

shops will give participants the opportunity in a safe, affirming setting to meet and share ideas, feelings and strategies with other potential or current caregivers. The activities and informative handouts are geared to increase confidence in one's ability to provide a good quality of life for those loved.

All LGBT community members are welcome to attend. Inclusive language is intertwined in the materials presented.

The cost for each workshop is \$10 (includes materials). Call the church at 704-372-6836 for further information.

Attendees are asked to bring a lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided. Deadline for registering is Feb. 25 for the Preparing workshop and Mar. 4 for the Caring workshop.

To register, write a check for \$10 made payable to Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church with a daytime phone number on your check. Be sure to write on the memo line of the check the name of the workshop attending. Send checks to: Attn: Angie, Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church, 2929 Selwyn Ave., Charlotte, NC 28209.

N.C. man makes hit at Sundance

PARK CITY, Utah — Director Tim Kirkman (pictured), who hails from Wingate, debuted his film, "Loggerheads," at the recent Sundance Film Festival, the independent film industry's annual celebration.

Filming took place in North Carolina, which created painful memories for the director. He remembered his youth, a time

wrought with fear of coming out. Even though it was difficult for Kirkman, he still holds a great love for the state, calling it home.

The film is inspired by true events. It inter-

weaves three stories, each in a different year on a Mother's Day weekend in N.C. One depicts the return of Grace to her hometown to stay with her mother and search for a child she secretly gave up for adoption. Another tells of Mark's journey to save endangered turtles at a small coastal town. The final storyline is about Elizabeth, who is wrestling with standing by her minister husband's beliefs or taking a stand on her own. The film has a subtle theme of homophobia woven throughout.

Kirkman explores the layers of emotionalism and examines the need for family through this film.

The cast includes Bonnie Hunt, Kip Pardue, Tess Harper, Michael Learned, Michael Kelly and Chris Sarandon.

Kirkman's documentary "Dear Jesse," which contrasted his life with that of Sen. Jesse Helms, premiered on HBO/Cinemax's Reel Life, where it received an Emmy nomination for writing, and was released theatrically in 1998. During filming he met a woman whose son died from AIDS complications. That encounter created the inspiration for "Loggerheads." He received his B.A. from the School of Design at North Carolina State University and his M.A. from the New School for Social Research, New York, N.Y.



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