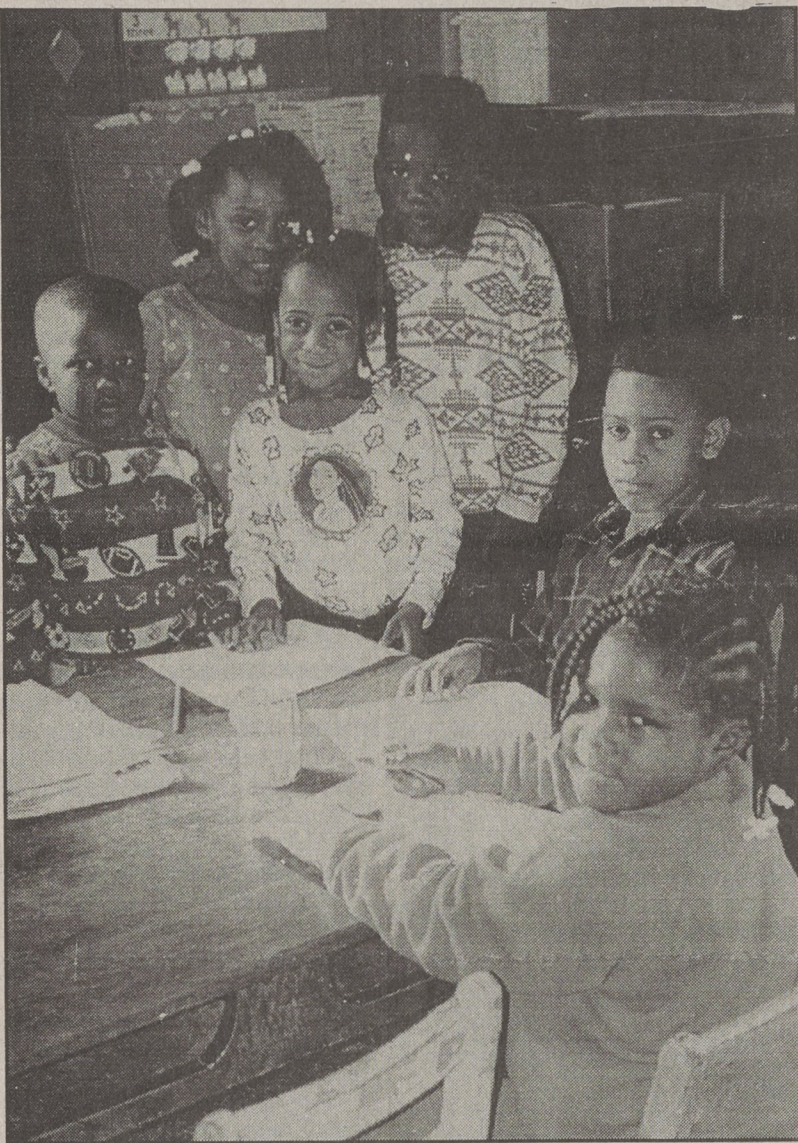


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Cameron Roseboro, Kierra Gordon, Josh Bridges and Sierra Bess, left to right around the table, and Khadijah Banks and Chaddrick Roseboro, enjoy the after-school tutorial program at Good Hope Presbyterian Church.

Good Hope Presbyterian tutoring program big success

The after school tutorial program at Good Hope Presbyterian Church is both a fun and learning time for 38-50 students.

The attendance on Monday and Wednesday afternoon more than doubles the church membership of 21.

"It's a program that all our members are interested in and volunteer in some way," said Rev. State Alexander, pastor.

The staff is all-volunteer and other members from the church serve refreshments which are donated by local churches, including Long Creek and First Presbyterian Churches.

The Long Creek congregation, a strong supporter of the program, also provides essential tools like pencils and paper and materials for crafts projects which is a favorite of the older students.

Monday afternoon and Wednesday afternoon are busy times for the students of Head Start, Kindergarten, Elementary and Middle School age.

"This is always a busy place," said lead teacher Delores Edgerton as she helped some of the students in second and fourth grades with homework and invited others to work on a crafts project for a bulletin board.

In Mrs. R. L. Garvin's class the younger students were engrossed in reading.

Mrs. Aileene Sellers directs the after school program. Other teachers

are Donna Edgerton and Mary Alexander, wife of the pastor.

The tutorial program began at the local church in 1979, according to Alexander, who said the program has grown every year and is meeting the needs of the community.

"We have classrooms all over the church and even in the sanctuary if necessary," he said.

Mrs. Alexander had only one student on Monday and she was helping him with his homework at a desk in the sanctuary.

Christ the King dedicates art

Members of Christ the King Catholic Church gathered Sunday afternoon, March 3 for a formal dedication of the recently completed and installed original artwork now highlighting the main sanctuary wall.

Officiating at the dedication was Rev. William G. Curlin, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Charlotte, and Rev. Msgr. William G. Wellein, pastor of both Christ the King in Kings Mountain and St. Mary's in Shelby.

