

CHURCH BRIEFS

Holy Week services at Saint Matthew's

Two Maundy Thursday services will be held on April 1 at Saint Matthews Lutheran Church, Kings Mountain. The midday spoken service of Holy Communion begins at 12:15. The service is designed to last less than one hour so working folk may participate during their lunch hour. The evening service will begin at 7 p.m. and will include a service of individual absolution with laying on of hands and Holy Communion. Young people who have completed their first communion instruction will receive the Sacrament. The first communicants will be Heather Smith-Wilson, Audrey Starke and Stephenie Stark. At the close of the evening service all linens, brass and silverware will and other colorful items will be removed during the Stripping of the Altar as a reminder of the humiliation of Christ during His last hours prior to His crucifixion. Two services will be held on Good Friday, April 2. The midday service for the Adoration of the Cross will begin at 12:15. Evening worship, beginning at 7 p.m., will be the ancient spoken service of Tenebrae or Service of Shadows. This simple, yet moving service recalls the events surrounding the Lord's trial and death. At the close of the service the congregation will leave the darkened Nave in silence as a memorial of Christ's sacrifice for the sins of the world. The Lord's Resurrection will be observed with an Easter Festival Celebration of Holy Communion at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 4. The service will include a full procession with choirs, torches and book bearer. The public is invited to all services.

Macedonia youth sponsor Easter ham sale

The youth of Macedonia Baptist Church will sponsor their annual Easter ham sale through Saturday, April 3. A 7 1/2 to 8 1/2 pound semi-boneless ham will be offered, cooked, for a donation of \$20. Pick-up and delivery times are Friday, April 2 from 8 a.m.-12 noon and 8-9 p.m., and Saturday, April 3 from 7-10 a.m. To place an order, call the church at 739-6811.

Harvest Baptist plans Easter sunrise service

There will be an Easter sunrise service April 4 at 6:45 a.m. at Harvest Baptist Church, 144 Wave Road, Kings Mountain. Following the service, there will be a breakfast in the fellowship building. For more information call 734-1618.

Easter services set at Dixon Presbyterian

Dixon Presbyterian Church, 602 Dixon School Road, Kings Mountain, has planned two special services during Holy Week. A Tenebrae service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, April 2 in the sanctuary. The service will be led by the choir, directed by Nancy Hughes. A sunrise service will be held at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, April 4 in the parking lot of Dixon School. Breakfast will be served immediately following. Sunday School will be held at 10 a.m., and morning worship at 11 a.m. The public is invited.

Chestnut Ridge Baptist sets BBQ sale

Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church youth will hold a barbecue plate sale Friday and Saturday, April 9-10 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. each day. The cost is \$6 per plate and includes BBQ, bun, slaw, baked beans, chips and dessert. For more information call Cindy King at 739-2841.

Bethlehem Baptist youth set bake sale

The youth of Bethlehem Baptist Church will sponsor a bake sale on Saturday, April 3 from 8:30-11 a.m. at 1017 Bethlehem Road, Kings Mountain. All money raised will be used to support their summer mission trip. There will be cakes, cookies, pies, and an assortment of other baked goods.

Easter drama at Shingle Hollow Holiness

The Easter drama "Victory Was Won at Calvary" will be presented Easter Sunday at 7 p.m. at Shingle Hollow Congregational Holiness Church in Rutherfordton. Admission is free. For more information, call Brian Kinney at (828) 286-4771.

Christian Singles to meet at KM Park

The April gathering of Cleveland County Christian Singles will be held Saturday, April 17 at 11:30 a.m. at Kings Mountain State Park shelter #1. Each person is encouraged to take a picnic lunch and drinks, and invite a friend. The cost is \$1 to cover the cost of the shelter. The group plans fellowship, hiking, paddle boating, and putt-putt golf.

Church Women annual banquet is May 6

Becky Powell will be the speaker at the annual Kings Mountain Council of Church Women banquet May 6 at 6 p.m. at Kings Mountain Baptist Church. Powell lives in Shelby and is married to Dr. Jess Powell, radiologist in Shelby and King Mountain. She is a homemaker and mother of a 13-year-old. She is a member of Grace Fellowship Church, the Community Bible Study group, and the Christian Women's Club. For tickets or more information, contact Shirley Brutko at First Presbyterian Church.

Holy Week services set at Mary's Grove

Holy Week services are scheduled at Mary's Grove United Methodist Church, 1223 Mary's Grove Church Road, Kings Mountain. A Good Friday service will be held Friday, April 2 at 7 p.m. The service will include Holy Communion and Tenebrae. On Saturday at 10 a.m., an Easter egg hunt will be held on the church grounds (or inside if weather doesn't permit outdoor activities). Children of all ages are encouraged to attend. Children should take an Easter basket only. Over 300 eggs filled with candy and goodies will be provided. Preschoolers and school age children will have different areas in which to hunt eggs. Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 6 a.m., Sunday, April 4. Breakfast will be served in the fellowship hall after the service. A special "He is Risen" balloon will be released after the breakfast. Easter worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m.

Church picnic and egg hunt at Foursquare

The annual church picnic and Easter egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 3 at 12 noon at Foursquare Gospel Church, 1128 York Road, Kings Mountain. Prizes will be awarded to the children in various categories. There will be fee food, fun and fellowship. The public is invited. For more information, call 739-8496.

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