

CHURCH NEWS

'Judgement House' slated at KM First Baptist Church

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The ultimate "reality show" is the one that each of us live, going from day to day toward the eventual consequences of our own decisions. The members of First Baptist Church will be demonstrating that point next week with a dramatic event called Judgement House.

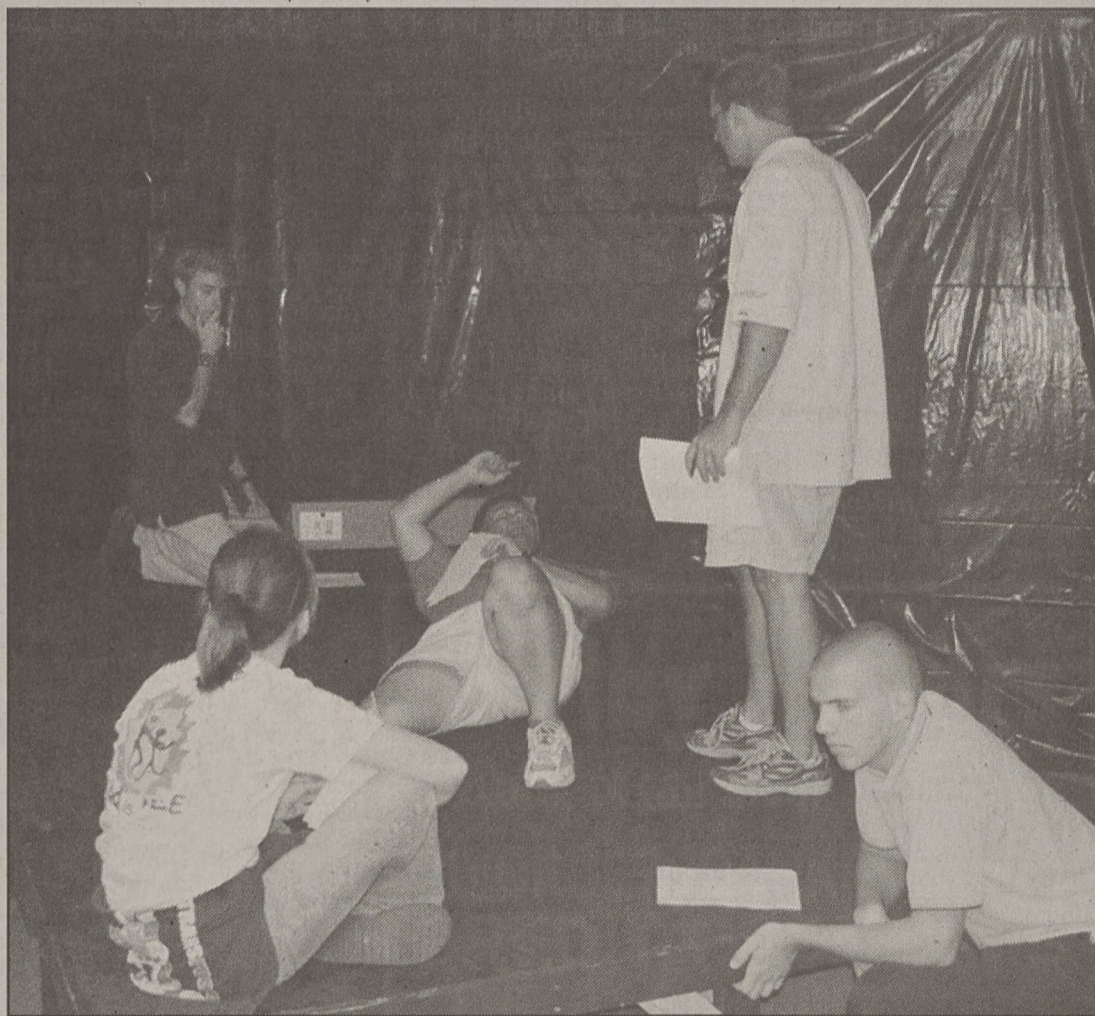
Judgement House is an eight-scene walk through drama which tells the story of several people and their daily challenges.

A guide leads small groups from scene-to-scene as the story unfolds. The consequences of the choices the characters make during their lives are revealed as they face the afterlife.

This year's Judgement House presentation, "Land of the Free, Home of the Brave," is particularly relevant to the times we are in. The situations faced by the lead characters are very familiar to today's headlines.

In this story, the audience meets the main characters as they are children with all the dreams and aspirations of a wonderful future ahead of them. From scene to scene, the tour group follows the characters through school and into the army where the action is intense and critical decisions must be made.

"The realization of an eternity apart from God is more than a little scary. However, it is not our intention to shock or scare anyone," says Jeff Johnson, Minister of Students at First Baptist. "Instead, the idea is to bring participants face-to-face



Youth of First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, rehearse a scene from "Judgement House."

with their mortality and their Creator, giving them opportunity to look into the eyes of the One who paid love's ultimate price for us."

Although the performances fall around the Halloween time frame, Jeff emphasizes that this is not a "haunted house" or "freight night" type of presentation. However, there are some scenes that may be too visually intense for small children.

Pastor "Chip" Sloan says that approximately 200 peo-

ple are involved in some aspect of this dramatic presentation. "Our folks have been working for weeks transforming some of the rooms of our church into the scenes of this thought-provoking drama. It's really quite an ambitious undertaking."

