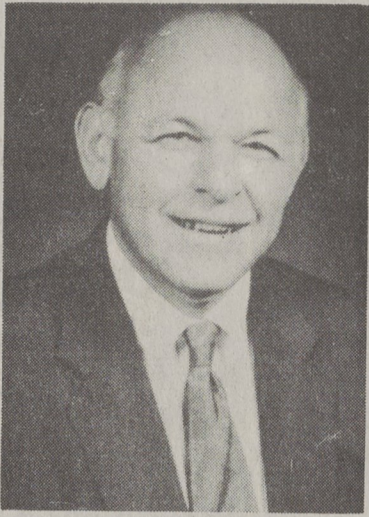


Dr Bales to speak at worship service

Dr. Harold Bales, Western North Carolina Conference Director of Ministries in the Methodist Church, will speak at a joint worship service of area Methodist churches Sunday, October 15, at Kings Mountain State Park Shelter.



DR. HAROLD BALES

A covered dish dinner will be served after the service, to which the public is invited.

Members of St. Paul's and Galilee Churches and El Bethel and Grace Methodist churches are planning to attend. In event of rain the service will be held at Grace Church in Kings Mountain.

Bales came to Charlotte from Asheville in 1992 where he was Senior Minister for three years at Central United Methodist Church. He has served pastorates in Cleveland, Athens and Kingsport, Tn. and was Senior Minister of First United Methodist Church in Charlotte from 1983-89. He served for 13 years as a member of the staff of the denomination's National Boards of Evangelism and Discipleship in Nashville.

Bales, a native of Knoxville, Tn., said his most unusual ministry was as Executive Director of the Church's Presence at the 1982 World's Fair. The project was sponsored by 13 Protestant denominations, the Greek Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church. The cooperative project was a ministry of proclamation, education and witness, he said.

Bales has also served as adjunct

faculty member at Vanderbilt University Divinity School and has taught courses at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas and Scarritt College. He received his undergraduate education at the University of Tennessee and Tennessee Wesleyan College and earned the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Vanderbilt Divinity School.

He has authored a number of religious books, sermons and articles in various publications and writes regular columns for church newspapers. He is the author of the popular newsletter, "The Southern Fried Preacher."

He and his wife have four children and four grandchildren and reside in Huntersville.

ATTEND SERVICES This WEEK WORSHIP GOD

Fathers Need Loving Too ...



Sunday
2 Kings
6:8-23

Monday
2 Chronicles
6:12-21

Tuesday
2 Chronicles
6:22-42

Wednesday
2 Chronicles
30:13-27

Thursday
2 Chronicles
33:1-17

Friday
Ezra
9:1-15

Saturday
Nehemiah
1:1-11

Are fathers as tough as they seem? Maybe not . . .

Yes, most fathers seem brave and strong, but they may not always feel that way. Sometimes, the world is not kind to fathers. They try to hide the hurt, but there are signs and symptoms.

They may appear droopy, even in their best clothes. Half smiles and wrinkled brows are sure signs. Sometimes fathers are grouchy, like bears . . . or unusually talkative . . . or strangely quiet . . . they just aren't themselves.

How can we soothe a hurt father? We can ask him how he feels, but he may not answer. We can tell him we love him; that he is the best father in the world. (That's better than a bandaid.) Always smile. It's contagious.

Most importantly, remind him that his Heavenly Father loves him unceasingly and receives visitors in His house each Sabbath.

Finally, give him a big hug. Fathers need loving too.

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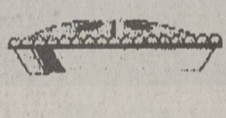
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