

# THE WOODSHED

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**EVENTS:**  
**Wednesday**  
 Pool Tournament  
 \$2.00 Domestic Beers  
**First Saturday**  
 Fetish Night  
**Third Friday**  
 Country Night

**Sunami Restaurant**  
 Wednesday - Saturday

• **Best Beer Selection**  
 • **Best Juke Box**  
 • **Best Country Music**  
 as named in  
*The Charlotte Observer's* annual  
**Best of Charlotte!**

## SPECIALS:

### Monday

\$5 All You Can Drink Beer

### Tuesday

\$3 Call Liquors, \$2 Beer

### Wednesday

Pool Tournament • No Entry Fee • \$50 to the Winner

### Thursday

\$1 Domestic Beer

### Friday

\$2 Smirnoff Ice, \$3.00 Malibu Rum

### Saturday

\$2.00 Corona, \$3.00 Jim Beam

### Sunday

\$2 House Drinks • Free Buffet at 6:30 pm

## HOURS:

5 pm - 2 am — Six Days a Week • Sunday — 3 pm - 2 am  
 Patio Bar Open Friday, Saturday & Sunday!  
 Sunday Buffet at 6:30 pm

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says Britt. "For the first six months they had a doctor's appointment a week. Now they're perfectly healthy."

Kirkegaard is matter-of-fact about the impact the children have had on the couple's life. "We're a very happy family," he brags. "The adoption actually forced me to come out to my parents, and they were extremely supportive and happy."

Mick Hinson is the pastor of MCC Charlotte. He and his partner Dave are fathers to a son and a daughter. "He's five, and our daughter is one," Mick beams.

The Hinsons went through Luthern Family Services when they decided to form their family. "It was a very good process," Mick recalls. "We fostered under them, with the intent to adopt."

Mick and Dave have been together for 11 years. Five years into the relationship the two came to the realization that they wanted to be parents. "We looked into surrogate parenting and international adoptions, but then we realized there were so many kids right here in the state that needed homes."

Different from the other families included

in this article, the Hinson children are of different ethnic origin than their fathers.

"Our son is black and our daughter is biracial," says Mick. "It has been somewhat of a challenge getting used to the looks, but it doesn't make any difference. We don't care about the stares."

The Hinsons have taken the racial differences between the children and their parents and made them into a bonding point.

"My son has asked questions about the skin color difference, but we simply explained to him that people come in all kinds of different colors, and that it doesn't matter. Some people are cream-colored and some

are brown.

"We feel that because we are a same sex couple and our family is multi-racial, we've been able to help them understand people are people, no matter what their background, and that everyone should be given a chance."

For Mick, the couple's most rewarding parental experience came in the form of three simple words. "It was hearing them say, 'I love you.'"



Gary Kirkegaard and Tony Britt with Austin and Brimey.



The Hinson family

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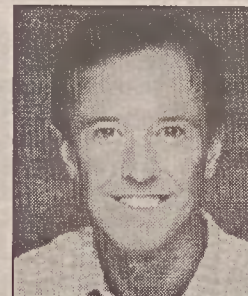
girl, but I don't necessarily think Hedwig is supposed to be all that good looking."

Despite any reservations Ensley might have had about bending his gender — he's adamant that there was more behind his decision to take the part than meets the eye.

"One of the reasons I did choose to do this piece is because it can speak to everyone universally. If it can add layers to the perceptions of other people — for individuals like drag queens or cross-dressers or transsexuals — then that's a very positive thing.

"I wanted to take that step because I could. I thought it was a positive message about people who feel different, and it goes beyond just the trans aspect.

"All of us feel disenfranchised in some way or another — every single one of us at some point — and this is a universal message for everyone."



Actor Billy Ensley in a publicity still (left) and as the character Hedwig.

### info:

"Hedwig and the Angry Inch"  
 Continues through June 15  
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