

# Groundbreaking held for Battered Women's Shelter

Ground was broken Sunday, Aug. 29, for the Battered Women's Shelter renovation and expansion.

Jack R. Childs, campaign chairman for the shelter, thanked the community for its support for the project.

"So far, we've raised just over \$1.2 million in the first phase of a \$1.75 million campaign," he said. "We've had gifts from individuals, corporations, churches and foundations. People have responded to the need to provide a safe haven for women and their small children."

Major gifts since the campaign kickoff in March include contributions from Sara Lee Corp., Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., Duke Power Co., and the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation.

Other large contributions have come from Integon Corp., Piedmont Airlines, Piedmont Publishing Co., the Shelton Foundation, Vulcan Materials Co., First Union National Bank and NCNB.

At the groundbreaking ceremony, Larry Ribbs, of Hammill-Walter Associates, Inc., explained the plans for the renovation and addition. When completed, the renovated shelter will serve 36 residents and will have space for counseling and other administrative services.

Wilson-Covington will be the contractor for the addition and renovation which is expected to be completed by the fall of 1989.

Henry Carter, executive direc-



Photo by Mike Cunningham

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held earlier this week on the site of the soon to be renovated Battered Womens Shelter.

tor of the Winston-Salem Foundation, told the audience of the shelter's importance in providing help to women in the community at a time of great need.

Mayor Wayne Corpening thanked all the contributors and volunteers for their efforts to make the shelter a place where women feel comfortable.

Richard Barr, immediate past

chairman of Family Services Inc., which operates the shelter, also thanked the community and introduced Roger Plachy, current chairman of Family Services, and Sarah Austin, president.

The Battered Women's Shelter provides a place for physically abused women to come 24 hours a day. It is the largest shelter in the state.

In 1986, 274 women and 371 children stayed at the facility.

The campaign cabinet responsible for raising funds for the renovation and expansion consists of Childs, Keith L. Alm, James D. Branch, Martha H. Davis, Aurelia G. Eller, James A. Gray, Eldridge C. Hanes, John F. McNair III, Kenneth O. Raschke, Claudette B. Weston and John T. Winebrenner.

# Big Brothers/Big Sisters elects '88-'89 officers, board members

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Forsyth County Inc. elected 1988-89 officers and new members to the Board of Directors at the agency's annual board meeting.

The new officers are Barbara Hearn, president; Bill Ogburn, first vice president; Wayne Scrog-

gins, second vice president; Garrett Williams, treasurer, and Marcia Padgett, secretary.

New members elected to the Board of Directors are Denise Scott-Johnson, Jack Barrier, Joan Healy, Harold Holmes, Karen Kehler, Jane Porter, Gary Von

Cannon and Mary Williams.

Those members continuing on the board are Rupert Bowen, George Cleland, Paul Cloud, Benny Morgan, Toy Beaty, Barbara Bennett, Clifton Carmon, John Hunt, William Piser, Shirley Sadler, Tom Schmidt, Howell

Smith and JoAnn Thomas.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters, which receives support from United Way, is a non-profit organization, that provides services to children in single-parent homes and teen-age girls who are mothers or are pregnant.

# Winston-Salem Rescue Mission to celebrate 21st anniversary

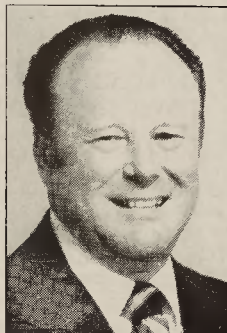
The Winston-Salem Rescue Mission will be celebrating 21 years of dedicated service to the homeless in Winston-Salem on Sept. 12.

The public is invited to a special anniversary service, which will be held at 7:30 at Grace Baptist Temple, 3305 Peters Creek Parkway.

At this service, recognition will be given to those who have helped this ministry provide an open door to serve the homeless 24 hours a day for 21 years.

Testimonies will be shared by those whose lives have been changed over the years. A report of the accomplishments of the Rescue Mission will be given by the Rev. A. Neal Wilcox, who has served as executive director of the ministry since he and his wife, Barbara, who serves as his secretary, came to Winston-Salem at the request of the newly formed Board of Directors in June 1967.

There will be special music,



The Rev. A. Neal Wilcox

and the Rev. Marty Friske, who has a jail ministry under Baptist Missions to Forgotten Men Inc., will perform.

The Rescue Mission opened its doors on July 22, 1967, to the homeless, hungry and hurting with 25 beds. It has since expanded and now cares for up to 85 homeless people nightly.

In 21 years the mission has provided 374,072 nights lodging to the homeless. The kitchen has provided 1,097,771 meals to the hungry.

There have been 9,983 men housed and 1,191 articles of clothing given. Thousands of items of furniture have been provided for the needy in the Mission Outlet Store, 705 N. Trade St.

More than 17,472 services have been held, with an attendance of more than 320,097, and 954 professions of faith and rededications have occurred.

The mission director, staff and board, as well as the thousands of clients who have received the mission's ministry, express thanks to the community for its financial support, donations of usable items, words of encouragement and prayers for the past 21 years.

Together, they have made a great impact on the Piedmont of North Carolina.

# Critic: Christians have a right to boycott 'Temptation'

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) -- Protests against "The Last Temptation of Christ" may have backfired, but Christians still have a right to speak out against the controversial motion picture, says a Christian film critic.

"In the film, Jesus states he's a sinner, a liar and a hypocrite," said Theodore Baehr, who reviews films for "Movieguide," a Christian index to movies and entertainment.

"That's saying that God is a liar and a fraud. It's time that Christians stand up and speak out against these lies as the insult they are."

The Martin Scorsese movie, based on the novel by Nikos Kazantzakis, has drawn much attention for its portrayal of Jesus Christ as questioning his divinity and dreaming of marriage and making love to Mary Magdalene.

But Baehr, during a taping of "The John Ankerberg Show," a religious television program produced in

Chattanooga, said Monday that the film is blasphemous.

"It's slander, it's libel, it's evil, it's bigotry and it's wrong," said Baehr.

However, he conceded that criticism of the film by members of the Christian community may actually have helped the movie, which grossed \$450,000 in eight cities its first weekend, by making people curious about it.

"There was error when certain members of the Christian community felt the need to go public and called a press conference to condemn the movie," said Baehr.

"The initial plan was for Don Wildmon (head of the conservative American Family Association of Tupelo, Miss., which spearheaded the boycott) to reach his support base of 2 1/2 million and to reach our audience through 300-plus Christian radio stations and 25 magazines to speak out against the film. "When the secular press got wind

of the protest, it hurt," Baehr said.

"In fact, watching the press conference in Los Angeles, I wondered if those speaking against the film were working for Universal Pictures (which distributed the film). It was the best advertising they could receive."

In Nashville, country music star Wynonna Judd was among more than 800 people who gathered at a church Monday night to pray for the country in the wake of the release of the film.

Miss Judd, the younger member of the mother-daughter singing duo, said she believes people should have freedom of choice but wants to join other Christians in encouraging people to look to the Bible to learn about Jesus.

"A lot of people out there are listening to our music," she said. "I feel that anything I can do to bring his name to people will be of some help."

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