

Religion

Activities Scheduled In Kings Mountain Area Churches

DAVID BAPTIST

A Note-Burning and Debt-Free Ceremony was held by the congregation on July 2 to signify that the church parsonage and van are now owned by the congregation. This was a time of praise and thanksgiving.

Sam and Brenda Blanton hosted members of the congregation at a July 4th picnic and celebration at their home.

Several members of GA's will be going to camp July 24-28. Jackie Porter is receiving the health forms of those girls planning to attend the event.

The third Saturday breakfast will be held at David Baptist Church on Saturday from 6 until 10 a.m. The public is invited to enjoy a country breakfast with all the trimmings.

"Kids Alive" will meet Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Young people of the church will hold a dog wash on July 22 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the church.

Youth of the church are planning a trip to Carowinds on July 17.

Bride-elect Renee Rector was honored at a bridal shower hosted by members of the congregation on Sunday afternoon in the Fellowship Hall. A "Wishing Well" featured the shower and guests gave detergent, dish cloths, cleaning supplies, etc. in addition to shower gifts. The wedding colors of mauve and blue were featured in the decorations.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Vacation Bible School will end Friday at noon after a busy week of activities for children. Teachers were Cindy Tindall, Cherry Moss, Ada Bridges, Debbie Hullender, Kathy Falls, Louise Sanders, Mary Krieger, Georgette Ormsby, Becky Bumgardner, Lillian Sanders, Madge Arrowood, Joanne Tessenner, Jennifer Sloan, Andrea Pruette, Judy Bundrick, Edith Crow, Kathryn Blanton, Karla Moore, Susan Elmore, Teresa Williams, Martha Sloan, Vanessa Davis, Gray Rikard, Karen Young, Rubin Bundrick, Olivia Mayhew, Ruth Rowland, Shane Doty, and

Mike Ledford, Charles Wilson was bus driver and Kathy Murgita, Susan Belt, Lillian Boheler, Frances Leonard, Don Hanks and Kristina Krieger directed a program of arts and crafts.

First Baptist young people are joining in the Kingdom 1989 trip to Orlando, Fla. this month.

Hospice training is underway on every Monday night through Aug. 28 at Shelby Chamber of Commerce, 100 S. Lafayette St., Shelby. Volunteers are needed from Kings Mountain since a large number of patients live in this area. Attendance at the training classes, from 7 until 9 p.m., doesn't obligate one to be a volunteer. Contact June Lee for more information.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Ruby Greene, to the family of Peggy Adams and to Lillian Boheler at the death of her nephew, Timothy Deece.

CENTRAL METHODIST

A church-wide picnic was held Wednesday at Lake Montonia and a large group attended.

Young people of the church will return from a beach trip July 13. Youth are also sponsoring a trip to Carowinds on July 27. This a special summer fun day for youth and they can register at the church office.

Peggy Vaughan hosted Circle 4 at her home Monday night.

Circle your calendar for Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and watch the Men's Softball team play Long Branch at Davidson Park.

GRACE METHODIST

Youth of Grace United Methodist Church will sell hot dogs with all the trimmings Saturday beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the church fellowship hall.

All proceeds will be used for Methodist Youth projects.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST

Youth Camp, GA Camp, Vacation Bible School and the beginning of Kid's Morning Out have been busy activities for the church family this summer. Through the efforts of Mary Beth Maoney and the VBS faculty, Bethlehem had the highest attendance in Vacation

Bible School in 30 years. Avis Morrow reported that more girls attended GA camp this summer and 40 more shirts were ordered for

youngsters participating in summer outings. This week, KMO held a fishing trip at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lail.

Wendy Tells A Good Tale

Their special style of music and humor have won Wendy Bagwell and The Sunliters world wide acclaim as well as many distinguished awards, including the gold "Addy" and the silver and bronze "Telly" awards for the "Best TV Commercial of the Year" in their "Snapback with Stanback" ad campaign, a national award from Advertising Age. Also, Wendy won the prestigious "Entertainer of the Year" award at the 1986 National Quartet Convention held in Nashville, Tennessee.

