

CHURCH BRIEFS

Singles Ministry set at Penley's Chapel

Penley's Chapel Church, Kings Mountain, is beginning a new ministry tailored to meet the needs of single adults.

A new worship service will be held on the second Saturday night of each month. The service will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will feature light contemporary Christian music, a time of praise and worship, and a message of Biblical life application.

Following the worship, participants will meet in the fellowship hall for refreshments, fellowship, retreat planning, workshops, and other activities. The timing of the service is designed to not interfere with activities at participants' individual churches.

Interested persons should call the church at 739-9064 for more information.

Dixon Presbyterian homecoming Sunday

Dixon Presbyterian Church, 602 Dixon School Road, Kings Mountain, will observe its 56th anniversary homecoming Sunday, May 28.

Sunday School is at 10 a.m.

and worship begins at 11 a.m. Rev. Allan Sinclair, pastor, will be the speaker.

All current and former members, and friends, are invited.

A covered dish lunch will be served at 1 p.m.

KM Second Baptist VBS May 30-June 3

Second Baptist Church, 120 Linwood Road, Kings Mountain, will sponsor a Vacation Bible School

Splashdown for children entering grades K-6 Monday, May 29 from 3-6 p.m. The day will include a variety of water games for the whole family and pre-registration for VBS.

Vacation Bible School will be held Tuesday, May 30 through Saturday, June 3 from 6-9 p.m. each evening. The theme is "The Fantastic Good News Ocean Odyssey." Each night will include crafts, food, music and Bible stories.

VBS commencement will be Sunday, June 4 at 6 p.m.

For more information call the church at 739-4216.

Gospel concert set at Crowders Mountain

Robert and Tara Fraley will

be in concert on June 17 at 7 p.m. at Crowders Mountain Baptist Church, 1225 Mayberry Lane, Kings Mountain.

For more information call 739-0310.

Pastor anniversary at St. Peter Baptist

St. Peter Baptist Church, Grover, will celebrate the 14th anniversary of Rev. William Thompson and his wife, Sallie, Sunday, June 4 at 4 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Billy Ramseur of Ramseur Baptist Church.

Memorial Day sing at Modena Baptist

A Memorial Day Tribute gospel singing will be held Saturday, May 27 at 7 p.m. at Modena Street Baptist Church, 734 North Modena Street, Gastonia.

Featured will be The Praise Masters, The Songsters Quartet, Rex Smith, gospel pianist, and Crown Hoffman, trumpeter.

The evening will close with the National Anthem, a flag ceremony by the World War II Last Man Club, and other activities.

Admission is free. A freewill offering will be received to cover some of the expenses.

For more information call 864-9185.

Family Worship Center sets concert on grounds

The Family Worship Center, 1818 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain, will host a Concert on the Grounds May 27 at 6 p.m.

Featured singers include Carl Cartee, Cross Reference, Molara and Larry Greene.

Take lawn chairs and blankets

A love offering will be received and refreshments will be sold. All proceeds benefit the FWC building fund.

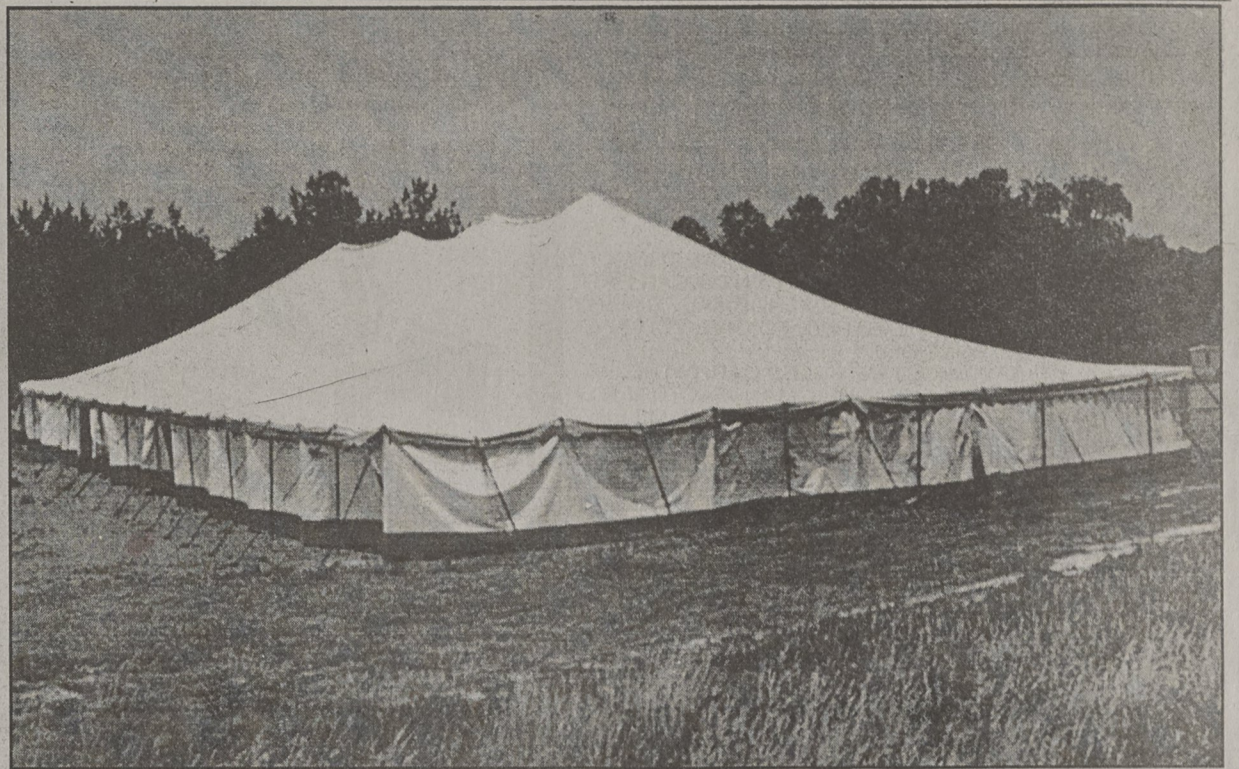
For more information call 739-3772.

