

# The Churches

## Weekly Devotional

The Herald, in cooperation with the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, is beginning a weekly devotional this week. The column will be written each week by a member of the Ministerial Association. The Herald expresses thanks to Rev. Oscar Stalcup, pastor of Foursquare Gospel Church, for coordinating the effort.

### Carry A Proper Attitude Into 1984

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PASTOR  
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

What is the most important thing you can carry into 1984? Some would say money or riches. Others would want to carry health. Still others would choose pleasure and ease.

May I suggest that the most important thing you or I can carry into this new year is a proper attitude.

Now, there is something we can all have, a proper attitude. Years ago, I read of two boys who grew up in a family distressed with alcoholism. The father was an abusive alcoholic who treated his entire family with disdain and even hate. Finally, when the two boys were in their teens the family broke up and the boys went separate ways. Years later a psychologist, studying the effects of alcoholism of family life, traced the two down and found them living hundreds of miles apart. One had become like his father, an alcoholic with a broken marriage who was living on skid row in a Western city. The other son was on top of the world. He had a happy marriage, a successful business and was well loved in his community. When the psychologist asked the two to explain why they were where they were, he got the same answer from both, "What else could I do, with a father like mine?"

Both had the same background, the same experience. Yet from the opposite ends of life they both said, "My past caused me to be what I am today."

This simply says that the difference in life is not what happens to us but, rather, it is our reaction to those events.

These two boys had the same father, background, and experience, yet, one said, "I'll be a victim", and the other thought, "I'll be a victor."

Now, the most important thing you will carry into 1984 is your attitude. Your attitude will determine if you will be a victim of the events of the year, or if you will be victorious in the events of the year.

The Bible says, "I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength." You can have a winning attitude when you trust in Christ as your victory. "With God all things are possible", even victory over circumstances!

Go into 1984 with a winners attitude!

## Local Methodists To Attend Conference

Area Methodist churches will be represented at the District Leadership Conference Sunday, Jan. 29th, at 7 p.m. at Bradley Memorial United Methodist Church in Gastonia.

This conference is for all local church officers who have responsibilities in the emphases offered this year. It is also for persons from local churches who may not be officers, but either have an interest in or who have been asked to attend to learn

about the emphases offered this year. It is a basic short course for local church leaders.

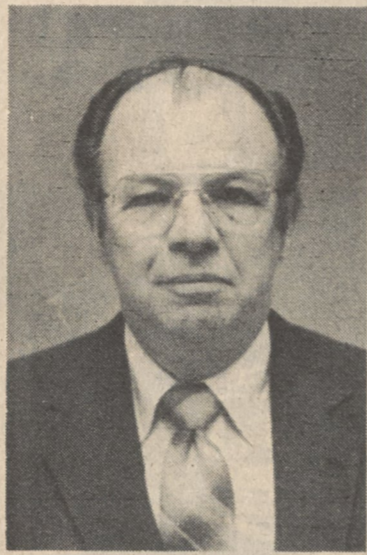
Leaders for the different courses are Children's Ministry, Ellen Lowdermilk; Missions, Joe Ervin; Education, Kenneth R. Moore, Jr., Youth Adult Ministry, Sidney Lanier; Worship, Coy L. Brown; Evangelism, Larry Kimel; Stewardship, Elliot Beal; Religion and Race, T.A. Powell; Youth Ministry, Donna Hepner; Music and Hymnals, Howard Coleman; Christian United Interreligious Concerns; W. Grady Burgin and Trustees, James W. Ferree.

### BIBLE STUDY

Sunday nights during January David Baptist Church will have January Bible Study at the evening service and members will be studying First Corinthians at 7:30 p.m. each Sunday evening.

### BAPTIST MEN'S DAY

Baptist Men's Day will be Jan. 22 starting with breakfast Sunday morning at 7 a.m. in the David Baptist Church Recreation Building. At 11 a.m. services at David's the Men's Choir will present special music.



