

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

# The Christmas Spirit Is In The Air



STAFF PHOTO BY DORIS C. GURGANUS

## Sharing The Holiday's Festivities

Maryn Hall (left) and Elsie South put the finishing touches on a Christmas tree which they will donate, along with a "truckload" of more festive decorations as well as clothes and pajamas, to the Ronald McDonald House in Durham near Duke University. The ornaments are made of oyster shells, with Santa Claus hats and faces painted on them by Doris Brooke. Mrs. South's "helpers" from Carolina Shores will be taking the load of donations to Durham Tuesday, Dec. 10.

Numerous area churches will hold special Christmas programs during the coming week, offering cantatas, dramas and other programs in celebration of the season of Advent.

### Cantata Slated

"A Christmas Song of the Ages," a Christmas cantata, will be presented at Sabbath Home Baptist Church Sunday, Dec. 22, at 7 p.m. Ellen Midgette will direct the program, said spokesman Clyde Yarborough.

### Nativity Slated

Camp United Methodist Church will continue its observance of the Advent season with a live nativity scene Dec. 21-23 and a Moravian Love Feast Dec. 22.

Volunteers will staff the nativity scene on the front lawn from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Monday, Dec. 21 and 23, and then 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22.

The love feast begins at 7 p.m., an inspirational service based on the Moravian tradition.

Visitors are always welcome at the church, which is located on Main Street in downtown Shallotte. The Rev. George D. Speake is pastor.

### Register For Class

Coastal Baptist Study Center, housed at the Brunswick Baptist

Association office north of Supply, is taking applications for the winter term that begins Jan. 7.

Courses will be offered during the Wednesday daytime and Thursday evenings. Wednesday courses include "Old Testament Survey, Part II," "Southern Baptist Heritage" and "Mark," while Thursday's lineup includes "Teaching the Bible To Adults" and "Mark."

More information is available by calling the center at 754-7979.

### Celebrates The Birth

As part of its Christmas celebrations, Ocean View Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church will present an evening of drama and songs Saturday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

This year's special production is entitled, "Unto The Least of These," said the Rev. Dwarka Ramphal, pastor. It portrays the concept that what we have done to others is equivalent to what we have done to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Also, the children of the church will present the skit, "Heavenly Host."

Wilma McDonald, church clerk, and Linda Grice, music director, are coordinating the program. Music will be provided by the church choir. There is no charge to attend and the public is invited. The church is

located on Stanbury Road in Supply.

### Program Slated

A Christmas play, *The Gate To The City*, will be presented by members of Dixon Chapel United Methodist Church at Varnantown Tuesday, Dec. 24, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The program will involve children and adults, said spokesman Dottie Holden, and Santa Claus is expected to make an appearance. All are invited.

### It's A Miracle

New Britton Baptist Church in Ash will celebrate the true meaning of Christmas Friday, Dec. 20, when it presents *Christmas is a Miracle*.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and the public is invited, said

spokesman Grace Young.

### Holiday Masses Set

St. Brendan's Catholic Church has announced changes in its schedule of Masses over the Christmas season.

Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated Dec. 24 at 10 p.m. and Christmas Day Mass Dec. 25 at 8 a.m. and again at 10:15 a.m., said Eve McDowell, communications chairman.

No 5 p.m. Mass is scheduled Christmas Eve.

Also, New Year's Eve Mass Dec. 31 will begin at 5 p.m. and the New Year's Day Masses will be at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

All other Masses during the Christmas season will follow the regular schedule.

## CEDAR GROVE AREA NEWS

### Church Sets Christmas Pageant

BY BARBARA T. HEWETT

The large, outdoor Christmas tree at Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church was lit Saturday night and the nativity figures set in place.

This night-time scene draws sightseers from far and near to the church on Cedar Grove Road and church members enjoy helping with the preparations.

To add to this message of hope and joy, the church will present its Christmas pageant Sunday, Dec. 22, at 4 p.m.

This year's event promises to be one of the best. All are invited.

#### Hewett Was Speaker

The Rev. Gregory Hewett was the keynote speaker Sunday, Dec. 15, when Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church at Thomasboro celebrated its anniversary.

Cedar Grove's Young Adults ministered in music.

#### Birthday Greetings

Happy birthday to Willie Mae Waddell, Wyatt Smith, Clifford Vereen II, the Rev. Felix Simmons,

Office Bryant, Dwight Bryant, Patrick Reed, Mildred Staton, Carolyn Galloway, Cynthia Gore, Richard Devon Bernard, the Rev. Lonnie Mitchell and Pauline Ellis.

Congratulations also to Dorothy and P.R. Hankins.

#### Gifts Go To Home

Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church will provide Christmas season gifts this year to a rest home at Lake Waccamaw where Annie R. Bryant, long-time mission department president, now resides.

Church members were to bring their wrapped gifts of lotion and powder to the church's Wednesday night prayer service Dec. 18.

#### Tune In

Be sure to listen to WVCB (1410 AM) in Shallotte for the Cedar Grove Area News Thursdays at 3 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:15 a.m. On Sunday evenings listen for the *Moments of Inspiration* gospel music ministry.

#### Weekly Scripture

The Scripture for the week continues the Christmas story from Luke 2, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people. And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David."

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