

Cross Walk

Second annual Easter drama to be presented in downtown KM

Once again the night skies above the tomb will be accented with the vision of angels and the sound of beautiful music as the trio RainChild returns to their role as heavenly beings in this year's production of CrossWalk: The Trail of Amazing Grace.

CrossWalk will take place in downtown Kings Mountain on the evenings of March 21-23. Admission is free, but tickets are necessary and may be obtained at the Regal Ventures office, Alexander Business Park, 104 East Gold Street.

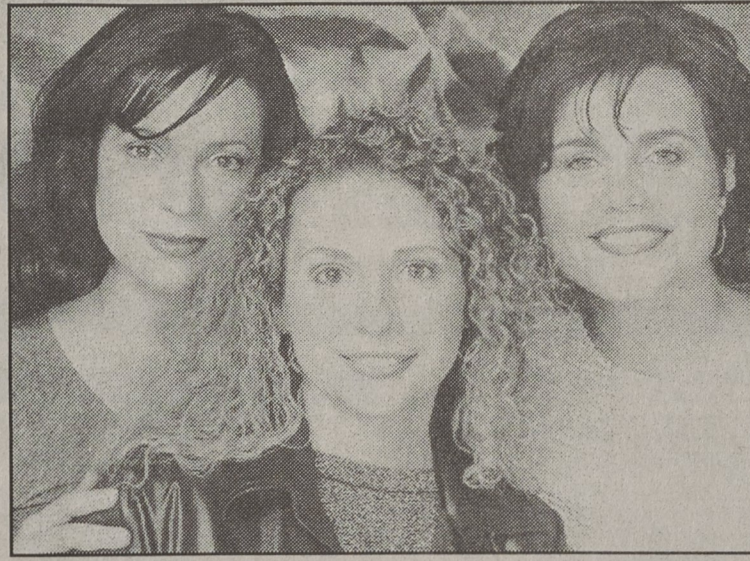
RainChild, then known as "Soul Desire," was for many a meaningful touch at the concluding scene of last year's presentation.

"Ever since then, we have had people asking us if they would be back for this year's presentation," said Reg Alexander, Director of Regal Ventures, the non-profit organization that developed and produced the first annual event.

In addition to the concluding scene at the tomb, Alexander said the angels will be seen and heard just before the "Last Supper" tableau. And, they won't be alone.

"This year, we've added to the mystery of the angelic realm by also providing a host of angles that will render interpretive movement to the lyrics of the music," he said, referring to a group of young people from Christian Freedom Baptist Church.

CrossWalk premiered last year as a one-of-a-kind event, retelling the story of the first Easter in which the audience forms a tour group and actually walks through the entire dramatic presentation, following Jesus and the disciples from one event to the other. The "stage" is downtown Kings Mountain, which is almost



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The angelic voices of RainChild will once again be part of CrossWalk March 21-23 in downtown Kings Mountain.

magically transformed to the sights and sounds of the Holy Land. "The response to last year's presentation exceeded our expectations," said David Allen, who collaborated with Alexander to develop the concept of CrossWalk. "We look forward to this presentation becoming an identifiable trademark of the City of Kings Mountain, much like the Mountain Rest Cemetery luminaries at Christmas.

"Last year, nearly one hundred citizens were involved in the production," Allen added, "and we are looking for more involvement this year. We need donations to help with the expenses, and human beings in costume to help with the ambiance."

Persons interested in participating may call Regal Ventures at 739-3838.

Carson Memorial to observe 50th anniversary on March 24

Carson Memorial Baptist Church of Kings Mountain will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Sunday, March 24 with services at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Dr. Bob Jones III, president of Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC and grandson of the late Dr. Bob Jones, the university's founder, will speak at the 10 a.m. service.

Charles Britt, former pastor, and Ron Comfort, president of Ambassador Baptist College of Lattimore, will speak at the 3 p.m. service.

Rev. Wayne Kirk, who has been pastor for most of the 50 years of Carson Memorial, invites the public to attend.

Kirk and three other students from Bob Jones University, with the help of Pastor H.S. Scuggs, organized Carson Memorial in 1952.

The church actually began with prayer services in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Carson. Mr. Carson was a long-time grocer in the community. He had suffered a stroke and

gave the use of his store building to start the church. The first service in the store building was on January 27, 1952.

The church has had three names. It was first called Carson's Chapel, and later became Carson Memorial. It is an independent Baptist church with no ties to any association.

Although no official records were kept during the early years, Rev. Kirk estimated that about 30 to 40 children and teenagers, as well as a few adults, attended the first service.

