



Rev. Eugene Land leads prayer service at Kings Mountain City Hall.

50 KM citizens pray for nation

Over 50 Kings Mountain residents gathered at City Hall Thursday for the city's third annual National Day of Prayer service.

Rev. Eugene Land, pastor of Second Baptist Church, led the program which included prayers of praise to God and prayers for revival, moral re-birth in the nation, government leaders and individual citizens.

Rev. Land termed the program a huge success.

"You could feel the Spirit of God here," Rev. Land said at the close of the meeting. It is a marvelous thing to gather at City Hall to pray for the rebirth of Judeo-Christian ethics and morals.

Land pointed out that the National Day of Prayer was established in 1952 by President Truman, was reaffirmed by President Bush in 1988, and was begun in Kings Mountain three years ago with the title "Meet At City Hall."

Individuals led each portion of the structured prayers which were broadcast live over Radio Station WKMT from 12:20-12:45 p.m.

Mayor Scott Neisler, who welcomed the crowd, said it was "very fitting" that the program be held at City Hall. "If the moral fiber of the

nation is to be made right again we have to put God back in our everyday lives," he said.

Sarah George led a prayer of praise to God.

Rev. David Philbeck, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, prayed for revival in homes, schools and churches, asking for "good Christian teachers and leaders."

Philbeck pointed out, and many in the crowd agreed, that "we sat back and let one person decide that God wasn't important in our schools and today we're paying the price for it."

He pointed out that repentance is not just an attitude of "feeling sorry," but that it involves a "complete about face" of the way one lives his life.

"This country is great not because of who we are but because of who we serve," he said.

Rev. Larry Burns, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, called for a new morality in schools, homes and churches. "We've forgotten that God was in the hearts and lives of our founding fathers," he said. "They would never do anything contrary to God's will."

Burns said the nation needs to see a rebirth of its leaders in churches, homes, and in every area

of government

"We want to do what we think is right," he said. "Remind us that You are in charge and people in government are there because you've allowed them to be there."

Rev. Land said Americans are "blessed to be in a democracy where we pick our own leaders" and that by choosing leaders that citizens have the right to criticize them. "But we should spend 10 times as much time praying for them as criticizing them."

Betty Mitchell prayed for government leaders on the local, state and national level, and asked that "Christians would cross the paths" of government leaders who are not believers and cause them "turn to You."

She asked that any leader "that is not of You" be removed and "replaced by Your people."

She prayed for the City of Kings Mountain, all City Council members and the Mayor, and said that "whatever is in store for this city, You have designed it. You are the King that is over Kings Mountain."

Rev. John Futterer, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church, led a prayer of consecration of the citizens attending the meeting, asking that they all seek "a real sense of

Your direction" in their lives. Everyone joined in the Lord's Prayer.

Womanless pageant at Dixon

The youth of Dixon Presbyterian Church will sponsor a "Womanless Beauty Contest" Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. to raise money for the renovation of Dixon School.

The church recently purchased the school and is renovating it to be used for a family life center.

Admission is free but donations will be accepted.

The contest will feature some of

the area's top dolls, including Cousin Minnie B. Strange (Gary Stewart), Miss Charlene (Charlie Berry), Miss Deanna (Dee Stewart), Miss Pocahontas (Phillip Harris Jr.), Miss Lady Mystery (Rev. Allan Sinclair), Miss Big Wone (Tony Stewart), and Miss Satharina (Seth Bradley).

The public is invited. The church is located at 602 Dixon School Road, Kings Mountain.

Yard sale at Boyce Memorial

A yard sale and chicken pie dinner will be held Saturday by the Neil Baird Sunday School Class of Boyce Memorial ARP Church for benefit of church projects.

The yard sale, which will begin at 7 a.m., will feature a large assortment of items. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and

dinner from 5-7 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Take-out orders are available.

The meal will feature Dwain Lynch's popular, homemade chicken pie with all the trimmings, including home baked desserts.

Plates are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

Crisis Ministry to meet Monday

The Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry will meet Monday, May 16, at noon at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

Board members are reminded to

take a sandwich for a Dutch lunch.

Martha Bridges is president and Rev. Patsy Stone is secretary of the organization.

Church Briefs

Macedonia Baptist sets VBS June 5-10

Macedonia Baptist Church, 1101 S. Battleground Avenue, Kings Mountain, has scheduled Vacation Bible School activities for June 5-10 from 6-8:30 p.m.

Parents of preschool children and youth are invited to pre-register their children by calling the church office at 739-6811. The church will mail registration forms to the homes. Forms should be taken to a pre-registration party on Saturday, June 4 at 7 p.m. After forms are presented, the youngsters will build the largest banana split in Kings Mountain history.

Macedonia to host artist Vince Tharpe

Macedonia Baptist Church will host a special presentation of Art Alive Ministries, Sunday night, May 22 at 6 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Vince Tharpe, who has performed in and around Kings Mountain many times, will present his unique blending of art and music to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A love offering will be taken to support his ministry.

Rev. David Philbeck, pastor, invites the public.

Gospel singing set at Trinity Church

There will be a gospel singing Friday, May 20 at 7 p.m. at Trinity Church of the Living God, located off Highway 216 north behind Rick's Ole Country Store.

Special groups will be "The Wingmasters" and "The McDaniel Family."

For more information, call 739-1249 or 734-1813.

East KM Church sets bake sale and raffle

East Kings Mountain Church of God will have a bake sale, raffle off an afghan, and will also be selling portraits Saturday, May 14 beginning at 9 a.m. at Mike's Food Store on South Battleground Avenue.

The events are being held in conjunction with the grand opening of Mike's Food Store. All proceeds will go to church activities.

Yard and bake sale at Christian Freedom

Christian Freedom Baptist Church will hold a yard sale and bake sale Saturday, May 14 from 7-11 a.m. The sale will take place in the parking lot of Kings Mountain Pool and Garden on East King Street.

All proceeds go to the church building fund.

Car wash, sales set at Pentecostal church

Lighthouse Pentecostal Holiness Church, 508 Branch Street, Kings Mountain, will have a car wash, bake sale and yard sale Saturday, May 14 beginning at 8 a.m.

Ham biscuits will be sold from 8 a.m. until noon, and hot dogs will be sold beginning at noon.

Lighthouse Pentecostal Holiness Church will have a hot dog sale Friday and Saturday. Hot dogs will be sold Friday beginning at 8 a.m. and Saturday beginning at noon. For delivery of hot dogs, call 734-0036.

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