Sloan says that this presentation has no admission charge, "it is our churches gift to the community." However, reservations are strongly suggested as each tour group is limited in size.

"Land of the Free, Home of the Brave" will be presented at First Baptist Church October 14-16 and 21-23. Tour groups begin every 15 minutes, running 6:00 - 8:30 on Thursdays and 6:00 - 10:00 on Fridays and Saturdays.

For reservations, contact Regal Ventures (Alexander Business Park), 104 East Gold Street (across from the Post Office); or call 704-739-3838.

MEDITATION

From 4A

been many more years before I would have found my path.

I was recently reminded of the importance of this kind of encouragement when a boy in my church named Josh Tucker came to tell me that he had joined the Cub Scouts. Josh knew that I had been an Eagle Scout and he wanted to share with me the news of his own scouting. It is a humbling experience to know that I have now come

full circle. This boy who was encouraged is now being given the chance to be the encourager, and I can say that it is a great feeling to see the look on the face of boys like Josh. I think I understand why Jesus loved the children so much - because he could see the future in their eyes. We would all do well to remember that this future may well depend upon our willingness to encourage the young people among us.

Rev. Jeff Hensley is the pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

HEFFNER

From 4A

Democrats don't listen. Bush could have gotten him on the old cliché "A tax cut for the wealthiest two percent of Americans," but chose to let it pass.

I suppose the president decided not to wound Kerry, thinking the latter might put in for another purple heart.

If you think that debate was exciting, wait until the Cheney-Edwards set to. The only thing that could get me to watch that would be if both contestants came to the

debate in boxing gloves.

I'd like to see a debate between first ladies. I'll bet Teresa Kerry can come up with some choice names to call Laura Bush.

The morning after the debate, there was old Jimmy Carter, still looking pale from his run-in with a mad rabbit, on TV talking about how wonderful he had been as president.

Carter was being interviewed by perky Katie Couric who gushed: "Mr. President, does it bother you that people think you are a great ex-president?"

I immediately went into the bathroom and threw up.

LETTERS

From 4A

Thomas Jefferson called it "that turn of the tide of success" and the British General, Sir Henry Clinton, referred to it as "the first link in a chain of evils...the loss of America."

This Thursday, October 7, let us all recall the efforts of those courageous Americans who fought and died in this battle and attend the day-long observance at Kings Mountain National Military Park, South Carolina.

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CHURCH BRIEFS

Prayer/Praise Week at Worship Center

A Week of Prayer and Praise with Evangelist Kevin White is scheduled for October 10-15 at 7 p.m. at Family Worship Center, 1818 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain.

For more information call 739-7206.

Revival to begin at Bible College

Dr. Milton Key, pastor of Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Bowling Green, SC will be the evangelist for revival services October 10-13 at 7 p.m. at Agape Bible College and Seminary, 301 S. Linwood Road, Gastonia.

For more information call 868-3266.

Hot dog sale at Sunrise Baptist

There will be a hot dog sale October 8 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Sunrise Baptist Church.

All proceeds will go to the building fund.

To place an order call 524-9432.

Sisters of Faith set fall brunch

Kings Mountain Gospel Assembly will hold its Sisters of Faith Fall Brunch Sat., Oct. 16 at 10:30 a.m. at Cramer Mountain Country Club.

Guest speaker will be Donna Douglas, who played Elly Mae Clampett on the Beverly Hillbillies TV show.

Admission is free. A love offering will be received.

Make reservations by October 14 by calling 739-0066 or 722-2425.

Fall concert set at KM church

The Chancel Choir of First Congregational United Church of Christ, located in the Lincoln Academy Community near Kings Mountain, will present its fall concert Sunday, Oct. 10 at 3 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Admission is free.

Special revival set at Oak View Baptist

Oak View Baptist Church is continuing a special fall

revival called Wonderful Wednesday with the theme "On Mission With God."

On Oct. 13, Rev. Todd Terry, interim at West Franklin Baptist Church, Gastonia, will speak on evangelism.

Gospel sing set at Midview Baptist

There will be a gospel singing at Midview Baptist Church 703 Margrace Road, Kings Mountain, Saturday, October 9 at 7 p.m. featuring "In Remembrance" from Kinston.

Refreshments after the service.

For information or directions call Rev. Bob Hope at 704-739-1290 or Toney King at 704-739-7051.

Pumpkin patch at Bethlehem

The youth of Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1017 Bethlehem Road, Kings Mountain, will hold their annual Pumpkin Patch October 15-31.

Hours of operation are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

All proceeds will go to the youth summer mission fund.

Gospel concert to benefit Center

A gospel singing Friday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. at Fraley Memorial Baptist Church, 3025 Fraley Church Road, Gastonia, will benefit the Crisis Pregnancy Center, a Christian pro-life organization.

Featured on the program are The Doles, The New Covenant Trio, and the Songsters Quartet.

Admission is free. A love offering will be received.

For more information call 864-9185.

Patterson Grove to dedicate center

Patterson Grove Baptist Church will open its Family Life Center with a weekend of dedication and celebration October 15-17.

The public is invited to an open house from 12 noon-3 p.m. on Saturday, and a service of dedication in the new building on Sunday at 10 a.m., followed by a covered dish dinner.

Call the church at 739-5826 for more details.

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