

# Network breakfast Blessed Assurance

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• Friendship Missionary Baptist Church at 3301 Beatties Ford road will hold "A Celebration of Women in Song" concert at 7 pm.

**March 22-23**  
Liberty Baptist Church at 3000 Sam Wilson Road will hold its revival meeting. Both services will be held at 7 pm.

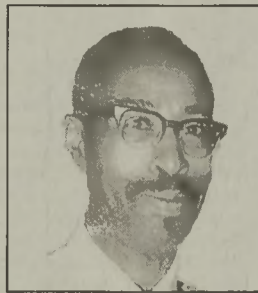
**March 24**  
Blessed Businesses Ministry of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church at 1401 North Allen Street will hold its Networking Breakfast at 7:30 am.

This month's topic will cover "How to Locate Your Current or Future Business for Maximum Success."

**March 27**  
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte will hold an evening of music by women composers at 7 p.m.

# The Charlotte Post

# Newspaper retiree John Young dies at age 78



John David Young

SPECIAL TO THE POST

Mr. John David Young, age 78 of 217 New Drive, Winston-Salem, died March 4 at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

He was a native of Rock Hill, S.C., and was a former resident of Charlotte, where he was member and Deacon at First Mount Calvary Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Army

during WW II, and the Korean War. He was employed at the Charlotte Observer for 15 years, from where he retired. He later worked as a school crossing guard, and received the 2003 Adult School Crossing Guard of the Year Award for North Carolina.

He is survived by his wife, Mary R. Young of the home; four daughters, Mary Collins of Charlotte, Patricia (Andrew) Sturup of Mt.

Pocono, Pa., Jeri Young of Winston-Salem, and Trina (Eric) Nicastro of Jacksonville, Fla.; one brother, Theodore (Gloria) Young of Charlotte; eight grandchildren, Selbrita Alexander, Leroy Alexander, Darla Alexander, Todd Alexander, Kenneth Alexander, Jarin Sturup, Cyndal Sturup, and Taylor Nicastro; eleven great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be

held on Tuesday, March 9th at 11:00 AM at First Mount Calvary Baptist Church. Rev. James Hawthorne will officiate and burial will follow in National Cemetery in Salisbury.

The family will receive friends at the church one hour before the service. Graham Funeral Directors of Mocksville are in charge of arrangements.

# ABC's 'Judas' doesn't judge history's most notorious sellout

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ously is the way he has modernized the dialogue. It was done, no doubt, in the interest of accessibility, but after a while, you half-expect Jesus to start calling his disciples "you guys."

Recruiting Judas for the cause, the film's happy hippie version of Jesus says to him: "I want you to spend eternity with me, with my father. Whaddaya say?" When the disciples ask Jesus to tell them what fate has chosen for Him, Jesus tells them, "You're not ready to handle the details." Some disciples lobby for violence, but Jesus says, "That is not the way we're gonna win." Ordering Jesus arrested, Pilate instructs soldiers to go to Gethsemane and "grab him." True, nobody yells out "Yo, Jesus!" or says, "I know where you're comin' from, man" (or sings "Hey, Jude"). And one can appreciate

Fontana wanting to avoid all that "thee," "thine" and "thou" stuff, but he went too far the other way. In addition, the actor playing Jesus, Jonathan Scarfe, looks like Conan O'Brien in a wig and beard, except that he's on the chubby side and has a rather sappy smile.

It's more than coincidental that ABC is airing "Judas" while Gibson's gloomy gore fest is still in theaters. TV Guide reports that "Judas" was made in 2001 but was salted away by ABC executives who feared the film would offend fundamental-

ists. Any protest over "Judas" now, however, would be dwarfed by the din over Gibson's movie anyway.

Versatile Johnathan Schaech, in the title role, does about as much as can be done with a character more hated than John Wilkes Booth and Lee Harvey Oswald put together. Judas is a political animal in Fontana's vision, a would-be rabble-rouser who advocates overthrow of the government by force or violence. In that, the film somewhat resembles Nicholas Ray's respectable Hollywood bibli-


cal "King of Kings," which eschewed special-effects miracles for a humanist approach. Ray had the thief Barabbas, not Judas, being the political firebrand.

Judas chafes at the peaceful teachings of Jesus but likes Him in a best-bud kind of way. In one of the film's more embarrassing scenes, the two pals are horsing around and break into an impromptu wrestling match. The torture and physical punishment in which Gibson wallows mostly occurs off-screen in "Judas." Fontana and director Charles Robert

Carner prove that it is possible to convey the barbaric horror of crucifixion without going into sociopathic excess.

"Judas," says a printed prologue, is "an interpretive dramatization" based on what is known about his life. There's another on-screen notation at the film's end: "In Memoriam: Father Ellwood Kieser," dedicating the movie to the well-liked TV priest who died in September 2000. Kieser saw the positive possibilities of television and produced many worthwhile shows to take advantage of them.

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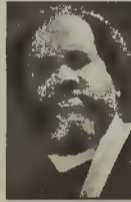
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