

Briefs

Dr. Hamrick to speak at Oak Grove Baptist

Dr. Ector L. Hamrick will preach at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, April 27 at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

HAMRICK Hamrick was ordained by Oak Grove Baptist Church May 1, 1960, and has been invited back to preach as part of the church's year long celebration of being 100 years old in September.

Dr. Hamrick is a graduate of Number Three High School, Gardner-Webb College, Wake Forest College, and Southeastern Seminary. He has served several pastorates and served with the Home Mission Board in Alexandria, VA from 1965-1981. He retired May 1, 1996 and lives in Portsmouth, VA.

The public is invited.

Ministerial Association to host day of prayer

The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, will host the National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 1 from 12:20-12:40 p.m. at the Kings Mountain City hall.

Rev. Ron A. Caulder, President of the Ministerial Association, said the community prayer gathering will meet around the fountain in front of City hall. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be held in the council chambers.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to join through prayer with citizens all over America to pray for our nation and some major issues that confront us as a people," Rev. Caulder said. "It is also a time for us as a community of faith to pray for a great spiritual awakening in the Kings Mountain area - especially as we pray for the upcoming Jay Strack Crusade to be held August 24-28 at John Gamble Stadium."

The public is invited to attend the time of prayer.

Oak Grove youth car wash Saturday

The youth of Oak Grove Baptist Church will have a car wash Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the church. Cars will be washed on a donation basis.

The youth of the church are helping to raise funds to attend the Youth Evangelism Week at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell July 7-11.

Council of Church Women set May dinner

Lutheran, United Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Catholic and Associated Reformed Presbyterian women will meet at 6:15 p.m., May 1 for a dinner at First Presbyterian Church, East King Street, Kings Mountain.

Head Chef Marilyn Neisler and her helpers are preparing "Chicken Elegant" and other specialties for dinner.

Grace Mitchell of Kings Mountain, a scholar, missionary, teacher, grandmother, and dramatist, will speak on "The First Great Commandment."

Proceeds from ticket sales will be given to the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry. Tickets will be sold by each of the member churches, with Christ the King Catholic Church coordinating ticket sales.

Contact Donna Canova at 739-8825 for more information.

Gospel singing slated at Macedonia Church, York

Macedonia Community Holiness Church, York, SC, will have a gospel singing April 26 at 7 p.m.

Featured groups are The Griggs of Stanley and The Gospel Aires of Dallas.

For more information, call Rev. Lucille Smith at 865-2604.

Kidney Association holds awards banquet

The Cleveland-Rutherford Kidney Association's 15th annual Appreciation Awards Banquet was held recently at Cedar Park in Polkville.

Volunteer awards were presented to the following:

Brooks Woodlief, Tessie Woodlief, Brittany Roberts, Dujan Butler, and China Hector, for raising more than \$500 in

donations in the Prince and Princess of Life contest.

Wall of Honor, for donating more than \$1,000: Paul Porter, Margaret Porter, Mark Leonhardt, Hugh Canipe, Larry Petty, Linda Petty, Elwyn McCraw, Ophelia McCraw, Irene Wallace, Brittany Roberts, Renee Ledford.

Rainbow Inspiration Award - Charles Collins.

Volunteer of the Year - Janet Roderiguez.

President's Award - Cleveland Mills.

President's Award - Mike Wright.

Gift of Life - Ray Ledford.

Founder's Award - Margaret Ledford.

Nurses celebration dinner set in Shelby

The fifth annual Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland Counties Celebration for Nurses will be held Thursday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Shelby.

Dr. Colleen Conway-Welch, Ph.D., RN, D. Hum., and professor at and Dean at the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing in Nashville, TN, will speak on "Future Trends in Healthcare."

Dr. Conway-Welch is a nationally renowned speaker.

The annual Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland Counties Nurses' Celebration honors are nurses who touch so many lives in meaningful ways. Nursing organizations and leaders from the three counties have been instrumental in the creation of the professional celebration during National Nurses' Week.

