

Church Briefs

Nativity scene at Grace UMC

Grace United Methodist Church will have a live nativity scene Thursday, December 21 from 7-9 p.m. at the church on Cleveland Avenue (Highway 161), Kings Mountain.

In case of rain, the event will be cancelled.

The church will have its Christmas musical service on December 24 at 11 a.m.

Christmas Eve service planned

Long Creek Presbyterian Church will host a Christmas Eve candle-light and communion service December 24 at 9 p.m. The service will feature music, Christmas carols, Holy Communion, as well as a traditional candle lighting ceremony.

The public is invited to attend.

The offering will go to the "Books for Guatemala Christmas Project" which provides books for churches, schools and a seminary in Guatemala. Long Creek Church is a church partner with Jesus El Buen Pastor church in Guatemala.

Long Creek Presbyterian Church is located off Highway 161 at the corner of Lewis Farm Road and Long Creek Road. For more information, call the church at 629-4406.

Advent program at St. Matthew's

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 201 North Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain, will sponsor its annual Advent-Christmas evening December 17 beginning at 5 p.m.

At 5 p.m., the public is invited to attend a special presentation led by an eight-piece youth orchestra from the church youth group, which will be playing traditional music.

A color slide presentation of various Chrismons will be led by other youth. Chrismons will decorate the church's two trees in the chancel of the church. These ancient symbols tell much about God and the coming birth of Jesus Christ.

The elementary school classes will present a memorized presentation of the Christmas story from Saint Luke's Gospel.

Finally, everyone will gather in the fellowship hall for a covered dish meal. A special visitor will share presents with the children of the Sunday School.

Rose of Bethlehem set at Macedonia

The Christmas Choir of Macedonia Baptist Church, 1101 South Battleground Avenue, Kings Mountain, will present the contemporary Christmas musical "Rose of Bethlehem" Saturday, December 16 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 17 at 6 p.m.

The hour-long presentation is told through the eyes of Mary, Jesus' mother.

The 35-member choir includes adults, youth and children and is under the direction of Rev. Larry Donaldson, Minister of Education, Youth and Music.

Rev. David Philbeck, pastor, invites the public. For more information call 739-6811.

Christmas musicale at First Presbyterian

A Christmas musicale, "Tell Me The Story," will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall.

The program by the choirs from Cherub through high school age will be directed by Shirley Austin and Poppy McGill.

After the program, the warm tree in the recreation building will be decorated with scarves, gloves and other items to be presented to needy families at Christmas. Santa Claus will be on hand and refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

City of Light at KM Baptist

The Adult Choir of Kings Mountain Baptist Church, under the direction of Mrs. Angela Zimmerman, will present the Christmas musical "The City of Light" at 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 17.

The Tom Fettke musical uses both music and dramatic monologue to tell the Christmas story from the point of view of several Biblical characters.

Isaiah, the prophet who foretold Jesus' birth, will be portrayed by Raeford White. Tom Tate will bring the innkeeper's perspective and Ed Brauns tells of the birth from the shepherd's point of view. Mary, Jesus' mother, will be played by Amber Tate. The musical doesn't end with the traditional Christmas story, but Karen Bennett will show how a person living today might respond.

The music includes both familiar carols and original compositions designed to bring the Christmas story to life.

Christmas program at Nazarene Church

The children of First Church of the Nazarene, 405 S. Cherokee Street, Kings Mountain will present their Christmas program of recitations and special music during the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, December 17.

The program will be under the direction of Debbie Baity and Sherran Cameron.

Children to sing at Second Baptist

The King's Kids Children's Choir will present "It's Christmas, All over the World" Wednesday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Second Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

"You'll worship, chuckle, and worship as Captain Christmas and his crew take you on a trip around the world in search of the real Christmas," said Rev. Eugene Land, pastor.

The public is invited. For more information call 739-4216.

Musical slated at Second Baptist

"Hallelujah, Christ Jesus is Born" will be presented by the Praise and Worship Sanctuary Choir of Second Baptist Church Sunday, December 24 at 6 p.m.

"This wonderful Christmas worship musical will lead our hearts to worship the wonderful, blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, whom we celebrate," said Rev. Eugene Land, pastor.

Music, narration, banners and candlelight worship will be part of the 40-minute service.

The public is invited. For more information, call 739-4216.

Christmas drama at First Wesleyan

First Wesleyan Church, 505 North Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain, will present the Christmas comedy drama "Greedy: The Miracle on 35th Street" Sunday, December 17 at 6 p.m.

This is a modern day "Christmas Carol," directed by Debra Williams.

The children of First Wesleyan will present the Christmas program "The Christmas Story Told By Granny Fran" on Sunday, December 24 during the 11 a.m. worship service.

The public is invited to both programs.

Christmas musical at Family Worship

"The Heavens Declare Glory!" will be presented at Family Worship Center Church of God, 1818 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain, Sunday, December 17 at 6 p.m.

Rev. James E. Allen, pastor, invites the public.



This WEEK

WORSHIP GOD.

Sunday
Luke
6:27-36

Monday
Proverbs
8:1-36

Tuesday
Isaiah
43:1-7

Wednesday
Isaiah
44:1-8

Thursday
Isaiah
44:9-20

Friday
Isaiah
45:1-8

Saturday
Isaiah
48:1-11

In Harmony With The Master...

Throughout the great concert hall, the murmur of the crowd mingles with the dimly chaotic combination of woodwinds, horns and strings as they are fine tuned by the orchestra.

The velvet curtain rises. Immediately all is quiet. Every eye is fixed on the stage as the maestro enters with sure strides, stops center stage and faces the orchestra, his wand poised in his hand.

The atmosphere is charged with anticipation, yet not a sound is heard until the maestro gestures toward the orchestra with a rhythmic flair of his wand. The concert then begins.

A Mozart composition swells and subsides. It increases in tempo, then diminishes, as each musician follows the maestro's lead, resulting in harmony and cadence which holds the audience spellbound.

Likewise, our lives can be more harmonious if we but fix our gaze on God, avoiding confusion and chaos, looking to Him for direction each day. In Romans 8:28, we read "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

"Praise God in His sanctuary" (Psalm 150), and live your life in harmony with the Master.

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