



Rev. Leland Kerr, Director of Missions for the Kings Mountain Baptist Association, Rev. Ron Caulder, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Rev. Russell Fitts, moderator, and Rev. Charles Reed, Director of Church and Community Missions, left to right, open the 142nd annual meeting in Kings Mountain Monday night at Oak Grove Church. The second session Tuesday was held at First Baptist Church.

Baptists meet in Kings Mountain churches

More than 400 elected Baptist messengers representing 80 churches in the Kings Mountain Baptist Association reelected Rev. Russell Fitts, a former Kings Mountain pastor, as moderator at the 142nd annual meeting in Kings Mountain.

Oak Grove Baptist Church and First Baptist Church hosted the two-day meeting on the theme, "A New Day, The Same Gospel."

Speakers included the moderator; Joe Lennon, president of the North Carolina Christian Action League; Associational Director of Missions Rev. Leland Kerr and

Rev. Charles Reed, Associational Director of Church and Community Missions.

Other officers reelected were Rev. Jim Brackett, pastor of Westview Baptist Church, of Shelby, vice-moderator, and Recca Bingham of Elizabeth Baptist Church of Shelby, clerk-treasurer.

In the keynote speech on Monday night at Oak Grove Baptist Church Fitts, retired minister at Zion Baptist Church, emphasized that congregations should be sensitive to the needs of retired ministers; that deacons elected by the people should be both church administrators but also assist the pastor in ministering to the people; and that growth always means a responsibility of the church to give the new member a job to do.

"There is a false rumor out that retired preachers are rich," said Fitts, who said the average retiree from the Southern Baptist Convention receives less than \$300 per month.

"Churches can and should help pastors with their annuity and retirement programs," said Fitts.

"When new people come in our churches we tend to slide in our duty to include those people in the work of the church," he said.

"God is the answer to the moral ills of the country," said Lennon in the keynote address Tuesday afternoon at First Baptist Church. After supper at the host church, the large crowd saw a video presentation of the association work throughout the year and received ministries re-

ports, voting on constitutional changes that also include a wide-ranging program for senior adults.

The church and community report from Rev. Charles Reed included a report on various ministries, including prison, visually impaired, developmentally disabled, migrant, Friday lunch program, literacy, children's Bible ministry and clothing room. The North Carolina Baptist Men's Medical Dental Bus was brought to Cleveland County in April and staffed by local volunteers. A chemical dependency workshop was conducted with 42 participants. Funds for Hurricane Andrew relief totaled \$31,386.62 and the association was a collection site for donations. Dedmon Trucking furnished a trailer which was filled with donated items such as diapers, baby formula, food, water, blankets, flashlights, etc.

Missions Director Kerr said he was encouraged by the openness to new areas of missions and ministries, including missionary in residence partnership with Gardner-Webb College, ethnic missions work at Star of Bethlehem Baptist Mission and Laotian Baptist Mission, black church development, ministry training for those who work with victims of substance abuse, City Hall and 'see you at the poll' prayer rallies, Hurricane Andrew relief, Rick Gage Crusade and associational student ministry and youth musicals.

Revival set at Oak Grove

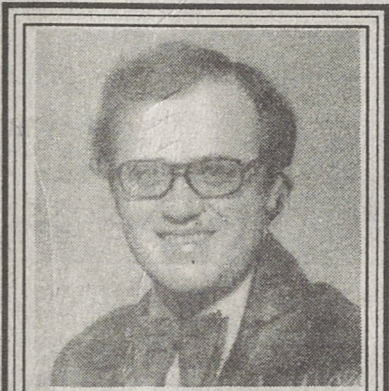
Revival services will be held November 1-5 at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Kings Mountain.

Dr. Michael K. Moore, pastor of Silver Lake Baptist Church in Wilmington, will be the guest evangelist.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. each evening.

A nursery will be provided. The public is invited.

■ Second Baptist Church will sponsor a church-wide "Hobo Night" Saturday night at 6 p.m. and prizes will go to the best dressed "hobo." The Halloween event will include games, food and entertainment. Participants are asked to take a can of vegetables for hobo stew.



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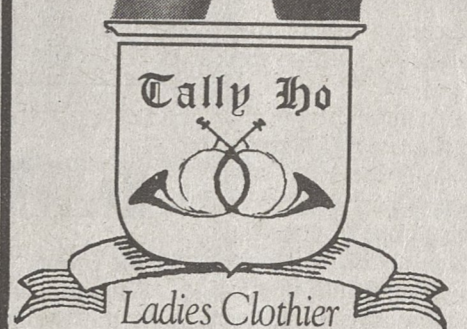


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Holiday Happenings, a big Christmas bazaar, will be held November 14 at Central United Methodist Church fellowship building.

Christmas is sewn soon for women of the church who are readying a variety of handmade items suitable for Christmas-giving.

The event will begin with a country breakfast from 7:30 a.m.-10 a.m., to which the public is also invited. Three bazaar rooms will be open to the public and will feature a country store with home-baked and canned goods and the debut of the first Central United Methodist Church Cookbook on sale for \$8.00.

The Christmas and Craft room will be stocked with handmade items. Youngsters are also invited to make their purchases in the special Children's room.

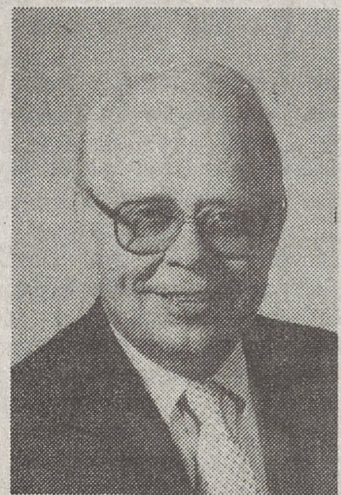
A hot dog lunch will be served from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

"An invitation is extended to the entire community," according to bazaar chairperson Jane Clemmer. "So, mark your calendar."

■ Grace United Methodist Church will serve hot dogs Saturday night at 6 p.m. Halloween games for children will be featured. Children are invited to dress up in Halloween costume and attend the event with members of the congregation. The public is invited.

■ A Hallelujah Halloween party for preschoolers and children in grades 1-6 will be held Saturday night at First Baptist Church. Baptist Young Women will sponsor a hot dog sale during the event. The party will feature games, treats and costume contests and children are asked to dress as their favorite Biblical character.

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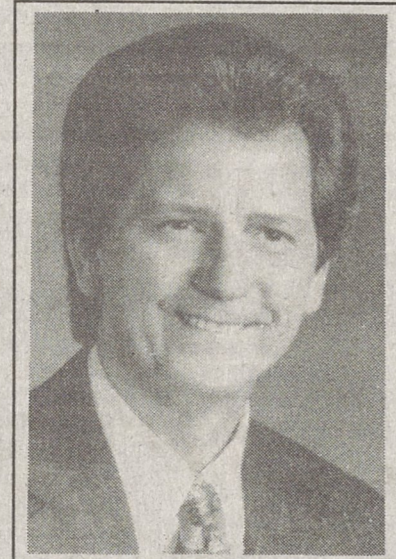
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