Men Standing For Christ

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tone), Elijah Kitchens (second tenor and lead),
Sam Douglas (tenor), Andrew Bryant (bass),
alongside David Thompson (tenor and baritone). Thompson's uncle was Beachy Thompson, nationally known singer with the famed
Dixie Hummingbirds from 1943 to 1992 (If you
recall pop star Paul Simon's 1974 hit "Loves
Me Like a Rock," those were the Dixie Hummingbirds behind him).
Uncle Beachey tried to get young David to
join the 'Birds on the road. But with a new
baby at home, that didn't seem the right decision. "I decided to give my talent to the Lord,"
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Today, Men Standing for Christ numbers 20 singers, ranging in age from mid-twenties to mid-seventies. The group's special calling is singing in prisons. Rev. Tyrone Scott, a retired chaplain, books most of the visits. "He can get us into any prison in the Carolinas - and more importantly, he can get us out!" quips director Gary Carter.

Most performances start with Carter leading the theme It's Another Day's Journey (I'm So Glad to Be Alive). Songs range from age-old to

very new - standards such as Traveling Shoes, call-and-response pieces including Any Way You Bless Me Lord (TII Be Satisfied), and eccent compositions like The Potter and the Clay. Sharp-eared listeners will hear the roots of doo-wop when Charles Armoid breaks into falsetto, and influences from the Soul Stirrers in smooth-voiced Charles Glenn, Jr. Every member sings lead on at least one or two songs; explains director Carter, "Everybody's got testimony."

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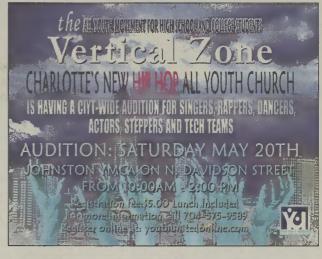
"What carries this group are our harmonies.

We pride ourselves on our harmony," says
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Above all, the message is the reason for singing. "We didn't come for show or fame," says the mission statement of Men Standing for Christ, "but we came to help you along this Christian Journey."

The free program begins at 7:30pm June 9 in CPCC's Sloan-Morgan Building, 1220 Elizabeth Avenue. Free parking is available in the Faculty-Staff-Theater parking deck on 4th Street. For details, call (704) 377- 5257 or www.folksociety.org



Judge orders hilltop cross removal

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maintains the surrounding memorial walls. But federal judges have repeatedly blocked the sale, saying the transactions were designed to favor a buyer who would keep

the cross in place. The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the city's appeal in 2003. A city-sponsored referendum asking permission from residents to sell the property failed in 2004. The next year, 75 percent of the voters

ranser the land to the recer-al government, but a Superior Court judge ruled that mea-sure to be an "unconstitution-al aid to religion." The ruling has been appealed.

Silver Mount Young

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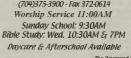
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