

Holly Robinson Records Gospel Casette Album

Since she can remember, nine-year-old Holly Robinson of Bessemer City has wanted to make singing gospel songs her career.

Her grandmother, Nancy Robinson of Bessemer City, remembers when, at the age of two, Holly would sing Bible verses with her grandfather, Bill Robinson.

Holly doesn't remember that, but she says she does remember sitting on the stairsteps and singing to her baby dolls when she was four.

Now, Holly, a third grader at Bessemer City's Central Elementary School, has recorded her first gospel album, which was released Monday. She will sing the songs from the album Saturday at 7 p.m. at a singing at First Wesleyan Church in Bessemer City. Admission is free.

Holly was encouraged to record the cassette album by her music teacher, Mrs. Joy

Huffstickler, of Gastonia, and several other supporters. She is a member of the Joy of Youth, a large group of Christian young people who perform concerts under the direction of Mrs. Huffstickler. The group will perform at Disney World in August. She has also performed locally at the Gastonia Armory, at Kings Mountain's Mountaineer Days celebrations, the V.A. Hospital in Oteen, the Jerry Lewis Telethon at Eastridge Mall in Gastonia, and at many area churches.

"I just love to sing for Jesus," says Holly, whose favorite songs include "Camp Meeting", "Little David", "Amazing Grace", "I Sing Because", "If You Ever See The City" and "Gentle Hands", which is the name of her album.

Holly recorded her album in February at Son Sound Studio in Gastonia under the direction of Gary Rushing

and Don Mack. The single "Gentle Hands" was the number one requested gospel song at WAAK in Dallas for three weeks and "If You Ever See The City" was written for Holly by James Rogers of the Singing Americans, which has been voted the top gospel quartet for seven straight years.

"I've heard some of my songs on WAAK in Dallas and WKMT in Kings Mountain," says Holly.

In addition to singing, Holly loves to play the piano and tamborine, and loves cats and baby dolls. In school, she is in the Academically Gifted program, is an Honor Roll student and loves science, math, spelling and reading "but not language." She won her school science fair.

Three members of the Joy of Youth singers were backup singers for her song "I Choose To Be Happy" and The Royals backed her up on some of the other songs. Other backup artists were

David Johnson of North Wilkesboro, Houston Roper of Charlotte, Richard Putnam of Shelby and James Rainey of the Singing Americans.

Holly began singing and playing the piano at the age of five under the direction of Mrs. Huffstickler. She won musical scholarships and awards in 1986 and 1987 and was voted best performer in her age group in Mrs. Huffstickler's 1987 recital.

She joined the Joy of Youth singers in 1987 and has appeared with that group all

over the Carolinas. She began having solo appearances in late 1987.

She is available for church services and gospel concerts in the area. Love offerings are requested but not required. Her cassette album is available for \$7 at Son Sound Studio in Gastonia.

Holly is the daughter of Carolyn and Mike Robinson of Bessemer City and the granddaughter of Bill and Nancy Robinson of Bessemer City and Nell Falls and the late Doytt Falls of Kings Mountain.



HOLLY ROBINSON



HERE MAY 1 - The Western Piedmont String Quartet will sing here Sun., May 1 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Left to right, James Crawford, Richard Hughey, Bryon Plexico and Paula Zimmerman.



People once believed glasses made in Venice would break if anyone put poison into them.

Quartet To Present KM Concert

The Western Piedmont String Quartet will present a concert at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Kings Mountain on Sunday afternoon, May 1, at 3:30 p.m.

The Western Piedmont String Quartet has, in a very short time, become an institution. Quickly earning the reputation of professionalism, the quartet was — and continues to be — much in demand for public and private functions.

The Quartet was formed in the fall of 1982 and the members consist of:

James Crawford, first violin, concertmaster of the Western Piedmont Symphony and Chamber Orchestra. He performed as second violinist with Razoumovsky Quartet at the North Carolina School of the Arts, was winner of the International Music Program Concertos Compositions, 1984 and 1985.

Paula Zimmerman, second violin, principal second violinist of the Western Piedmont Symphony and Chamber Orchestra, teaches violin and piano in the Suzuki Kids in Concert program at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory.

Byron Plexico, viola, principal violist of the Western Piedmont Symphony and Chamber Orchestra. Graduate of the North Carolina School of the Arts. He was formerly with the Piedmont Chamber Orchestra.

Richard Hughey, cello, music director and conductor of the Western Piedmont Symphony.

In 1983 the Catawba County Council for the Arts named the group as one of its artists in residence, presenting them in concerts throughout Catawba County.