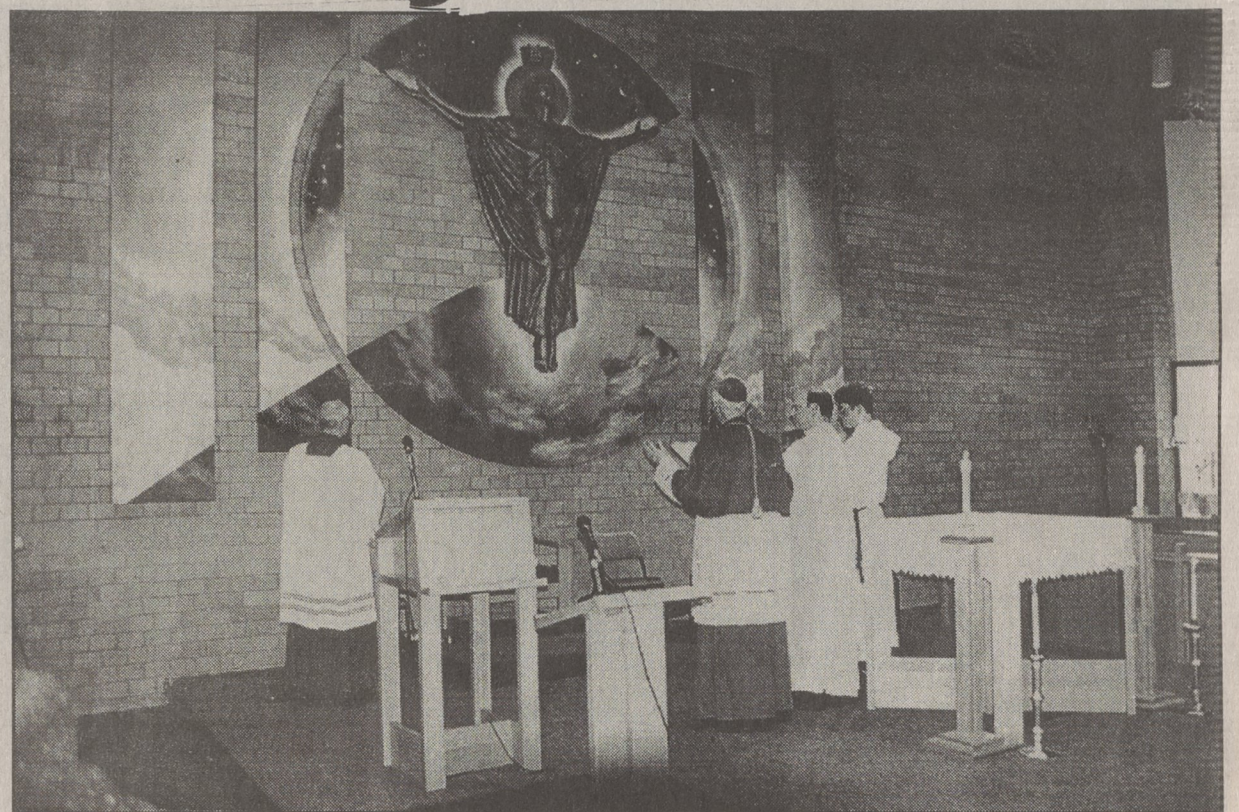
The blessing and dedication of the wall hanging, a significant work of the artist Sister Catherine Muehlbauer of Colden, N.Y., completed a long-term project guided by a special church committee chaired by Ann Marie Bridges.

The artwork is unique in that it combines painted backdrop panels of the sky and firmament with a sculpted likeness of Christ as King of the universe.

After the dedication, both the special guests and members of the congregation enjoyed a reception hosted by the ladies of the parish in the church activity room.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass had been offered in Kings Mountain since the late fifties - in homes, protestant churches and, for awhile, in a Reformed Presbyterian Church, purchased in the early sixties to be an Apostolate Training Center for newly ordained Priests.

When Monsignor (then Father) Felix Kelaher became pastor of St. Mary's Parish, which embraced all of Cleveland County, including King Mountain, he set himself to building a Catholic church. Long desired, this dream was realized when the first Holy Mass was offered July 24, 1983, and the present



Rev. Msgr. William G. Wellein, pastor of Christ the King, Rev. William G. Curlin, Bishop of the Diocese of Charlotte, Rev. Anthony Maraccio, Master of Ceremonies, and Evan Borchert, server, dedicated new sanctuary art work recently at Christ the King Catholic Church in Kings Mountain.

church dedicated on the feast of Christ the King (which it was named), November 29, 1983. The basement hall was unfinished and no decoration adorned the large brick, blank wall in the sanctuary area when Monsignor William G. Wellein became pastor some months later in September 1984.

Says Monsignor Wellein, "It seems that at the first Mission Council meeting I attended - and every one since - the question of an adequate decoration on the wall behind the altar was discussed."

Finally, Sister Catherine Muehlbauer, a Sister of St. Mary from Colden, N.Y., was contacted on the basis of an article in the Catholic Digest. After submitting ideas and drawings, and much revision, the present three-dimensional

wall hanging was decided upon. From her first contact through completion was about three years. She was assisted by Sisters Judith and Michael, also artists. Different from a reredos, which is free standing behind an altar, this depiction is affixed to the wall.

'I Looked Over Heaven For You' at Piedmont

The drama "I Looked All Over Heaven For You" will be presented Saturday, March 9 at 6 p.m. at

Piedmont Baptist Church, Benfield Road, Kings Mountain.

Revival at Family Worship Center Church of God

Rev. Diane Collins of Front Line Ministries will lead revival services March 10-17 at Family Worship Center Church of God, 1818 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain.

Services are scheduled at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Friday. There will not be a service on Saturday.

Rev. James Allen, pastor, invites the public.

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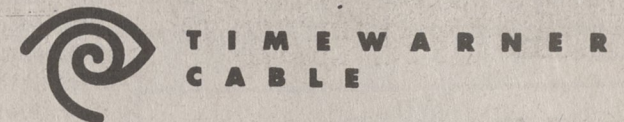
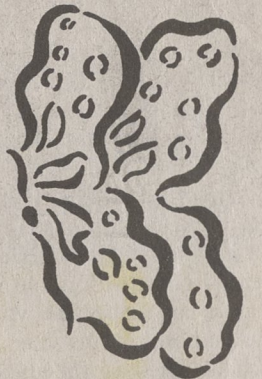
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