

## Church Briefs

# Long Branch Baptist to celebrate 132nd anniversary

Sunday will mark the 132nd anniversary of Long Branch Baptist Church in Grover.

Rev. Larry M. Dixon will deliver the sermon at the 11 a.m. worship hour. A 1 p.m. covered dish luncheon will be served.

The afternoon celebration will feature Rev. William Thompson and his congregation from St. Peter's Baptist Church in Grover as guest ministers and singers.

"Long Branch Baptist is a church magnifying love in action and we invite the public to join members and former members in this celebration of the church's anniversary," said Dixon.

### Bethlehem GA's to help missionaries

The GAs of Bethlehem Baptist Church are sponsoring Christmas in August for missionary families. The young women will collect

donated items on September 20 at the church.

Items needed are toothpaste, tooth brushes, combs, soap, shampoo, lotions, deodorant, dictionaries, pencils and pens, writing tablets, envelopes and stamps.

### Church is sponsoring Mother's Morning Out

Resurrection Lutheran Church's Mother's Morning Out has begun a new year with Gaye Hanna as instructor for the group for the third year and Lynn Witherspoon and Karen Lineberger as directors.

The program enrolls 10 full-time children between the ages of 1-3 who meet every Wednesday from 9 to 12 noon and follow the Kings Mountain District School's calendar for holidays and inclement weather.

The program provides music, arts, crafts, stories, outdoor free play and mid-morning snacks

### Duncan joins staff at First Presbyterian

Erica Duncan has joined the staff of First Presbyterian Church as Student-In-Ministry.

No stranger to North Carolina, Duncan grew up in Newton but now calls Tuscaloosa, Alabama home. A life-long Presbyterian, she graduated from Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. Currently, she is between her second and third years of seminary at Columbia Seminary in Decatur, Ga. where she will earn her master of divinity degree in 1997.

Duncan's duties include preaching, worship leadership, pastoral care and teaching.

### Higginbotham, Shaw to head Women of Church

Punkin Higginbotham of Grover has been elected moderator of the

Women of First Presbyterian Church and Sara Shaw of Kings Mountain has been elected co-moderator.

Other new officers for the year include: Pucky Nantz, secretary; Liza Dellinger, treasurer; Sylvia Doerr, historian; Cathy Summitt and Kay Stowe, ecumenical missions and relations; Jamie Lakey and Sarah Rhea, personal faith and family life; Shirley Brutko and Reba Harper, Christian community action; Sharon Jennings and Lisa Leach, leadership and resources; Sereta Ledbetter, nursery director; C. Chanthapheng, nursery; and Karen Newsome, nursery coordinator.

### Whisnants to sing at Macedonia Homecoming

The Whisnants will present a concert during Macedonia Baptist Church's annual Homecoming Day September 24.

They will sing during the 11 a.m. worship hour and also at a full concert after the covered-dish luncheon. All former members and friends are invited to join the local congregation in the service.

### Hilda Goforth leads Rally Day award group

First Presbyterian Church presented perfect attendance awards during the Sunday School Rally Day recently.

Hilda Goforth received her pin for the 45th year of perfect attendance followed by Margaret Hunnicutt with 44 years, Andy Neisler with 25 years, Helen and J. T. McGinnis with 23 years and Scott Neisler with 19 years.

Other recipients were: Virginia Neisler, ninth year; Garrett and Wendy Neisler, fifth year; Kerri

Brutko, fourth year; Matthew and Sereta Ledbetter, third year; and Brandon and Megan Dixon and Crissy Johnsonbaugh, second year.

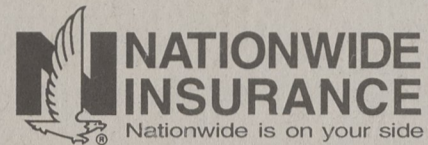
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