Further recognition of the String Quartet's talent came the following year when Lenoir-Rhyne College chose them as its artist in residence, and has renewed this position each year since. Recently the ensemble has been accepted by the North Carolina Arts Council for its education expansion program.

These musicians are the Western Piedmont Symphony's professional ambassadors, taking fine music to adults and students throughout the Unifour.

The May 1st performance is enabled by a grant from the St. Matthew's Benevolent Foundation as a gift of beauty to the community and is open to the public. The church is located at 201 North Piedmont Avenue in Kings Mountain.

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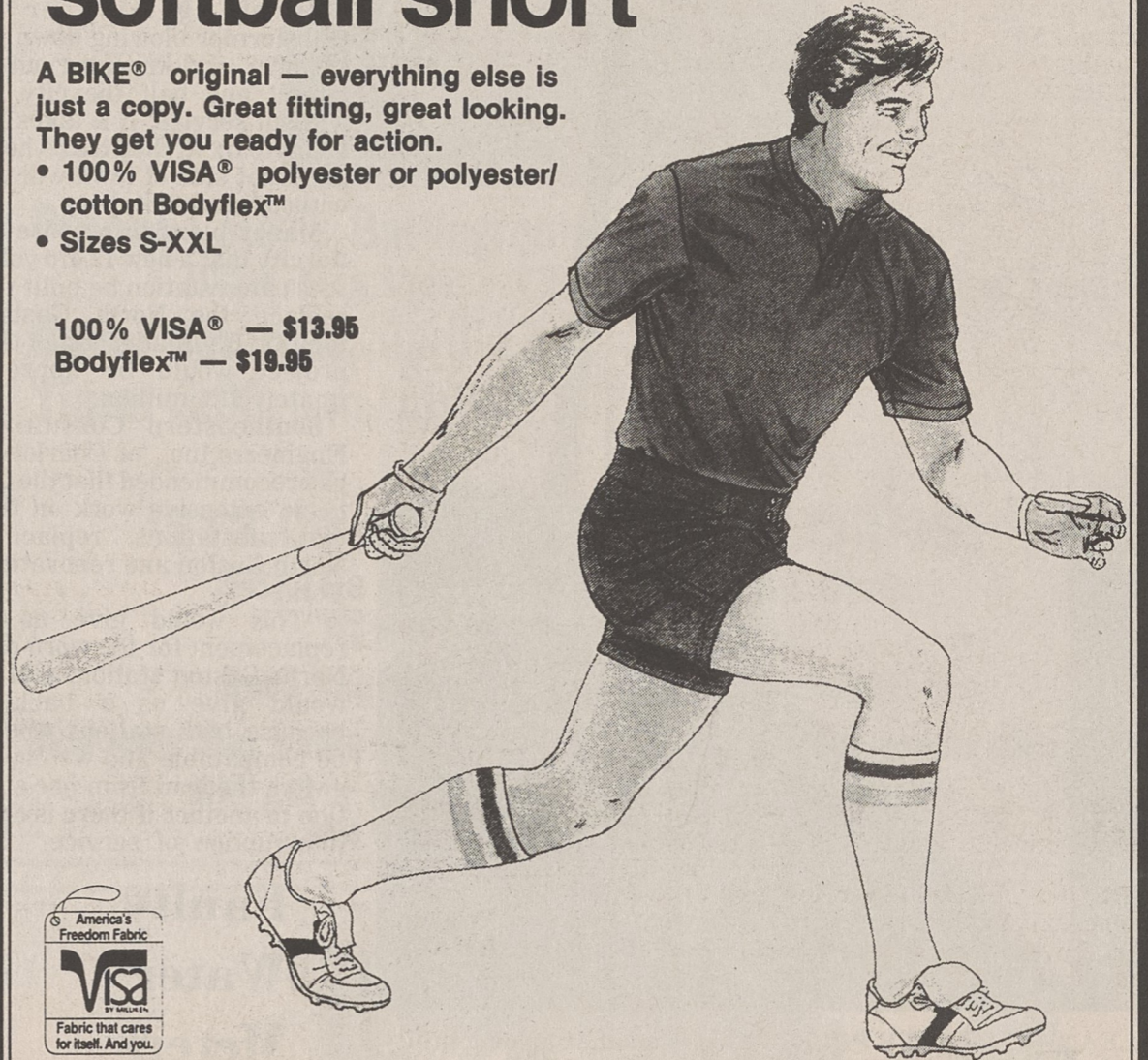
The public is invited to a song service Sunday at 3 p.m. at Bynum Chapel Church on Cansler Street. Rev. R.E. Devoe of Shiloh Baptist Church, Shelby, who is running for a seat on the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, will also be on the program.

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