

Making a difference

Family Worship Center, Peoples Baptist to feed 400 families this Christmas

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The Family Worship Center and Peoples Baptist Church are teaming up to make a difference in the community this Christmas season. The congregations of each church have given the money to help feed almost 400 families in the community. The project is called, "Merry Christmas, Kings Mountain!"

"The vision was born through a friendship of mine with the president of Operation Compassion," said Rev. Roger Woodard of the Family Worship Center.

Operation Compassion is an organization that has served people on the ground after 9/11, during Hurricane Floyd, and in the Navajo nation in the southwestern United States. The organization is providing the semi-truck full of food for the Merry Christmas, Kings Mountain! project.

Woodard said he first became involved with the organization during a mission trip to the Navajo nation during the summer. He said he really felt called to help those people, and when he came home, he decided to help his own people as well. He said he mentioned the idea of helping the people of Kings Mountain to his friend, Rev. John Houze, one of the men he prays with each week.

"We've been praying together for over five years," he said.

Houze liked the idea, so the two of them decided to have their churches each donate half of the money to Operation Compassion in order to purchase the food. The idea worked, and the semi-truck full of food is on the way. Approximately 386 families will benefit from the food.

Right now, the Merry Christmas, Kings Mountain! project does not need donations. However, Houze

encourages those interested in donating food to contact the Crisis Ministry Center in Kings Mountain.

"We'd like people who have food to give, to give it to the Crisis Ministry center," he said.

The project is not without needs, however. Houze said that people are needed on December 12 and 13 to unload the semi-truck and box up the food, so that the distribution runs smoothly on December 14. Also they need help identifying the families who need the food.

"Our main needs right now are man-power to pack the boxes and help identifying families. We want to work through the churches and find families with bonafide need. If the need is there, we want to help," said Woodard.

People who know of a need in the community or who would like to volunteer to help should contact

Rev. Woodard at the Family Worship Center at 739-7206, Rev. Houze at Peoples Baptist Church at 739-0398, the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry center or their local pastor.

"There are no restrictions on who can get the benefit," said Woodard.

The only requirement to receive a box of food is bonafide need, he said. "We'll give it to whomever will need it to wherever it will go," he said.

"It's not limited to Kings Mountain," said Houze. "We want to meet the needs of the people, wherever they are."

Along with the food, the semi will be bringing enough stocking stuffers for 1000 kids, as well as a few articles of clothing and grooming supplies. The semi will also contain a few new bicycles which will be given out through a drawing on December 14, when the

food is distributed.

The food will be distributed at a warehouse, donated by Bobby Bridges for a one-time use.

Woodard hopes that the ministry that will begin on December 14 will become an ongoing ministry that will be able to help a lot of people. Before this can happen, however, the ministry needs a warehouse to work from permanently. While currently without a headquarters, the Kings Mountain ministry already has a name, Earthen Vessels.

"We want to be an ongoing distribution point for people in need," said Woodard.

Besides the people of the two churches, community leaders will also be assisting in the effort on December 14, including Mayor Rick Murphrey and City Manager Jimmy Maney, said Woodard. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and help, he said.

CHURCH NEWS

Parsons to sing at Bethel Baptist

Squire Parsons will be in concert Friday, December 6 at 7 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church, 606 S. Dekalb Street, Shelby.

A love offering will be received. For more information call 482-8922.

Christmas musical at Eastside Baptist

A Christmas musical will be presented by the Eastside Baptist Church Adult Choir Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.

The church is located at 308 York Road, Kings Mountain.

For more information call Lydia Fite at 739-6757.

Diabetes awareness set at Shiloh Baptist

Diabetes Awareness Night will be held December 12 from 6-8 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Participants will learn the signs, symptoms and treatments for diabetes.

Speaker will be Ian Stamp, MD, and there will be a panel to answer questions from the audience.

Refreshments will be served. For more information call the Cleveland County Health Department.

Emmanuel Baptist Christmas musical

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, is having its Christmas musical and drama "Maranatha The Lord Is Come" December 7-8 at 6 p.m.

The public is invited. Emmanuel Baptist is located behind The Herald and across from the new Senior Center at the intersection of East Business 74 and Canterbury Road. For more information call 739-9339.

Dinner theater at Grace Methodist

Grace United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain, will host a dinner theater December 7.

Spaghetti will be served in the fellowship hall from 5-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$6.

The one-man play, Joseph of Nazareth, presented by Rev. Dale Swofford, will be held from 7-8 p.m. in

the sanctuary. Admission to the play, which portrays Joseph's feelings about the birth of Christ, is free.

The public is invited.

Macedonia youth to sell ham, turkey

The youth of Macedonia Baptist Church, 1101 S. Battleground Avenue, Kings Mountain, will sponsor a ham and turkey sale on December 23 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and December 24 from 8-10 a.m.

For more information call 739-6811.

The church will have its Christmas musical at 6 p.m. on December 15.

Deadlines for church briefs

Deadline for church briefs is 12 noon Monday. Items received after deadline will run in other parts of the paper if time and space permit. If not, they will be withheld until the following week if they are still timely.