Wendy Bagwell is an ex-Marine and a successful businessman who is a natural comedian. He is at best while "spinning his yarns" about unusual and amusing situations the group experiences in their international travels. According to him, "Other entertainers experience some of these same situations but they just have more sense than to get on stage and tell about them." Not so with Wendy! His renditions of stories from childhood and the groups experiences as they travel have captured the hearts and tickled the funny bones of millions of people around the world.

Jerri Morrison and Jan Buckner are the ladies whose voices blend so beautifully together. Jerri plays tambourine and other percussion instruments. She has been with Wendy for about 31 years. Jan came along about three years later. Jan plays the piano and can also



Gospel Music

BY BETTY GOODSON

play the bass guitar and other instruments. She has received the Southern Gospel Music Association Female Vocalist of the Year Award on two separate occasions. She and Wendy write or arrange all of the music for the group.

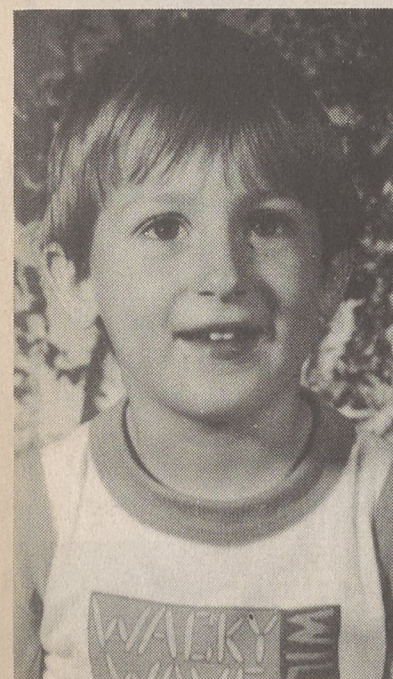
Matt Mundy and Kevin Williams complete the band, and together, play seven different instruments.

The group had been singing together for about 10 years and were recording for RCA when the biggest milestone in their career came about, and it was a first for any gospel group. Marvin Norcross (founder of Canaan Records) was always coming to their concerts and he loved the story Wendy told about the time the group was invited to sing at a church that handled

poisonous rattlesnakes as a part of their services. Wendy never could get the powers-that-be at RCA excited enough to record the humorous tale. When the RCA contract expired, the group signed with Norcross' Canaan label and recorded "Here Come The Rattlesnakes." The rest is history.

The album hit the nation's country charts and The Sunliters are the only singers in their field to gross over a million and win a Gold Record for the "Rattlesnakes" album. From the Southern Gospel Music Association they have received the Pioneer Award, The album of the Year Award in 1986 and in 1984 Wendy was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

I received a letter from Wendy recently and he gave me an update on the group. He said they had just finished a two day concert at Opryland where they broke all records with six thousand people in attendance each day. He also mentioned that their latest video, "The Snakes and Old Ralph Bennett" is a top seller. "What's That Name" is the title of their latest album.



CHARLES McSWAIN

Charles Celebrates Birthday

Charles Allen McSwain celebrated his fourth birthday Thursday, June 15, at a Mickey Mouse party given at Bolin's Day Care.

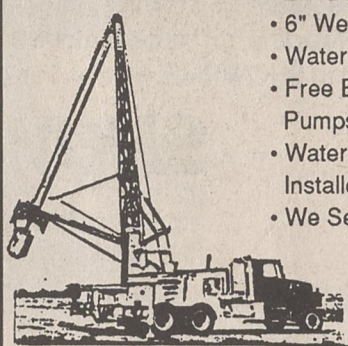
Friends at the Day Care in the four to five-year-old class attended the party and enjoyed cake, potato chips and drinks. Attending were Lenny Matthews, Lee Bolin, Ashe Fowler, Jennifer Moore, Jake Lowery, Trey Chappell, Buddy Black, Meghann Childers, Mandy Rhyne, D.J. Perry, Travis Robinson, Ashley Smith, Trent Redmond, Zack Barger and Litisha Bell.

Charles also had a party at home that afternoon with his family.

Charles is the son of Marilyn and Keith McSwain of Kings Mountain. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Banks Rumpfelt of Mount Holly and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McSwain of Shelby. Charles has a sister, Kristy McSwain, age six.

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