



## Cowboys' Tom Landry To Speak At Crusade

CHARLOTTE, NC—Tom Landry, head coach of the Dallas Cowboys professional football team, will be a special guest speaker Friday, April 16, during the Leighton Ford Charlotte Area Crusade.

Landry, often called "the dean of National Football League coaches," will speak as part of the Crusade's "Hope for the Family" night, said the Rev. Norman Pell, Crusade director. The Crusade runs April 10-17 at 7:30 nightly in the Charlotte Coliseum.

"We are all pleased to have Tom Landry visit Charlotte to share his Christian faith with people in Charlotte and nearby communities participating in the Crusade," Pell said. "We all have our heroes and it's good for people to realize that their heroes can also be strong Christians. People in this area will have the opportunity to hear how this man relies on his Christian faith to help make his life - and its successes - more meaningful."

Landry has just finished his 24th season as a professional football coach and has won more games than any other active National Football League (NFL) coach. Recognized as one of football's most innovative coaches, Landry has led his Dallas Cowboys team to 12 division championships since 1966, and five Super Bowl games.

Born in Mission, Texas, in 1924, Landry began playing football in high school and, after his Air Force discharge in 1945, he played and co-captained for the University of Texas football team. From there he went to the NFL, earning All-Pro honors for year before his 1955 retirement.

Landry devotes much of his spare time to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and serves on its national board. He has received many honors of excellence in

coaching and dedication to inspiring young people in the United States to strive for excellence in their chosen profession.

In 1981 Landry received an award for distinguished service from the NFL Alumni Association, the Football News Man of the Year Award, and the Washington Touchdown Club's Board of Governor's Award for his outstanding contributions to football. He earned a degree in business at the University of Texas and an industrial engineering degree from the University of Houston. In 1978 Landry was inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

Leighton Ford is an associate evangelist and vice president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and was ordained as an evangelist in the Presbyterian Church in the United States. He and his family reside in Charlotte, although his work the Billy Graham Association has taken him around the world speaking to thousands on every continent.

The Crusade will feature such well-known guests as Charles Colson who became a "born again" Christian after his conviction in connection with the Watergate scandal, quadriplegic Joni Eareckson Tada whose story as inspired millions worldwide, and Charlotte native Bobby Jones who plays professional basketball for the Philadelphia 76ers.

## Pastor Grove Honors Pastor

The congregation of Patterson Grove Baptist Church surprised Rev. Richard Plyler on his 20th anniversary as pastor with an appreciation service Sunday morning.

Rev. Plyler began his ministry here on March 24, 1963.

The congregation presented a program of music with his favorite songs being sung by the choir and other groups. Harold Hord sang "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" to close the service.

Rev. Cline Borders, associational missionary, delivered the message.

Members placed love gifts on a table in the front vestibule.

Patterson Grove has noted a number of accomplishments during Rev. Plyler's term as pastor. In 1963, the indebtedness was retired on the educational building and that same year a building fund was begun for a new sanctuary to replace the sanctuary built in 1889. The new sanctuary was completed and dedicated on March 19, 1967. The total cost was over \$200,000.

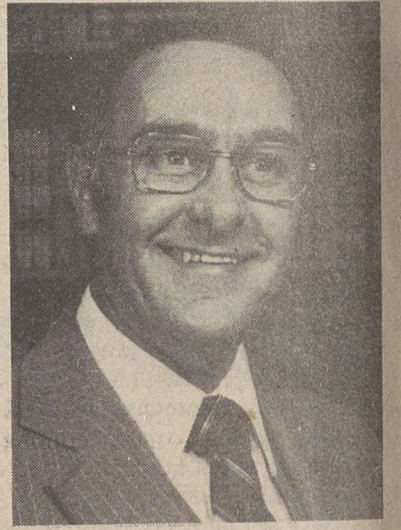
In 1971, a new Allen TC-1 organ was installed in the sanctuary and in 1976 a new

Yamaha grand piano was purchased for the sanctuary.

Four ministers have been ordained during Rev. Plyler's 20 years, including Charles W. Freeman, Leon "Buddy" Wright Jr., John Bridges and Steve Bolton.

Rev. Plyler attended Gardner-Webb College and graduated from Carson-Newman College with an A.B. degree. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rev. Plyler is a native of Gastonia. He and his wife, the former Mary Elizabeth Webb, have three children.



REV. RICHARD PLYLER

## Services Scheduled

Revival services will be conducted March 24, 25, 26, 1983, 7:00 p.m. at Mary's Grove United Methodist Church, Rt. 3, Kings Mountain.

Rev. Amos M. Kiser will be the guest minister each evening. He is a graduate of Tryon High School, Furman University, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. After thirty-four years of successful ministry in Baptist churches in Cleveland, Davie and Stanley Counties, Rev. Kiser is now retired and lives at Rt. 2, Cherryville.

