

## Obituaries



**WELDON HAMRICK**  
CHARLOTTE - Weldon S. Hamrick, 62, died October 14, 1994 at Carolinas Medical Center.

He was the nephew of Mrs. Ila Morrow McIntyre of Kings Mountain.

A graduate of Washington High School in Augusta, Ga., and Kings College in Charlotte, he was an accountant with Mitchell & Becker.

He was a Sunday School teacher, deacon and on the finance committee at Derita Baptist Church. He was former president of the Charlotte Chapter of Accountants, former secretary and former president of N.C. Society of Accountants and also a member of the National Society of Accountants.

He was an Army veteran and a native of Baltimore Md., son of the late Vennon Bridges and Nancy Murphy Hamrick.

Also surviving are his wife, Clara; one son, Sam Hamrick Jr. of Wheeling, W. Va.; one daughter, Susan Lively of Boise, Idaho; and two grandchildren.

He was the grandson of the late Samuel O. and Sarah Summey Murphy of Gaston County.

The funeral was conducted Monday at 11 a.m. at Derita Baptist Church. Burial was in Gethsemane Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Derita Baptist Church, 2835 Sugar Creek Rd. West, Charlotte, 28262 or to Hospice at Charlotte, 1420 E. 7th St. Charlotte, 28204.

**JIMMIE RUTH RHODES**  
Jimmie Ruth Rhodes died October 10, 1994 at Gastonia Memorial Hospital.

A native of Pickens County, SC, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Gertrude Lacy Bert. She was a faithful member of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Kings Mountain, where she served for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Carl Edward Rhodes Sr. of the home; three sons, Carl Edward Rhodes Jr. of Kings Mountain, Alvin K. Rhodes of Gastonia, and Danny Earl Rhodes of Birmingham, Ala.; a daughter, Mrs. Carmen R. Brice of Kings Mountain; a sister, Mrs. Bertie Mae Jenkins of Liberty, SC; three brothers, Vernell Hart of Charlotte, Alvin Bert of Liberty, SC, and William Bert of Washington, DC; 17 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted by the Revs. C.A. Feemster and T.O. Feemster October 13 at 1:30 p.m. at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

**BESSIE W. DICKSON**

GROVER - Bessie Wells Dickson, 84, of 111 Gold Street, died October 14, 1994 at her home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Robert Lee and Leatha Lucas Wells, and wife of the late Robert A. Dickson. She was a retired employee of Minette Mills and a member of Antioch Baptist Church in Blacksburg, SC.

She is survived by nieces and nephews.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Vernon Craig Sunday at 2 p.m. at Harris Funeral Home in Kings Mountain. Burial was in Grover Cemetery.

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## Church Briefs

# KM Baptist Association meets next week

The Kings Mountain Baptist Association will hold its 144th annual meeting Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 24-25.

The Monday night session will begin at 6:45 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Grover. Special music will be presented by a choir composed of ministers of music who serve churches throughout the association. Rev. Lawton Neely, music director of Bethel Baptist Church and associational music director, will lead the choir. New pastors and staff persons will be introduced. Guest speaker will be the Rev. David Jackson, Director of Missions, Greater Rochester Baptist Association, Rochester, NY.

The Tuesday afternoon session will begin at 2:45 p.m. at Patterson Grove Baptist Church. The session will feature special music, reports by associational committees and convention agencies. The associational budget for 1995 will be presented for adoption. Associational staff members Leland Kerr, Director of Missions; Charles Reed, Director of Church and Community Ministries; and Bonnie Doughtie, Church Development Director, will present their annual reports.

The Tuesday night session, also at Patterson Springs Baptist, will begin at 6:45 p.m. The session will be a rally in preparation for the "Here's Hope. Share Jesus Now." revivals emphasis in the spring of 1995. The session will also feature a report by Missionaries-in-Residence, Rob and Mickie Norman from Greece. Dr. Roy Cooper will be guest speaker and special music will be rendered by his wife, Dirce Cooper. Dr. and Mrs. Cooper are Missionaries-in-Residence from Costa Rica.

