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# Singles Ministry Begins

A new ministry of education to adult Catholic singles has begun at St. John Neumann Church. Sessions held on the second Thursday of each month from 7-9 will cover topics developed by a team of singles specifically for singles over 20.

"Singles face a variety of obstacles in today's world. Catholic singles need spiritual support from our church," said team member Eileen Mulrooney, 25, business development specialist.

"And this (program) makes a single feel a part of the Church," commented Walt Joyce, 30, who works in product development for IBM.

The programs for the first three months of the new year are as follows:

Jan. 14 -- "What it means to be Catholic, single, and living in the South" by Linda Dougherty, Diocesan Coordinator for Young Adult Ministry.

Feb. 11 -- "Finding a Value System that Works in My Job, My Career, My Vocation" by Dr. Barney Offerman, Professor of Economics, Johnson C. Smith University.

Mar. 10 -- "Tactics for Surviving the Dating Game -- Learning To Trust Again, Moving beyond Stereotypes" and by Dr. Dave Travland, Psychologist.

"I'm very happy to see the Catholic Church offer these programs and I'm really eager to assist in preparing, and implementing the sessions. I hope many singles will attend," said Paula Meyer, 37, Head Nurse of Urology and Plastics at Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

## East Gold Breakfast Saturday

The men's fellowship of East Gold Street Wesleyan Church will serve a buffet style country breakfast Saturday from 6-10 a.m. at the church on East Gold Street.

A choice of ham, bacon and sausage with eggs, grits, gravy, coffee, juice, jelly and homemade biscuits will be a $3.25 donation to the church building fund. Ham bicuits will be $1, and sausage and bacon biscuits 75 cents each.

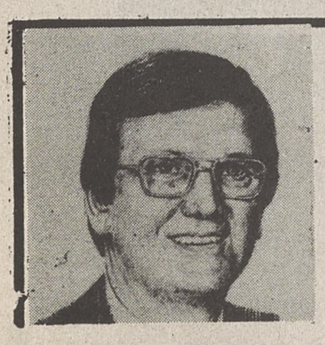
The public is invited.

### GOSPEL SINGING

There will be a gospel singing Saturday at 7 p.m. at True Gospel Holiness Church on Second Street, Kings Mountain. Featured group will be The Heaven-Aires of Gastonia. Rev. Jerry Morrow, pastor, invites the public.

### DEVOTIONS

Rev. Randy Gardner, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, will lead devotions on WKMT at 9 a.m. each weekday next week. The program is sponsored by the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association.



## Religious Viewpoint

By CLYDE DUPIN

## "Religion At The Summitt"

There were religious trimmings at the Reagan-Gorbachev Summitt in Washington. Our President is to be admired and commended for his many references to God, prayer, and the need of God's help if the Summit succeeds. Evangelist Billy Graham was also very prominent at the various Summit activities. Dr. Graham briefed Gorbachev on America's religious scene.

There were many prayer groups meeting to pray for the Summit, both in America and the Soviet churches. Other Christian leaders including Tim Robertson of the 700 Club voiced grave concern about dealing with the Soviets.

There is still persecution of Christians and lack of religious freedom in the Soviet Union. There is some evidence that Gorbachev has encouraged a more open society. Though Gorbachev has announced no new religious policy, the openness may help believers to gain some freedom. One benefit of the new open society makes it easier to send Bibles to the U.S.S.R. Less travel restrictions make it possible for better communication to Christians in isolated places.

The Communist Party sees religion as a dangerous competitor for people's faith. The churches cannot have schools or charitable institutions such as hospitals, nor can they evangelize. Under Gorbachev, atheism remains an essential part of the ruling idealogy. In a world founded on the Ten Commandments, let us work and pray until every society respects them and believes in God.

WE CAN ALWAYS FIND ENOUGH TIME TO READ FROM THE BIBLE

Do you have a minute? Probably not, in that busy life of yours that runs from work to dinner; then to a Boy Scout meeting or a bowling tournament in which your boss is depending on you, or whatever. Of course, these are all important activities related to your lifestyle, but they leave you little time for anything else. However, if you look hard enough, you can find a few minutes to browse through the Bible, seeking the Lord's advice and learning the origin of your faith; on the commuter train or perhaps in your car while waiting for someone. You might even keep a paperback copy of it in the glove compartment. In any case, those few absorbing moments now and then can be the most rewarding ones of your life, because the principles therein are timeless. Remember that just owning a Bible will do you no good; you must open it and start reading it, whenever you can.

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—Author unknown

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—Acts 17:11


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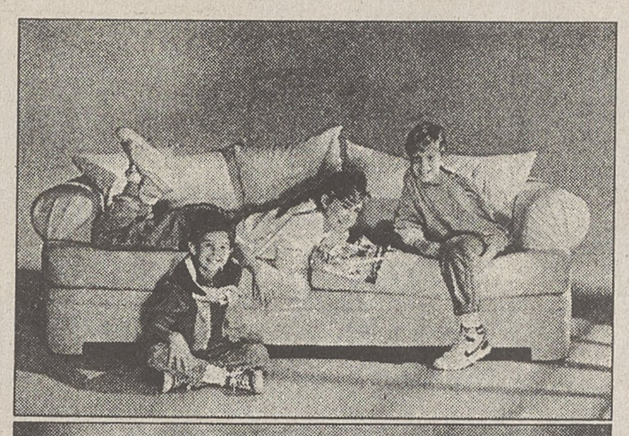

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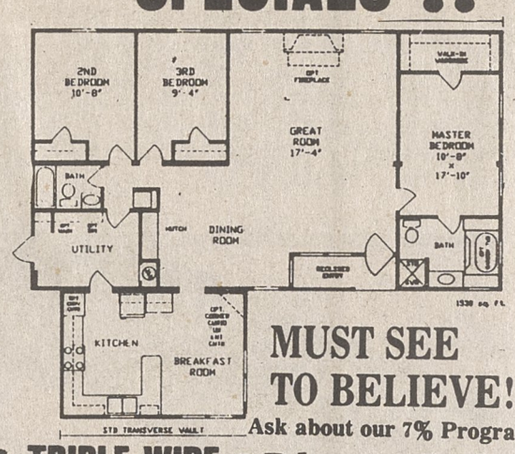


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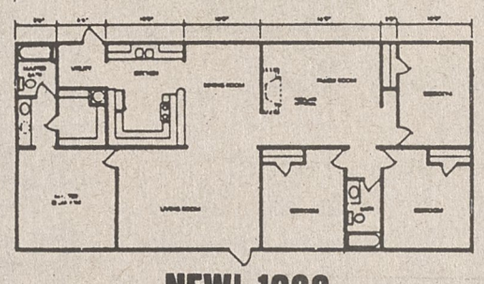

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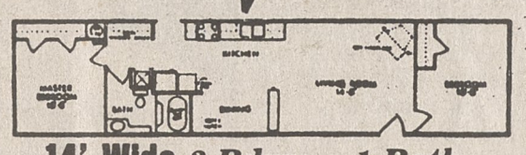

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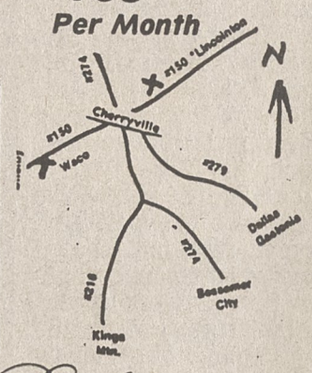


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