Gospel groups to sing in Lincolnton

The McKameys and The Inspirations will be in concert Friday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lincolnton Citizens Center.

Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$14 on the day of the concert. Tickets are available at Joyful Noise in Gastonia. For more information, call (704) 736-8484.

(Deadline for church news is 12 noon Monday. Items received after that time may appear in other parts of the paper if time and space permit).



GARY STEWART / THE HERALD
This tent which will accommodate up to 750 people will come alive with good preaching and singing May 28-June 1 when Christian Freedom Baptist Church near Kings Mountain hosts its second annual Jubilee Tent Revival.

Under the Big Top Christian Freedom Baptist Church sets 2nd annual Jubilee Tent Revival

What started out as an idea to get some good Southern Gospel groups to sing at their church is turning into a summer tradition at Kings Mountain's Christian Freedom Baptist Church.

The second annual Old-Time Jubilee Tent Revival will be held May 28-June 1 at 7 p.m. each evening in a spacious tent that seats up to 750 people.

It could be packed, as the church staff this year has recruited a host of local preachers and gospel singing groups to keep the congregation in a foot-stomping, hand-clapping, amen-shouting mood in the grandest style of that good old-time religion.

Well over 100 volunteers will be involved in the effort, with duties ranging from parking to serving as ushers to nursery workers to leaders of intercessory prayer groups to clean-up crews. Anyone in the community can volunteer by calling the church at 739-4152.

Speakers and singers include:

Sunday night - Rev. John Houze, pastor of People's Baptist Church, Kings Mountain; and Cross Reference, a popular local gospel group from Christian Freedom.

Monday - Rev. Barry Philbeck, pastor of Love Valley Baptist Church; and The Greenes of Boone, widely recognized as one of the most popular trios in Southern Gospel. They have had over 20 top 40 releases.

Tuesday - Rev. Doug Ramsey, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church Grover; and The Enlighteners, a blind gospel duo from Concord who began singing as college roommates.

Wednesday - Rev. Mike Dixon, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Kings Mountain; and Christian Freedom's pastor, Mike Chambers.

Thursday - Rev. Steve Waters, pastor of Patterson Springs Baptist Church; and The Whisnants of Morganton, another popular Southern Gospel group that has been touring for over 30 years. They have had seven songs in the top 40, two in the top 20, and their most recent release, "I'll Stand for The Lord," is in the top 10.

In addition, the Christian Freedom Choir and a combination choir from churches all over the area will present special music. Anyone wishing to sing in the combination choir should plan to attend at 6:30 p.m. for choir practice.

Greg Moore, minister of music and youth, said the idea for a tent revival began last year when Curt Hollifield, singer and manager of Cross Reference, began discussing ways to organize a gigantic gospel singing.

"He used to go to a Wesleyan Church, and remembered that their denomination had a big tent that they rented out, so we rented it and never took it back," he said. "We bought it."

The church now uses the tent for the spring revival, Vacation Bible School, other special events, and homecoming.

It takes 30 people about five hours to assemble and disassemble the tent, and although it's hard work Moore says it's a way to get people involved in the ministry.

"It gets our church working together and also involves other churches in the community working together for the same cause," he said.

Moore encourages worshippers to dress casually. Child care will be provided at no cost. Love offerings will be taken during the services to help cover expenses.

