

Cross Connection

Youth in unique camping program help needy families with home repair

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Carolina Cross Connection, a nondenominational ministry located in Casar which was developed by the United Methodist Church, will be running camps for youth and adults this summer. The campers will help with minor home repair in the area.

Camp teams are made up of small groups of youth who are at least going into 9th grade and adults. Teams will be working during one of the four weeks the camp is open: June 8-14, June 22-28, July 6-12, and July 20-26.

While the ministry already has enough teams to do the work, they are currently short on work that needs to

be done. They are trained by a contractor to do work like shingling, flooring, painting, or general yard work.

Typically, the campers work on houses that are referred to them by the Department of Social Services, home health organizations, or other service organizations in the community. They visit the homes several times to determine the types of issues need to be addressed on the home. They also need to determine whether the problem will be something the campers will be able to handle. No religious affiliation is required to receive aid.

During the week, the campers focus on the five needs of the people they

serve: spiritual, emotional, physical, social, and inter-nal. The campers will come from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, New Jersey, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Katherine Biggers, the camp director, is originally from the Charlotte area and served as a camper for seven summers before becoming a member of the staff three summers ago. This is her first year as the camp director.

She said the campers mainly use actions to demonstrate their faith during the week. She said one of her favorite quotes is "Preach the Gospel to all the world, and if necessary, use words."

"Actions without words are so much stronger than words with no action to back them up," she said.

Campers work from approximately 9-5 each day on the service projects and then participate in the evening activities at the camp. They often play volleyball, swim, and attend worship services in the evening. Campers eat together and sleep in the bunk beds at the camp.

Carolina Cross Connection is a spin-off of two organizations, Appalachian Service Project and Mountain TOP, which are primarily based in Tennessee and Virginia. "Those are great programs, but there's an equal need in North Carolina," said Biggers.

Carolina Cross Connection was formed as a way to meet those needs. The ministry is now in its 16th season. The ministry, which began in Casar, is now located in five other areas as well: Lenoir, West Jefferson, Bostic, Franklin, and Misenheimer.

For more information about the ministry or to make a referral for aid, contact Biggers at 704-538-9113.

CHURCH BRIEFS

VBS kickoff set Saturday at Mt. Zion

Mt. Zion Baptist Missionary Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, will kick off its 2003 Vacation Bible School with a number of activities on Saturday, June 7.

Between the hours of 9 a.m.-1 p.m. children will enjoy numerous outdoor fun activities as well as visits from members of the Kings Mountain police and fire departments.

At 12 noon, there will be a concert in the Family Life Center featuring the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church choir.

Bible School will run from 5:30-8 p.m. June 9-13. The theme is Kingdom Capers. Directors are Joyce Harrington-Pressley and Margaret Smith.

The last 45 minutes of each day's VBS will be designated as "snack matinee." Different members of the community will present programs, including:

Monday - Long Branch Baptist Church Step Team.

Tuesday - Nicole Pryor, who will give a program on "How Women Should Care for Their Hair."

Wednesday - Bruce Mack, who will give a program on "Money Management."

Thursday - "The Barber Shop Gospel," a play directed by Tony Ratliff and given by people from the Ebenezer Baptist Association.

Rev. Clinton A. Feemster, senior pastor; assistant pastor Lamont Littlejohn and Minister William Sims invite the public.

East Gold hosts shower for center

The Wesleyan Women of East Gold Street Wesleyan Church hosted a "baby shower" for the Cleveland County Pregnancy Resource Center.

All of the ladies brought gifts to be donated to the Center.

Nancy Massey was guest speaker and talk about ways they help women during a

crisis pregnancy. She provide items for babies but also try to reach the mothers spiritually, offering counseling and Bible studies.

Anyone interested in helping should contact Nancy Massey at the Cleveland County Pregnancy Center.

Macedonia Seniors plan hot dog sale

The Macedonia Baptist Church Seniors will host a hot dog sale June 13-14 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the church fellowship building.

Plates are \$5 each. Five or more plates will be delivered.

For more information or to place orders call 739-6811.

Concert June 14 at St. James UMC

The Adams Family Concert Choir will present a reunion of praise Saturday, June 14 at St. James United Methodist Church, 1930 Quarry Road, York, SC.

For more information call 222-7276 or 628-1992.

Bible School set at KM Baptist

Vacation Bible School will be held June 5 from 6-8:15 p.m. at Kings Mountain Baptist Church, 101 West Mountain Street.

Ages four years through grade six are invited.

Activities include Bible stories, mission lessons, crafts, music, recreation and refreshments.

For more information call the church at 739-2516.

Homecoming set at Holiness Christian

Holiness Christian Mission, Kings Mountain, will have homecoming Sunday, June 8, following the worship service.

For more information call Helen Alexander at 739-2154.

Gathering June 16 at Worship Center

The second annual Gathering will be held June 16-20 at 7 p.m. at Family Worship Center, 1818 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain.

There will be speakers and special music nightly.

For more information call Rev. John Houze at 739-0398 or 739-3978.

Grace Lutheran sets yard sale June 21

Grace Lutheran Church of Bessemer City will have a yard sale Saturday, June 21 at 7 a.m. in front of O'Briens Frame & Art Shop on Virginia Avenue.

All proceeds will go toward publishing a centennial book.

Grace Lutheran will celebrate its 100th anniversary Sunday, September 21.

Bible School set at Chestnut Ridge

Vacation Bible School will be held June 8-13 from 6-8 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

There will be classes for all ages, including adults. The public is invited.

Bible School slated at Harvest Baptist

Vacation Bible School will be held June 16-20 from 7-9 p.m. at Harvest Baptist Church, 144 Ware Road, Kings Mountain.

The public is invited.

Westview Baptist plans Bible School

Bible School will be held June 9-13 from 9 a.m.-12 noon at Westview Baptist Church, 500 Melody Lane, Shelby.

Children ages three through sixth grade may attend.

For more information call 487-1213.

East Gold Wesleyan Bible School June 8-11

Vacation Bible School will be held June 8-11 from 6-8 p.m. at East Gold Street Wesleyan Church, Kings Mountain.


The public is invited.

Bible School set at Westover Baptist

A one-day Vacation Bible School will be held Saturday, June 14 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Westover Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.



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