Mail your church news to The Herald, P.O. Box 769, Kings Mountain, NC 28086, fax it to (704) 739-0611, call (704) 739-7496 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., or bring it by our office at 824 East King Street.

KINGS MOUNTAIN WEATHER REPORT

Total precipitation	Nov. 26-Dec. 3	Year Ago
Max. 1 day	Trace	Trace
Year to date	Trace (2nd)	Trace (30th)
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Musical program slated at KM Intermediate School

Kings Mountain Intermediate School will host a program on Monday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. After a brief program by the PTO officers, the Honors Chorus will present a musical program.

For more information, call Kings Mountain Intermediate School at 734-5658.

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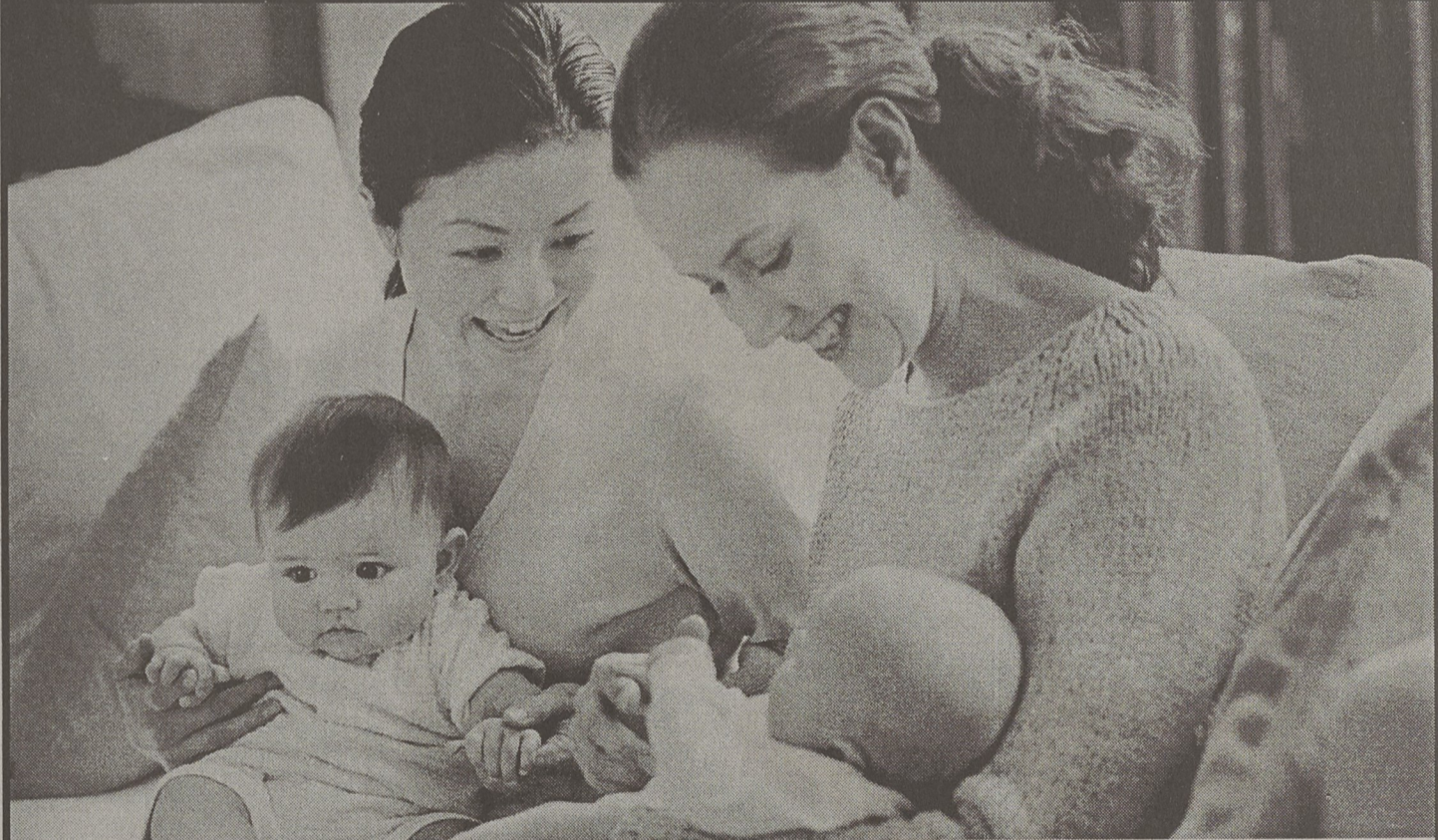
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BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP

- Date: December 11
- Time: 10 a.m. - Noon
- Location: Women's Life Center
- Presenter: Betsy Bryant, RN, CLC
Certified Lactation Consultant

Informal Open House

At Cleveland Regional Medical Center, we understand that you want only the best for your baby. We also realize that nursing mothers sometimes need extra support and encouragement as they begin the nursing relationship with their new arrival.

For mothers in need of breastfeeding assistance, CRMC Women's Life Center is offering a monthly breastfeeding support group. Certified lactation consultant, Betsy Bryant, RN, CLC, will provide the group up-to-date medical information with a personal touch.

If you cannot attend but would like to receive more information, please call (704) 487-3887.



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