Special hymn singing will be a part of each service with a covered supper on Saturday evening, March 26, 5:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend these services.

Rev. Howard M. Kiser is the pastor of Mary's Grove United Methodist Church.

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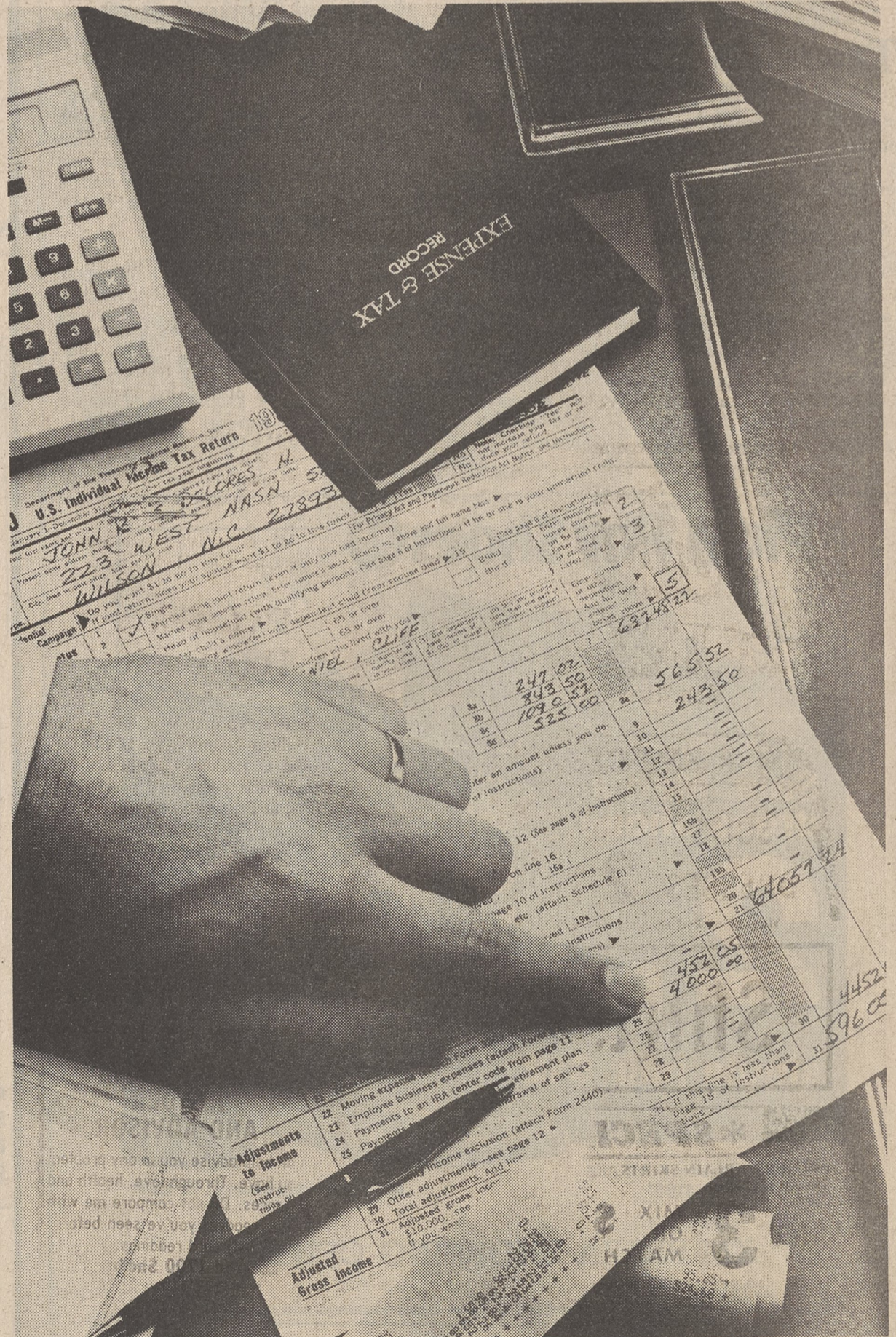
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## Musical

The twenty-five voice choir of David Baptist Church will present a Easter Musical-Drama, "Worthy Is The Lamb," by Don Wyrzten, on Sunday night, March 27 at 7:30 p.m.

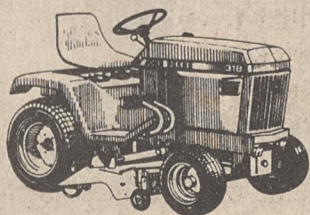
The musical-drama will be directed by Mrs. Wanda Moore, Narrated by Chuck Hoyle and Shomar by Joyce Bolin, Solists are Betty Hoyle, April Hoyle, Rudy Queen, Nancy Hoyle, Robert Phifer, and Wanda Parks.

Rev. James Parks, pastor, invites the public to attend. A nursery will be provided.

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