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Church News

16-year-old pianist to perform at First Baptist, Kings Mountain



BACKER

Joseph Backer, a 16-year-old pianist, will be in concert Sunday, March 7 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

The public is invited. Pastor Chip Sloan said, "It is our hope to make each Sunday evening at First Baptist Church an enjoyable time with the Lord The Joseph Backer concert is certainly one of these special Sunday evenings."

At the age of one, Joseph was playing "Amazing Grace" with two hands. By age 2 1/2, he already knew over 100 songs. At age 4, he began lessons in classical piano. In 1995, at age 13, he passed the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music "Test for Performance" with distinction. Most recently, he was a finalist in the concerto competition at Brevard Music Center. He has also performed at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, CA.

"At age 15, Joseph dedicated his life and talent to the Lord," Rev. Sloan said. "He is committed to serving and exalting Christ through his music. Joseph plays from the heart. You can feel his love for the Lord through his music. His sacred concerts contain music which can be easily recognized and appreciated by all ages, but he plays them with an added flair and excitement that could only be accomplished by a gifted pianist."

Lenten service Wednesday at KM Baptist

The downtown churches and the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association invite the public to participate in this year's midday community Lenten worship services and luncheons each Wednesday at 12 noon during the season of Lent.

Brief worship services will be followed immediately by light lunches of soup and sandwiches. A freewill offering may be given to defray the cost of the meals.

The schedules are such that working people in the area may be able to attend worship and share lunch during their midday lunch break. Offerings received during the worship services will go to assist the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry to help needy people in the community.

The theme of this year's Lenten Series is "Who is Jesus?" The schedule is as follows:

March 10 - Kings Mountain Baptist Church. The Rev. Olin Byrum is the host pastor and the Rev. Roger Woodard will preach on "What is His Authority?" from Matthew 21:23.

March 17 - Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church. The Rev. John Dougherty is host pastor and the Rev. David Blanton will speak on "Is He the Christ?" from Matthew 26:62-64.

March 24 - Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church. The Rev. Doug Peterson is the host pastor and the Rev. Harrison Hinson will preach on "What Shall I Do With Jesus?" from Matthew 27:22-24.

Y2K seminar at Family Worship Center

John A. White of Results Business Solutions will lead a seminar on "What is Y2K? How Could It Affect You?" Saturday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at Kings Mountain Family Worship Center, 1818 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain.

The seminar will be one hour in length and will be presented in a non-technical manner. The seminar is free and open to the public. Y2K resource material will be available for sale. A nursery will be provided.

Apple City Boys to sing at Cherryville Church of God

The Apple City Boys will be in concert Saturday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at Cherryville Church of God, 810 E. Main St., Cherryville.

Following the singing, there will be a hot dog sale in the fellowship hall.

Benefit gospel sing at Holiness Christian Mission

There will be a benefit gospel singing Saturday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at Holiness Christian Mission, 215 Blanton Street, Kings Mountain. Featured will be The Salvation Messengers and Christy Walker of Kings Mountain.

Proceeds will go to a mission trip to Jamaica. For more information, call 538-6471.

Stations of the Cross at Christ the King

The public is invited to attend Stations of the Cross Friday, March 12 at Wednesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church, 714 Stone Street, Kings Mountain.

The Department of Faith Formation and the Ecumenical Commission invite the public to attend a covered dish supper at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 28, prior to the presentation of The Living Stations. Take a covered dish meal to feed your family plus one.

Iron Cities Ministries meeting March 9

Iron City Ministries, Inc. will meet Tuesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. at 303 West Cherokee Street, Blacksburg, SC.

This is a cooperative of churches in the Blacksburg area who have formed a ministry to meet benevolent needs of the community and Cherokee County. An open house and celebration will be planned and a formal announcement to the community and Cherokee County will be determined.

Rev. Kenneth Reid pastor of Blacksburg First Baptist Church, was re-elected president of the board during the February meeting. Jeff Whitaker, layman from Cherokee Falls Baptist Church, was elected vice-president, and Mrs. Kelly Davis, member of Mt. Whitaker Baptist, was elected secretary. Mrs. Mary Westmoreland of Gaffney was elected volunteer Director of the Ministries.

Churches of the area who are interested in participating are invited to attend. Currently, 14 churches have joined. The use of the facilities that house Iron City Ministries, Inc. is being donated by Gordon Mortuary of Blacksburg, SC.

Youth and children emphasis singing set

The Blacksburg Ministers Association will sponsor a community-wide youth and children's emphasis singing Sunday, March 14 at 6 p.m. at Blacksburg First Baptist Church. Every quarter the Association conducts a jointly held singing worship time in which churches share music, drama or other worship experiences.

Each church will share something from their ministry that involves the youth and children. All churches of the area are invited.

Kings Mountain Weather Report

(Compiled by Kenneth Kitzmiller)

	Feb., 24-March 2	Yr. Ago
Total precip.	.02	.83
Max. 1 day	.02 (27th)	.64 (26th)
Year to date	8.40	15.47
Min. temp.	28 (24th)	35 (2nd)
Max. temp.	68 (2nd)	73 (26th)
Avg. temp.	49.4	56.1