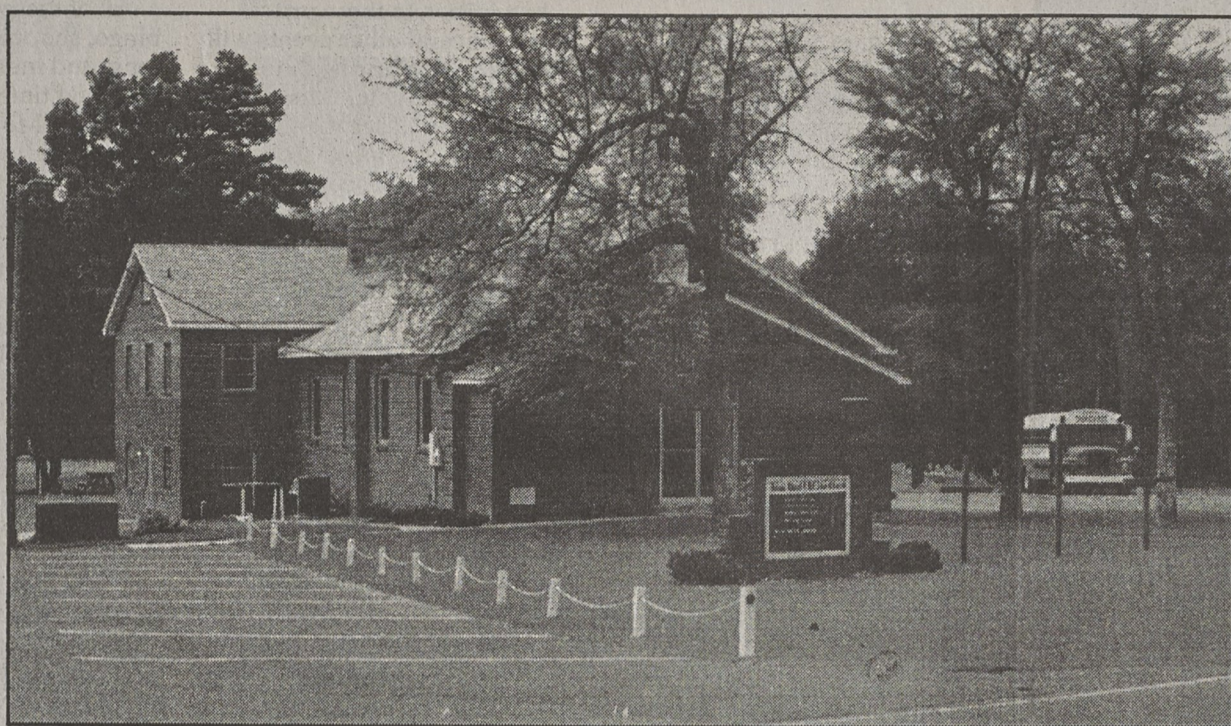


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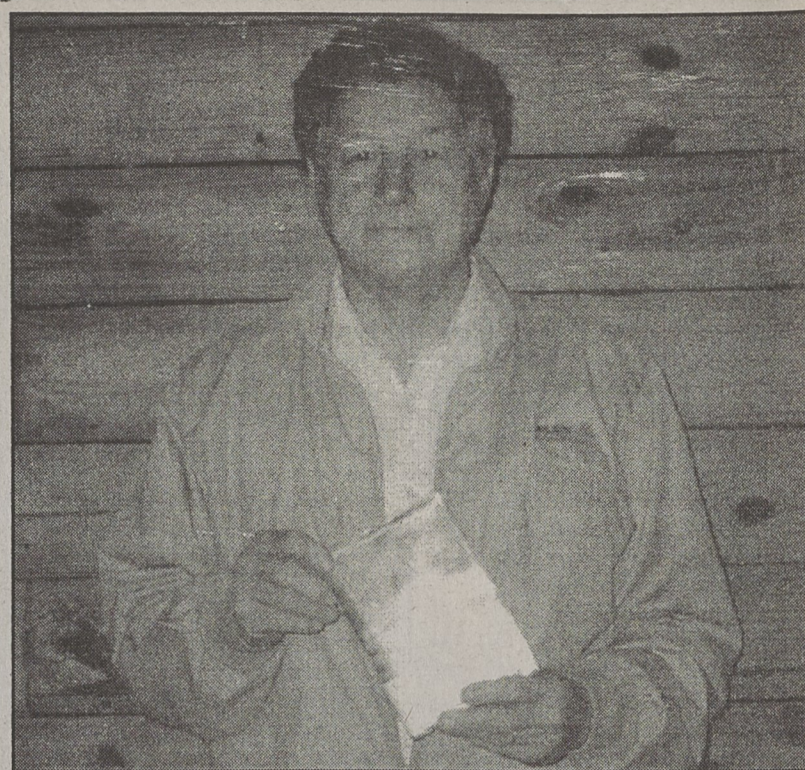
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ALAN HODGE/THE HERALD  
Floyd Sanders, Jr., of Kings Mountain holds a copy of the cassette album he contributed a song to. The tune Sanders wrote for "Gospel Jubilee" is called "Jesus is Coming."

