

First Baptist to study Isaiah

First Baptist Church of Stanley will be offering a Bible study in the book of Isaiah, lead by Pastor Charles H. High, Sr. Studies will be held each Sunday evening between 6:00 and 6:50 pm. There will be classes available for all age groups. First Baptist Church is located at 409 Old Highway 27 in Stanley. For further information call (704) 263-4783.

Contact Good News department

We would like to further information on all new Bible studies beginning on or about the first of the year. Please include beginning dates, frequency, time, location, telephone number for those that have questions or would like further information. Also, please indicate the book(s) of the Bible that are to be studied. For further information, please contact the **Good News Dept.** at the Kings Mountain Herald: (704) 739-7496, or fax to Debra (704) 739-0611.

Mercy sisters study vocation

BELMONT-The Sisters of Mercy of the North Carolina region, based at Sacred Heart Convent, were among 32 communities involved in a pilot program for vocation ministry and recruitment.

Sisters Pauline Mary Clifford, regional president, and Marian Therese Arroyo, vocation director, participated

in the two-year program. The Washington Theological Union sponsored the program funded by the Lilly Endowment.

Participants renewed their conviction regarding the need for the religious in today's world.

Some of the factors that inhibit individuals from considering religious life include resistance to permanent commitment; vows of celibacy, obedience and poverty; and lack of understanding of Catholic teachings and traditions.

However, participants noted their beliefs that God continues to call men and women to religious life; that people hunger for the witness of a way of life that transcends the present; and that those in the religious life bring gifts to a world needing the impact and power of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Benefit Singing

At 7 p.m. singing Feb. 8 at New Life Baptist Church, 49 James St., Gastonia, will benefit the Rev. Bob Wells, a double amputee. Proceeds will be used to purchase two artificial limbs.

Bible Studies

Covenant Bible Church of Lincolnton is hosting cottage Bible studies twice monthly. For further information call Bill Lyda, (704) 735-0391.

Dinner and Doings

New Hope Presbyterian Church, Gastonia has scheduled a "Dinner and Doings" program each Wednesday in January, February and March. Programs begin at 6:30 p.m.

with a catered meal, closing with a brief program, sometimes serious and sometimes recreational.

Meals are \$4 adults and \$2 children under 6. Reservations may be made by calling the church, 824-1697.

Support Group

A support group for post-abortive women will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 11 at Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County, 1349-B E. Garrison Blvd.

For information, call 868-4656 or 867-3706.

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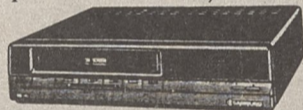
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