

Up, up, and . . . over!

Middlefork Christian continues growth

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The members of Middlefork Christian Church marched to their

new location this past Sunday, Nov. 24, at 11 a.m., with guest speaker, the Rev. G.W. Roland. But they didn't have to march far, because the new facility is right next door to

their former sanctuary, located at 2216 East First Street.

The new building, which was completed in October, was constructed adjoining the old facility,

and according to Guyrene Haith, a member of the church's building committee and coordinator of Sunday's service, the move is primarily to accommodate the growing congregation.

She stated that "We have an excellent minister. A Christian man too. And he and his wife are such kind people. And word gets around. And they (people) come in here and they want to come back."

Middlefork Christian Church has come a long way since it was founded in 1899 at the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter B. Hairston, the grandparents of Haith. It started out with only eight members, who joined at the invitation of the Rev. O. D. King, the first minister of the church. Then in 1900, the small congregation built a church which it stayed in until 1951. It was that year that the church bought and remodeled the Brushy Fork Elementary School, of which the new church is adjoined.

Haith stated that it was a wonderful experience to see how far the church has come over the years since its beginning.

"It's beautiful, beautiful. My mother was 97. She passed last year. And I was just hoping she would have lived to see this," she



The Rev. William Elder, pastor of Middlefork Christian Church.

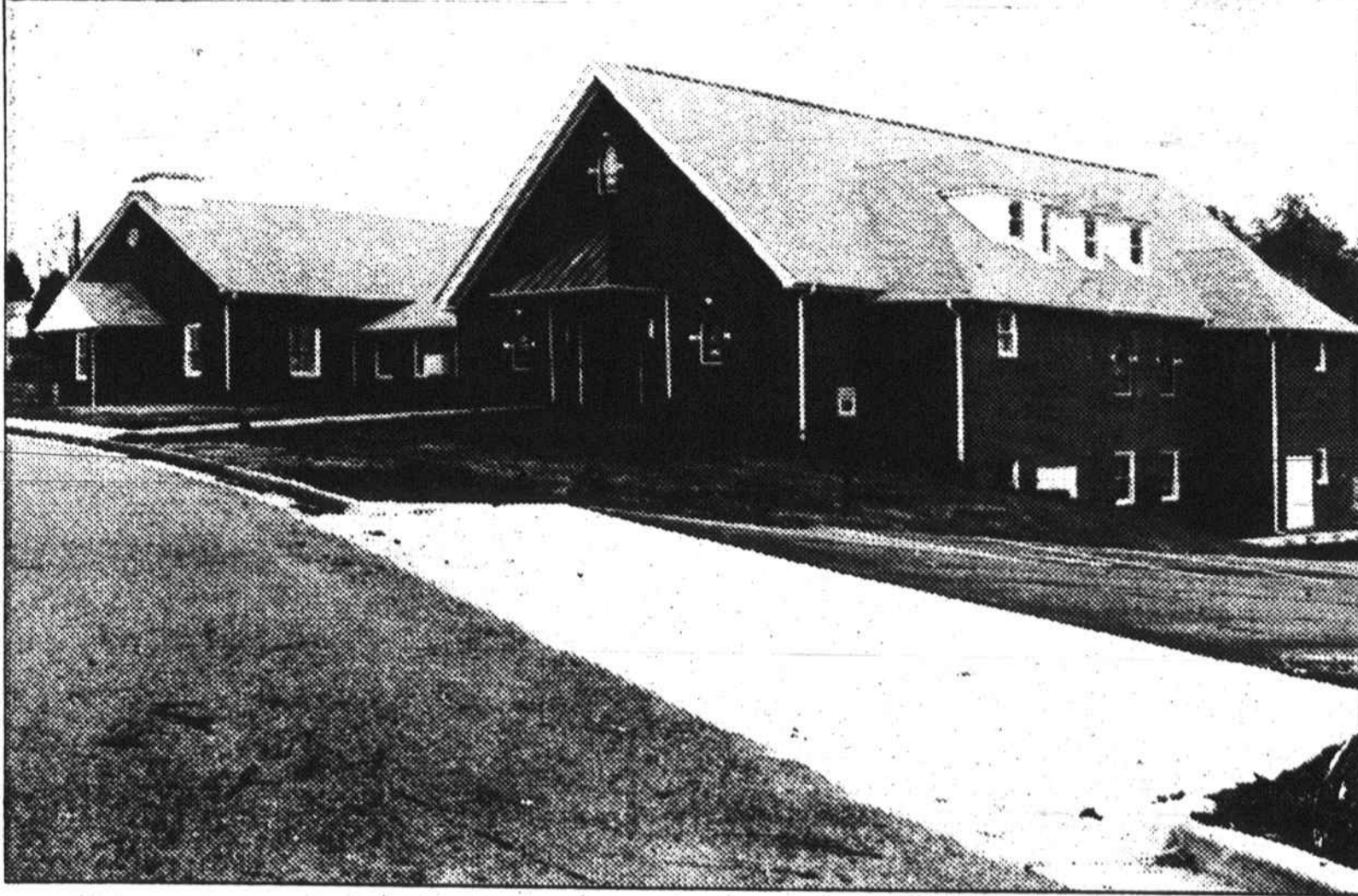
said.

Today, Middlefork Christian Church has a congregation of 125 members, and Haith says it is filled with love and generosity.

"We have a lot of love in our church, and that's what I like about it. And we stick by one another, and

help others," she stated.

A number of activities are scheduled to take place in the new building including a program to celebrate the anniversary of the Young Adult Choir, Sunday, Dec. 1, and the church's Queen Contest, which will take place Sunday, Dec. 8.