**Fall Festival Saturday at Cherokee Street Church**  
Cherokee Street Baptist Church will sponsor a fall festival Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Games, food, singing and fellowship will feature the event which is free to the public.

**"Daybreak" to sing at Family Worship Center**  
"Daybreak" will sing Sunday at 6 p.m. at Family Worship Center Church of God, 1818 Shelby Road. The public is invited to the free concert.

### Long Creek Church plans rededication

When fire destroyed their Sunday School plant and smoke damaged the sanctuary, the members of 214-year-old Long Creek Presbyterian Church immediately went to work rebuilding.

That was 10 months ago and Sunday at 7 p.m. the congregation will celebrate at a rededication service in the sanctuary.

The public is invited. Police still have no suspects in the December 1993 fire they say was arson.

The Sunday School building burned to the ground and the sanctuary was heavily smoke damaged. Damages were estimated at \$140,000.

Rev. James S. Welch Jr., pastor, said the church had insurance on the building. Donations from local churches and individuals also helped pay for the rebuilding project which has just been completed.

"We are grateful to our sister churches Good Hope and First Presbyterian and to all the individuals who made donations to help us put the final touches on our new Sunday School building," he said.

Long Creek Presbyterian Church on Route 3 was organized in 1780.

### Macedonia Baptist to host Art Alive

Vince Tharpe, an artistic illusionist, will present "Art Alive" at Macedonia Baptist Church in Kings Mountain Sunday, Oct. 23 at the 11 a.m. worship service.

The unique presentation includes both art and music.

"Vince is a most talented artist who is using his gifts to present the Gospel of Christ in a most compelling way," said Rev. David Philbeck, pastor.

Tharpe's new program is called "The Storms of Life."

Macedonia is located at 1101 S. Battleground Avenue. A love offering will be taken to support Tharpe's ministry.

The public is invited.

### Moms in Touch organized in KM

A Moms in Touch International group has been organized in Kings Mountain for mothers to meet once a week for an hour to intercede in prayer on behalf of their children

and the schools they attend. The group meets each Tuesday from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 605 W. King Street.

For more information call Sandy Buchanan at 739-0483, Jean McAbee at 734-0886, or Jane Ferebee at 739-6980.

### Daybreak to sing at East KM church

Daybreak will be in concert Sunday, October 23 at the 11 a.m. service at East Kings Mountain Church of God, located across from WKMT Radio Station on Highway 161.

The public is invited.

### Propst to sing at Cherryville

Music evangelist Bob Propst of Gastonia will sing during the 6 p.m. worship service Sunday, Oct. 30 at First Baptist Church, 301 E. First Street, Cherryville.

Diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy in 1972, Propst has been in music evangelism for over 10 years.

Dr. Dan Featherstone, pastor, invites the public.

### Ladies Bible Study at KM First Baptist

First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain will offer a Thursday morning Bible study for women, "Lord, Teach Me to Pray in 28 Days," beginning Thursday, Oct. 20 from 9:30-11:30.

The time period will also include coffee, fellowship and other activities just for ladies.

Study books, which are set up as a 15-minute daily devotional, will be available for a fee. Each Thursday morning there will be a video taught by the study's author, Kay Arthur, on the material that was covered during the week.

Activities offered will be tailored to the wants of the participants. Women of all ages are invited.

### Heaven's Gate set Saturday at Bethlehem

The Adult Choir of Ridge Baptist Church will sing "Heaven's Gate" Saturday at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

The public is invited.

Rev. L. Chester Waters is pastor of the guest church which will lead the service.

### Hill to preach at Cherryville Church

Rev. Tim Hill, pastor of Riveroak Church of God in Danville, Va., will preach Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Cherryville Church of God, 810 E. Main St.

A camp meeting preacher and song writer, Hill will speak at 7 p.m.

Rev. Todd Phillips invites the public.

### Special service set at Gastonia church

A special service Saturday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. at Holiness Church of God, 1601 Rhyme Street, Gastonia, will include singing and testimony by Sister Joyce Gibby and Singers.

Rev. James Herring, pastor, invites the public. For more information call 484-0530.

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