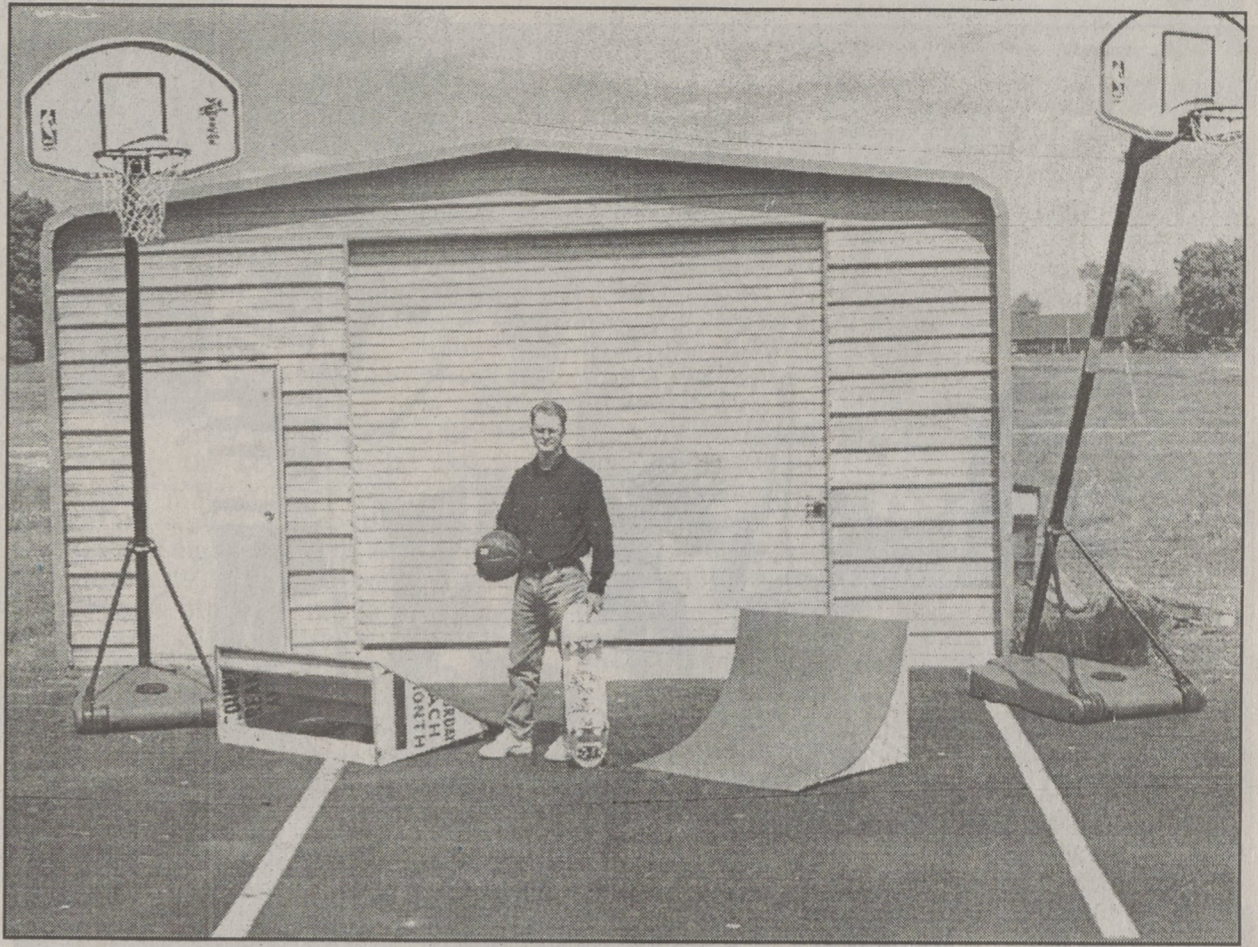
All nurses in the area are invited to attend. For more information call 867-1141.

Shriners barbecue Saturday, April 26

The White Plains Shrine Club will hold its annual spring barbecue sale Saturday, April 26 beginning at 10 a.m. at the vacant lot beside City Auto and Truck Parts at the intersection of Highway 161 and East Gold Street, Kings Mountain.

Shoulders will be \$35, plates \$5 and two sandwiches \$4.

All proceeds go to Shriners Hospitals.



PLANET X - Youth pastor Curtis Williams is ready to hit the baskets in Planet X, East Gold Wesleyan Church's innovative project to keep kids off the streets. The kickoff for the program is April 25 from 6-10 p.m.

Church to begin Planet X program

Local church organizers are calling the new teen program Planet X.

Pulling teenagers off the streets and into drug-free activities is the goal of East Gold Street Wesleyan Methodist Church's innovative project.

Curtis Williams, assistant pastor of the church, said Planet X is the name given to the outdoor program which was started by Jason Harper, a youth pastor in Sacramento, California and is quickly spreading around the country.

By summertime Williams envisions that 1,000 teenagers from Cleveland and Gaston Counties will have fun on skateboard and rollerblade ramps and at basketball goals already set up on the church's big parking lot. Other games like ping pong, volleyball, sumo wrestling, nintendo, videos, a Cafe X for refreshments, a live band and drama groups presenting the gospel story will feature the free entertainment.