Middlefork Christian Church, located on East First Street, recently built a new church building adjoining its former sanctuary. The new building (right) was completed in October.

United Bibleway to hold revival Nov. 29 and 30

United Bibleway Church, located at 3700 Southdale Avenue, will host Elder Roosevelt Singleton and his wife Evangelist Jessie Singleton in Revival on Friday and Saturday, November 29 & 30 at 7 p.m.

The Singletons are partners in ministry at Baltimore Tabernacle of Prayer in Baltimore, Maryland, under the leadership of Pastor Nathaniel Edwards. There, they oversee the work of a Prison Ministry, a 24-hour Prayer Line, and sponsor a singing group which will appear with them here, The Gospellettes.

Together, after moving from their home in Conway, S.C., Elder and Evangelist Singleton have been evangelizing for the past 13 1/2 years.

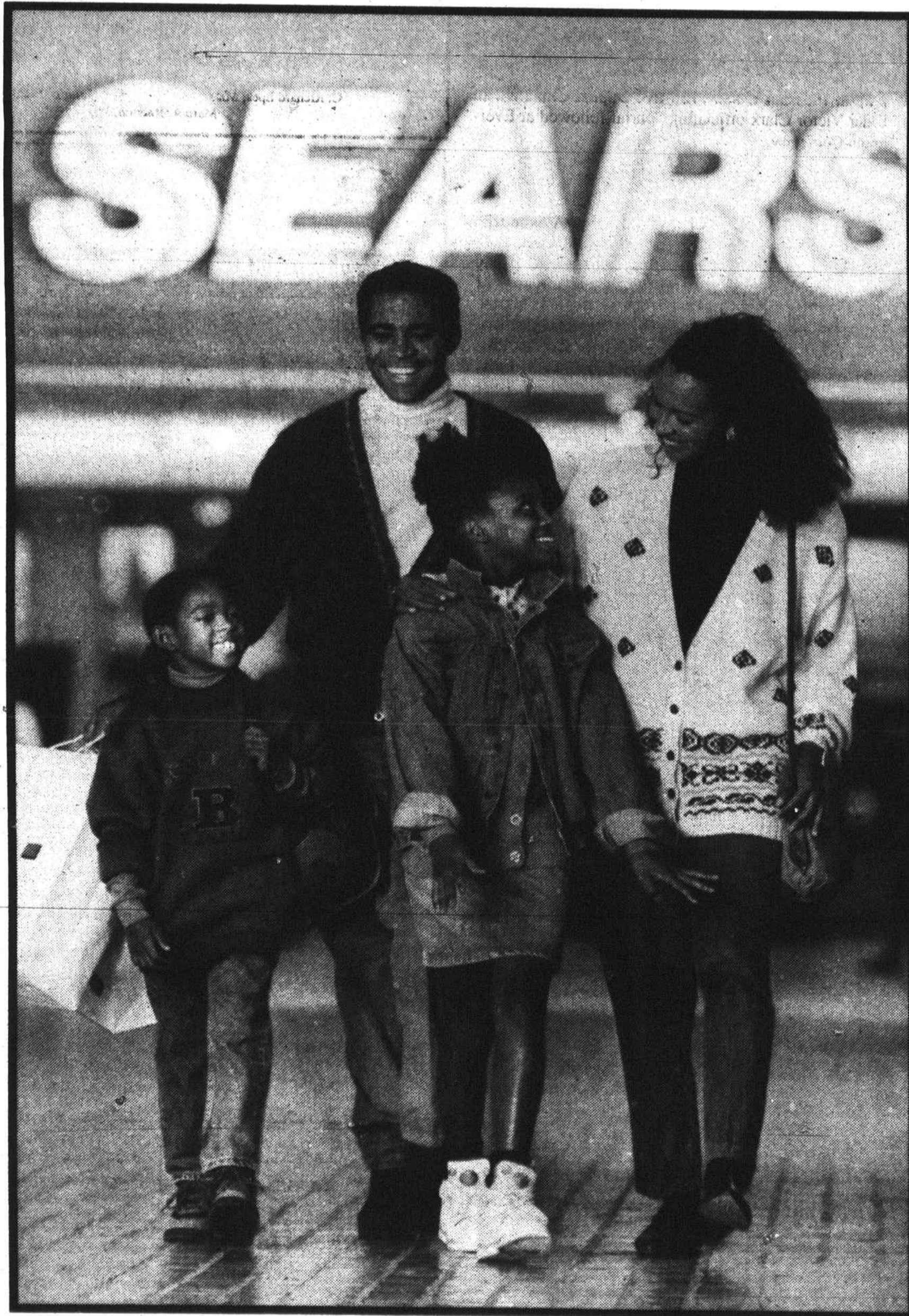
The two-day revival services will be special services of prayer, praise, healing and deliverance for those wishing to be set free. The Singletons will appear at United Bibleway Church, where Elder William Baldwin and Pastor Anita B. Baldwin serve as interim leaders while Minister Larry and Pastor Theatis Lucas are on indefinite leave of absence.

The public is cordially invited to join the congregation of United Bibleway and special guest churches and their members both nights to celebrate the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

Friday evening's guest church is St. Paul's United Bibleway Church from 534 North Trade Street, pastored by Bishop Leviticus Fordham; while Bishop James H. King, local overseer and shepherd of Church of Thunder at 3920 North Glenn Avenue, and his congregation will be the guests on Saturday evening.

"Come Grow With Us!" proclaims Pastor Anita Baldwin and her congregation. "Join us in our special fall revival, Friday and Saturday, November 29 & 30," invites Elder William Baldwin. For directions or further information please call 650-1700 or 766-8754.

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