Club and is part of the university's fourth annual Celebration of the Arts.

## UNCA Offers Bible Study Class

"The Bible and Culture" is the title of a week-long conference April 8-12, at the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

The conference is intended for a lay audience and is open to the public without charge, says Dr. Margaret J. Downes, the UNCA humanities professor who organized the conference.

"This conference should appeal to those groups whose primary interest in the Bible is based on faith and to those whose primary interest is based on intellectual curiosity,"

says Dr. Downes.

The conference begins Sunday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Carmichael Humanities Lecture Hall with "Reading the Bible: A Non-denominational Approach," a lecture by Dr. Roland G. Murphy, the G. W. Ivey Professor of Bible Studies at Duke University.

The conference continues Monday, April 9 at 11 a.m. with a community forum in Lipinsky Auditorium titled "Cultural Roots of the Bible." Panelists include Dr. Roland G. Murphy, UNCA music professor Dr. Frank Edwinn, and

Dr. Constance Head, professor of history and religion at Western Carolina University.

"The Bible and American Culture" is the topic of a Wednesday, April 11 lecture by Dr. Grant Wacker, a religion professor at UNC-Chapel Hill. The 7 p.m. talk will be held in the Pack Library Auditorium.

The conference concludes Thursday, April 12 at 2:30 p.m. with a community forum on "The Influence of the Bible on Southern Culture."

# Calendar Of Church Events

## Saturday Night Singing

The regular Saturday night singing will be held at the Belva Baptist Church on April 14 at 7:30 p.m. The Psalmists will be the featured singers. The Rev. Bob Selman invites everyone to attend.

## Revival Service Planned

Revival services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Hot Springs on April 15 through 20 each night beginning at 7 p.m. The Rev. Ray Hipps, pastor of the Lakewood Baptist Church in Black Mountain, will be the guest speaker. Pastor Rev. Arthur Ammons invites everyone to attend.

## UNC Campground Meets

The Western North Carolina Campground will hold a general assembly meeting on April 15 at 2 p.m. at the WNC Campground Fellowship Hall.

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It makes more sense to concentrate on a spiritual certainty than to speculate about uncertainties. Trust in God. He will allay your doubts.

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