Each Sunday Kirk, Dick Hassler, Jack Moore and Jim Avey will make the trip from Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC to Kings Mountain to hold services. Kirk and Hassler alternated preaching and Moore and Avey helped with the music. Ed Linden came with the four on occasion to play the piano.

At the end of the semester, the other students returned home and Kirk rented an apartment in Gastonia and continued to

preach at the church. He estimated that there were 40 professions of faith that summer.

Rev. Kirk said the church continued to use the store building, and on occasion persons who thought it was still a store would come in during services and walk halfway down the aisle before realizing they were in a church.

Between the first and second year after its organization, Kirk said a 30 by 40 foot concrete building was constructed at the church's present location. In 1957 a fellowship/youth building was built adjacent to the church, and in 1970-71 land was purchased to extend the length of the building to 30 x 75 feet, along with a side addition of 20 x 40 feet. In 1999 an extension was put on the front of the building, adding rest room facilities and a handicap ramp.

Rev. Kirk continued to serve the congregation until 1954 when he was called to the mission field. He returned in 1966 and has served continuously

CHURCH BRIEFS

Spaghetti dinner at Grace Methodist

There will be a spaghetti dinner Saturday, March 16 from 5-7:30 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain.

The menu includes salad, spaghetti, garlic bread, assorted dessert, and tea, coffee or soft drink.

The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Take-out orders are available.

Pastor anniversary at People's Baptist

The People's Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, will celebrate the 12th anniversary of Pastor John L. Houze on March 17.

Evangelist Kenneth L. Hopper will preach at the 11 a.m. service, and the Rev. Jeleser Sanders, pastor of New High Springs Church, Gastonia, will preach at the 4 p.m. service. The public is invited.

Fund raiser slated at Pathway Baptist

Pathway Baptist Church, located off Highway 216 between Kings Mountain and Grover, will host a soup and sandwich meal and bake sale March 16 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Gospel singing set at Christian Freedom

There will be a gospel singing Saturday, March 16 at 6 p.m. at Christian Freedom Baptist Church in Kings Mountain.



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Singers include The Path Boys, Rev. Mike Chambers, and Bob

Goodson and Proclaim. The public is invited.

Car Wash slated at House of Prayer

A car wash will be held March 16-17 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Kings Mountain House of Prayer For All People, located on Highway 74 west beside Morris Scrap Metal.

Proceeds will be used to help finance a mission trip to Africa. The cost is \$10 inside and out and \$15 for vans.

Vehicles can be picked up and returned in the Kings Mountain area. For more information call 974-4324.

Macedonia youth selling Easter hams

The youth of Macedonia Baptist Church, 1101 S. Battleground Avenue, Kings Mountain, are selling 9 to 11-pound precooked semi-boneless hams on March 29-30. The cost is \$25.

To place an order, call the church at 739-6811.

Easter cantata set at Macedonia Baptist

The Christmas Choir of Macedonia Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, will present the Easter cantata "Three Days" Friday and Saturday, March 29-30 at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited.

Lenten service set at St. Matthew's

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Kings Mountain, will have a special Lenten service at 5 p.m. Sunday. It will be a musical presentation covering the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

A supper of soup and sandwich will be offered in the fellowship hall following the service. The public is invited.

FOOD INSPECTIONS

Cleveland County Health Department inspected the following food handling facilities during the week ending March 8.

**Indicates 2 extra points when employee attended an approved food handling course.

Restaurants:

Amora Pizza & Subs, 92.5.
Chan's Garden, Kings Mountain, re-inspection, 95.0.
China Express, E. Marion St.,

92.5.
Chung Wah Express, Cleveland Mall, 91.0.
Ingles Deli, S. Post Rd., 90.0.
Ingles Salad Bar, S. Post Rd., 91.5.

Jen's Video & Pizza, Kings Mountain, 99.5**
Pat's Drive In at CCC, Post Rd., 97.0.
Ticona Kosa, Hwy. 198 S., 92.0.

Trade St. Eatery, 95.5.
RC's Fish Camp, Fallston,

95.0**

Food Stands:

Little Caesars, Kings Mountain, 84.5.
Village Mini Mart, N. Post Rd., 94.5.
180 Pit Stop Grill, N. Post Rd., 96.0.

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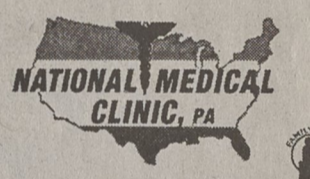
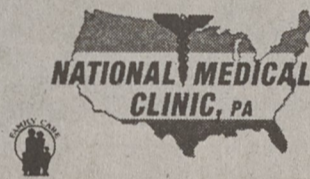
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