

# Church Events

## Christmas Play At Chapel Hill Baptist Church

The Chapel Hill Baptist Church will present "A Christmas Play To All People" on Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. The Rev. Dean Grindstaff invites everyone to attend.

## Benefit Singing At Shoal Hill

The Shoal Hill Baptist Church will hold a singing on Dec. 29 at 7 p.m. The singing is a benefit for Joshua Mayhew, who is seriously ill. The Rev. James Mason invites everyone to attend.

## Walnut Creek To Present Christmas Plays

The Walnut Creek Baptist Church will present two plays on Christmas Eve, beginning at 7 p.m. The plays will be "The Six-Winged Angel" and "No Room At The Inn." Recitations will be presented by the smaller children of the church. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Candlelight Service Dec. 24

The Marshall Presbyterian Church will hold a candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Mars Hill College Spring Schedule Is Now Available

The spring schedule for Mars Hill College's adult-oriented evening program is now available for the school's Center for Continuing Education. More than 70 classes in five degree programs will be available during the semester which begins on Jan. 3. The semester will include two 10-week terms and a 15-week term. The schedule of classes allows students to complete 12 semester hours, thereby qualifying them as full-time students and making them eligible for financial assistance. Formal registration for the semester will be held at each site during the week of January 21 through 25. Because classes are scheduled to begin before registration, interested students should contact the Center for Continuing Education before Jan. 3 at 689-1166.

## Metcalf Completes Advanced Studies

Roland Dean Metcalf, the former pastor of the Middle Fork Baptist Church in Mars Hill recently completed advanced studies at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest. Metcalf was presented with the Master of Divinity with languages degree during commencement exercises on Dec. 15. Metcalf served as pastor of Middle Fork Baptist from 1980 until May of this year. He is married to the former Arlene Young of Mars Hill. The 24-year old South Carolina native is a 1982 summa cum laude graduate of Mars Hill College with a degree in religion. Metcalf accepted the call to the gospel ministry in 1978 and was ordained by the Walnut Grove Baptist Church of Marietta, S.C. in Jan., 1981.



ROLAND METCALF

## A-B Tech Reaccredited

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools today listed Asheville-Buncombe Technical College among the colleges reaffirmed for a ten-year period. The announcement was made during the College Delegate Assembly Forum of the annual meeting of the Association being held in Atlanta. President Harvey L. Haynes, upon hearing of the reaffirmation, said, "Being an associate member of the Southern Association establishes a

mutual relationship between us and other colleges and universities since we are all accredited by the same standards." Following the original accreditation in 1968, A-B Tech officials were able to negotiate transfer agreements with senior colleges and universities throughout the region. Membership in a regional association is generally required as part of the accreditation process with other agencies.

In the reaffirmation procedure, faculty, staff, administrators, and board members collectively conduct an institutional self-study. In this process college committees investigate ten academic areas, including instruction, faculty, physical facilities, purpose, library functions, and college administration and organization. The internal investigation, once completed, is reviewed by peers chosen from colleges throughout the Southeast. In April of 1984, the Self-Study Visitation team spent three days on the A-B Tech campus interviewing students, faculty, and administrators to determine the accuracy of the internal self-study and the ability of the College to continue to fulfill its purpose.

Both internal investigation and the visiting team produced recommendations for improvements to the College operation. The College has responded to the recommendations and will continue to work toward realizing improvements in all areas noted.

A current priority in SACS reaffirmation endeavor is to ascertain that colleges are effectively planning for the future.



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## Living And Growing

By CARL MUMPOWER  
The Asheville Counseling Center

Life is hard. There's no way around that one. No matter how good we are, rich we are, or who we are, life does not come cheaply. With every measure of good, comes some bit of hardship.

In the face of the hardships of life, it is common to sometimes feel overwhelmed by it all. There are times when we need help from folks around us. That's not a reflection on us, but on life. It's just not possible to live our way through the ups and downs of life without benefit of a helping hand along the way.

We should not be faulted for stumbling on occasion. We learn from a process of trial and error. In getting too hung up on the error, we can get afraid of trying. Mistakes and such are a natural part of living. When we give in to the hardship however, then we are talking about another matter. There is no one who can do justice to the task of taking care of you. When it comes to this one, you are on your own.

There are essentially two kinds of help. The first, help to get ahead, is the kind we use to supplement our resources and get us on our feet. The second, help to get by, is the kind we use to replace our resources and get us through life. One says help me take care of myself. The other says take care of me. There's a major distinction between the two.

When we hand our responsibility for self over to another, we in some ways begin to die. Our sense of identity, fulfillment, meaning, and value begin to evaporate. There is some relief at first initially, but the final outcome is emptiness. Most of us learn to live when we have our hand on our own life.

Don't ask anyone to take care of you. If you really truly take all you can get, but make sure you don't ask more of others than you can give. One played a promise which was made. It's a mistake to try to give away.