## Floyd Sanders has first gospel song published

BY ALAN HODGE  
Staff Writer

The biggest hurdle many songwriters have to leap is getting that first tune published. Tunesmith Floyd Sanders of Kings Mountain has not only made the jump, he's hit the ground running with his new song "Jesus is Coming."

A retired textile worker, 63-year-old Sanders has only been writing songs professionally for about two years, but the gift of making up musical lyrics has been in his system ever since he can recall.

"The Lord gives me my inspiration to write songs," Sanders says. "You can be riding down the road and get inspired."

The type of tunes that Sanders specializes in are good, old-time Southern Gospel. So far, he's written five songs. Besides the one that's just out, there are four more currently being looked at by music companies. "Jesus is Coming" is on a cassette tape entitled "Gospel Jubilee." Put out by Hollywood Stars Music productions, the tape contains 20 gospel tunes performed by artists such as Stephanie Allen, William LeBlanc, and Charlie Clark.

Locally, Sanders works on his music with Gary Lyon in the Bethlehem community. A musician and producer, Lyon has a recording studio near his home. "I write the lyrics and Gary helps with the musical end,"

Sanders said. "We've been friends for about three years now."

Sanders didn't so much go out looking for a publisher for his tunes, the publisher came looking for him. The call from Hollywood Stars came after Sanders had copyrighted his song and had it filed with the Library of Congress.

"The company has a person who looks for new songs that have just been copyrighted," said Sanders. "They contacted me when they saw my work."

For folks interested in getting a career started in music, Sanders offers the following advice.

"If you've got a song, get someone to sing it in front of a local church or other group," said Sanders. "If they like it, it's probably a good one."

Since his second career has gotten off to a hot start, Sanders wants to see his artistic star climb even higher. His next goal is to have a big name group or singer like Dolly Parton pick one of his tunes for performance. Until that time, Sanders just keeps on turnin' out the tunes.

"You never know when the urge to write a song might hit," he says. "When it does, I just grab a pen and paper and start scribbling."

Due out on the music store shelves soon, "Gospel Jubilee" tapes can also be ordered by calling Hollywood Stars Music Productions at 1-323-960-5298. The tape costs \$12.99.

## CHURCH BRIEFS

### Building program at Open Door Mission

"Seven-Up," a special building fund program, will be held Saturday, January 22 at 6 p.m. at Open Door Mission, 309 Hillway Drive, Kings Mountain. Guest speakers will be "First Ladies." The public is invited.

### Breakfast January 15 at Dixon Presbyterian

Dixon Presbyterian Church, 602 Dixon School Road, Kings Mountain, will hold its monthly benefit breakfast on Saturday, January 15 from 6:30-10 a.m. at the old Dixon School. The public is invited.

### East Gold Wesleyan to honor Ollie Wheeler

A special day honoring Ollie Wheeler will be held January 9 at East Gold Street Wesleyan Church, Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Wheeler has served the church faithfully for a number of years. She was voted Woman of the Year by the Wesleyan Women's Society and has served as Sunday School teacher, church treasurer, president of the Wesleyan Women, building committee member, the local Board of Administration, and other offices of the church.

She has also served as a volunteer for the Kings Mountain Hospital Auxiliary for a number of years.

Her friends are invited to help honor her at the 11 a.m. worship service. Dinner will be served in the fellowship hall following the service.

### Revival at Bright Light Baptist Church

Revival will be held January 17-21 at 7 p.m. at Bright Light Baptist Church, Highway 274, Bessemer City. Danny Castle will be guest speaker and the Bright Light Baptist adult and youth choirs will present music. The public is invited. For more information call 629-3401.

### Clopton Family at Christian Freedom

The Clopton Family of Gaffney, SC will be in concert Sunday, January 23 at 6 p.m. at Christian Freedom Baptist Church, 246 Range Road, Kings Mountain. The public is invited.

### Joy Night January 16 at St. Peter

St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church, Grover, will have a "Joy Night" Sunday, January 16 at 6 p.m. Rev. Pierre Crawford of Center Baptist Church, Gastonia, along with his choir and congregation, will lead the service. The public is invited.

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