"The tent is not hot. We roll up the sides and there's usually a good cool breeze blowing through," he said.

Last year's average attendance was over 500 a night, Moore said, including many people from out of town. There were 18 professions of faith.

Christian Freedom was organized in 1977 with less than 20 members and now numbers over 600. The church holds two morning worship services on Sunday, at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m., and recently began an 11 a.m. Wednesday service which is well-attended. The church will embark on a building program this summer to add more educational spaces.

Rev. Chambers has served as the pastor for seven years



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Grace United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain, celebrated its 100th anniversary Sunday. In top photo are some of the women who dressed 1900-style. Left to right are Myra Fisher, Nelda Fisher, Kathy White and Harriet Hagen. In bottom photo, Charlie Hampton, left, and Merle Valentine stand beside a welcome sign that traces back to the 1940s.

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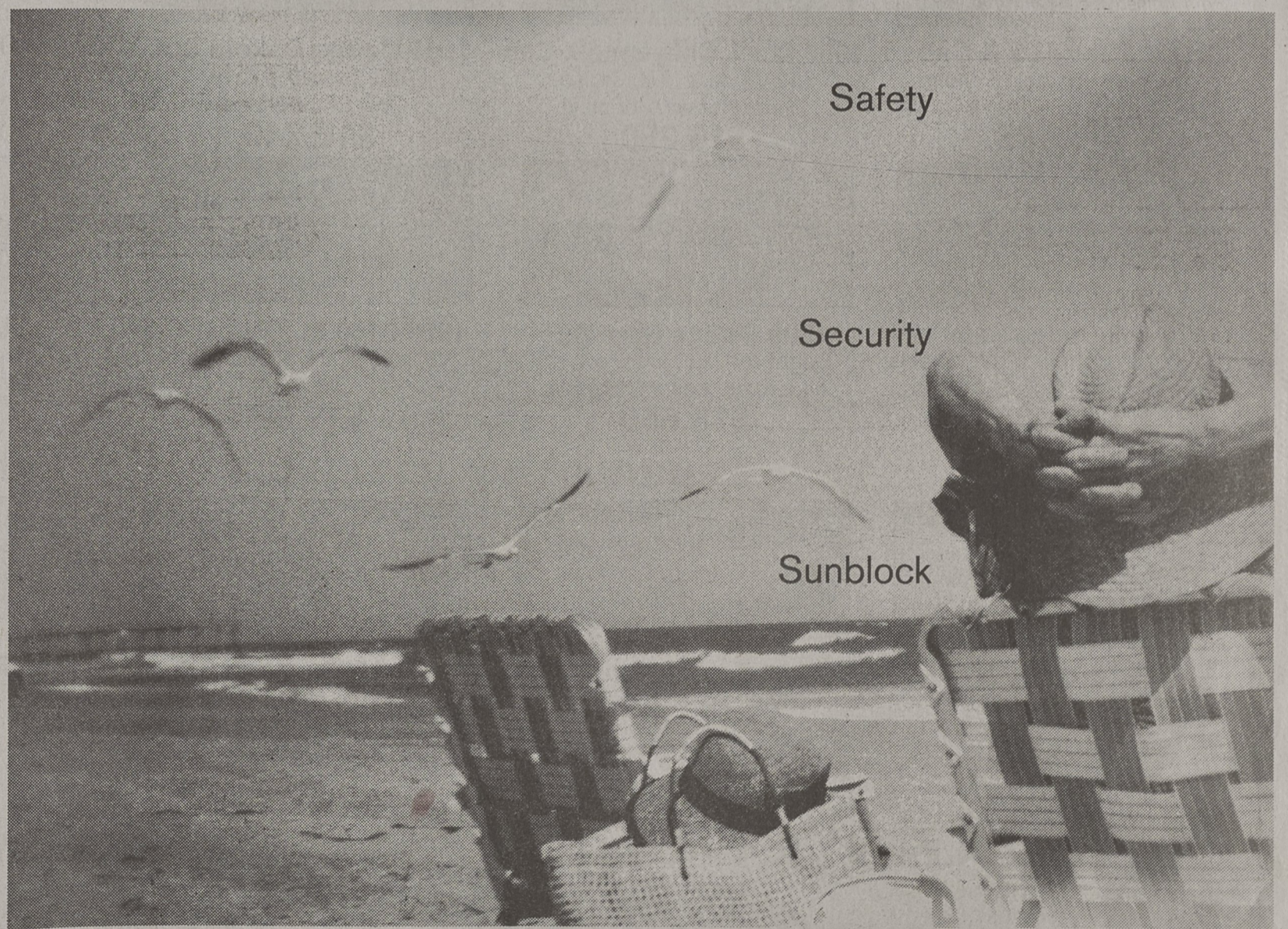
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