**NEW PASTOR - Rev. Jesse A. Bailey of Penrose assumed new pastorate duties Jan. 1 at Macedonia Baptist Church. Rev. Mr. Bailey and his wife, Louise, occupied the Macedonia parsonage this week.**

## CMC Circles Meeting

Circles of Central United Methodist Church are meeting this week.

Monday night circles met at the homes of Mrs. Hilliard Black and Mrs. Hilda Dixon and at the church and Tuesday night circles met at the church. Circle 3 met Wednesday morning at the church.

The Thursday Circle No. 8 will meet at the home of Mrs. Mary Lou Ware at 6:30 p.m.

Members from the local church attended the Gastonia District Lay Council meeting at Fallston United Methodist Church Monday night.

### Adult Class Sets Breakfast

The Christian Adult Class of Central United Methodist Church will sponsor a Big Biscuit Breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 29th, from 8 until 9:30 a.m. at the church.

All proceeds will go to the Fifth Sunday Love Offering. Big biscuits with ham or sausage will cost \$1.50 and big biscuits with jelly with cost \$1.00.

### BAPTIST MEN'S DAY

Baptist Men's Day will be observed Jan. 22 at Second Baptist Church with special service and men of the church leading in the worship service.

### FIFTH SUNDAY NIGHT

"Priority" will feature the fifth Sunday Night Sing at 7 p.m. on Jan. 29th at Second Baptist Church. This is a fine group of Christian men who will present special music.

## Murphy Accepts Call To Bessemer

Rev. Sam Murphy, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church for the past five years, resigned Sunday morning to accept the call of First Baptist Church of Bessemer City.

Rev. Mr. Murphy will assume new pastorate duties Feb. 12th and he and his wife, Avery, and two daughters, Robin LaVisa, 11, and Melody Ann, 9, will occupy the church parsonage at the corner of Texas and North 12th Streets.

The Bessemer City pastorate is a 642-member congregation, including non-resident members. The Bethlehem pastorate is a 500 member congregation, including non-resident members.

Mr. Murphy came to Kings Mountain from First Baptist Church of Glen Alpine. Other pastorates have included Holloway in Lexington, Piney Grove in Newton and Pro-



REV. SAM MURPHY

vidence in Hickory. He was licensed as a Baptist preacher by Eureka Baptist Church of Anderson, S.C. and was ordain-

ed by Second Baptist Church of Shelby.

A native of Wallace, N.C., Murphy grew up in Central, S.C. He attended Anderson Junior College and received his B.A. degree in 1971 from Gardner Webb College. He received his Masters of Divinity in 1975 from Southeastern Theological Seminary at Wake Forest.

Rev. Mr. Murphy served as minister of the Juvenile Court in Cleveland County in 1979 and is presently chairman of the Christian Life Committee. In 1981 he served with the Assist Team and as Vacation Bible School director for the KM Baptist Association. He has worked with Gardner Webb Ministerial Board of Associates, Cleveland County Citizens for Decency through Law, the Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, Kings Mountain Positive Action League, and the N.C. Christian Action League.

## Circles Hold January Meetings

Circles of First Presbyterian Church held January meetings last week.

Circle No. 1 met Monday afternoon in the Recreation Building of the church with Nell Goforth as hostess.

Circle No. 2 met Monday evening at the home of Margaret Williams on Countryside Road.

Circle No. 4 met Monday evening at the home of Lou Ballew, Edgemont Drive.

Circle No. 3 met Wednesday

morning at the home of Mary Neisler on Lee Street.

Circle No. 5 met Sunday afternoon, Jan. 8th, in the Ladies Bible Classroom of the church.

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Christian, Would You Do It?

WHO IS GOOD?

Romans 3:10

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:  
WHO HAS SINNED?

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.  
WHERE SIN CAME FROM

Romans 5:12

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned,  
GOD'S PRICE ON SIN

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

OUR WAY OUT

Romans 5:8

But God commended his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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