The kickoff for Kings Mountain's Planet X will be April 25 from 6-10 p.m. and is open to all teens who attend middle school or high school. Teens must have permission slips from parents and skateboard/rollerblade protective helmets. The only cost to attend Planet X is to invite a friend.

"The entire Planet will be portable so the site can be moved around our community," said Williams who said other churches may be asked to network.

Williams said that the group will need to find an indoor place for the activities in the winter-time but outdoor programs are already planned for April 25, May 9 and May 30. Local police will be on hand and church member Dora Bridges is already making sumo wrestling outfits for participants.

Williams, who moved to Kings Mountain from St. Petersburg, Fla. nearly four years ago, sees the program as an extension of missions and reminds youth they don't have to belong to any church to attend.

"This is a project for our community but our goal is to build a bridge from the community to sanctuary and provide our area teens with a place they can have fun," he said.

Rev. Harold Bumby, the church's senior pastor, is also enthusiastic about the new program which has the blessings of the church board. This week Williams was handing out tickets to Planet X in the middle and high schools and promoting the upcoming program in newspapers and on radio.

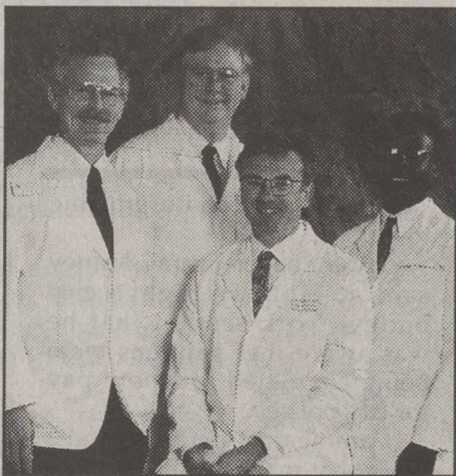
A native of South Carolina, Williams is a 1988 graduate of Southwestern University. As a youth pastor in Florida he led mission programs to the inner cities in Tampa and also led groups to Puerto Rico. He and his wife, Diane, are parents of two children, Ilissa, 6, and Robby, 5.

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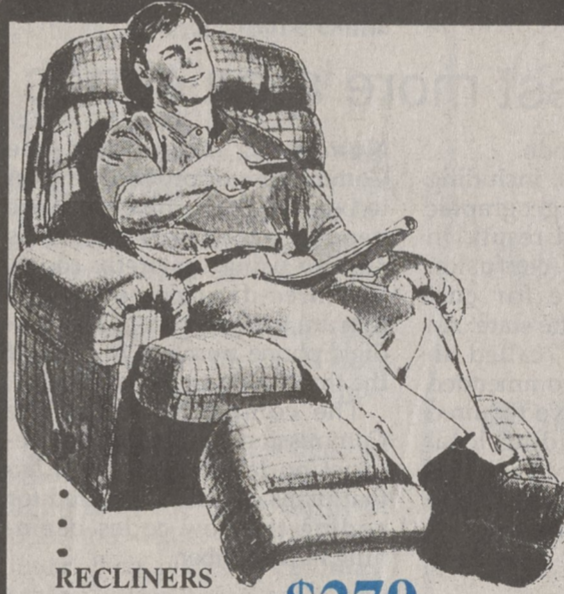
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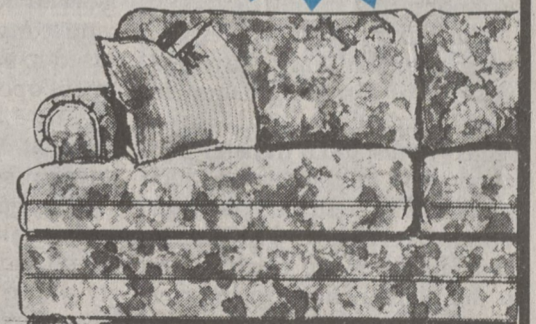
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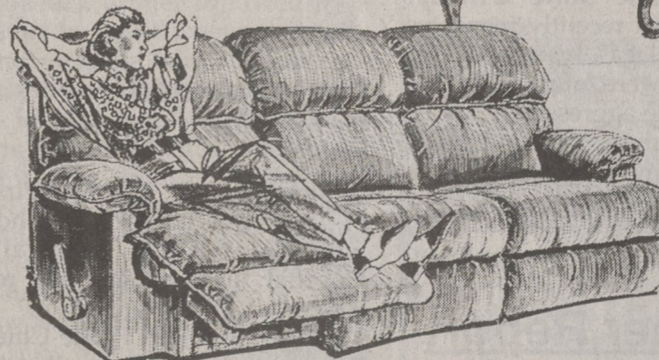
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