

## MEDITATION

### Give prayer daily attention

It was a rather long list, and it included things like spark plugs, a rotor button, plug wires, a fuel filter and an oil filter. This was what my car needed when I took it to the mechanic for maintenance. And once everything was installed, it was as if my car had its second wind. Everything seemed to run so smoothly, and it was all because it received some much-needed attention.

Most things of importance in our lives need to receive our attention. This is true of our bodies, even as it is true of our vehicles and homes. It's also true of our relationships. How many marriages can last in the absence of consistent expressions of love, encouragement and forgiveness? I suspect there are very few. And if it's true that mechanical objects, human bodies and relationships all need a certain amount of attention from time to time, then why is it that we sometimes fail to see that our spirituality also needs regular attention?



**Jeff Hensley**  
Meditation

Theodore Adams, who served as a Christian minister for 56 years, told an interesting story that is helpful in this regard. It was a Sunday afternoon and Adams was attending an outdoor vesper service in a small Wisconsin town. It was a beautiful day as the crowd gathered in the shade of some old maple trees for a union service, which was conducted by the local Episcopal rector.

Under the canopy of a wonderful blue sky, the group sang the great hymns of the church, joined in the prayers and listened to the sermon. As everyone left they were handed a card. On that little card was a picture of Jesus kneeling to pray to his Father, and beneath the picture was this verse:

Every morning lean thine arms awhile  
Upon the window sill of heaven  
And gaze upon thy Lord,  
Then, with the vision in thy heart,  
Turn strong to meet thy day.

These poetic words describe for us the importance of daily God-centered prayer. Unfortunately, it seems to me that too many folks think of prayer just like the little boy who told his pastor that he didn't pray every night because "some nights I don't want anything." We have the tendency to view prayer as a means to an end, but it's actually more than that. In fact, a very important part of prayer is our surrender to God's will and our trust in God's ability to change and use us.

Daily prayer is an opportunity for us to identify with the presence and purpose of God in our lives, and with the sin and misery of the world around us. I don't know anyone who doesn't want to have more spiritual strength or to be more loving and forgiving, and if this is what we want in our lives then we need to take some time each day to follow the poet's advice - to lean our arms upon the window sill of heaven and gaze upon our Lord.

## CHURCH BRIEFS

### Yarboro to speak at Midview revival

Midview Baptist Church will hold revival Sunday-Thursday, Oct. 24-28.

Guest speaker will be Kings Mountain native Rev. Johnny Yarboro, pastor of Beulah Baptist Church in Mill Spring, NC. Rev. Yarboro is the son of Ken Yarboro of Kings Mountain.

Services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

### Betha UMC sets BBQ sale

Betha United Methodist Church, 605 E. Maryland Avenue, Bessemer City, will hold a barbecue sale October 22 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Dine in and carry out orders are available.

The price is \$6 per plate. Delivery is available for ten or more plates.

For more information call 629-6500.

## Baptist Association to meet next week

The Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association will hold its 154th fall biannual meeting Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 25-26. The theme is "Responding to the King's Call."

The Monday evening session will begin at 6:45 p.m. at Patterson Grove Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. New pastors and staff persons will be introduced. By-law changes and the new 2005 budget will be presented for

adoption. Miscellaneous team reports will be presented.

The moderator's message will be given by Rev. David Blanton, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church. Rev. Keith Dixon, Association Missionary, will bring a message on "The King's Call."

The Tuesday evening session will begin at 6:45 at Bethlehem Baptist Church. The session will include reports on the Association's Alaska and

New Jersey 2004 mission trips. Special guests include Rev. Howard McNamara and two laymen from Crosspointe Church in Princeton, NJ. Association staff will report on missions in the county. The session will end with an installation service for the Association's new vice-moderator.

Messengers and visitors are encouraged to attend.

## Central Methodist to serve free Thursday evening meal

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER  
Staff Writer

Central United Methodist will begin serving a free evening meal Oct. 28 from its community kitchen.

The church already serves a Monday lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers deliver around 150 lunches to home-bound individuals every Monday. An average of 30 people eat at the church.

The Thursday evening meals will target children receiving free breakfast and lunch through their schools. There will be no delivery service with the Thursday meal.

When the community kitchen started a few years ago, the church set aside \$1,000. So far, that money has not been used.

"It's just been a miracle. It just comes. People give to us," said spokes-

woman Pat Plonk.

Freezers and pantries are stocked full. The Boy Scouts donated canned goods after their spring food drive. Food Lion donates from its deli daily. What the church cannot use, it donates to other area agencies.

"The Lord's watching after us," Plonk said.

The evening meal will be served from 5 to 6:30 p.m. every Thursday.

## Ministry to collect items for families of military

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER  
Staff Writer

Want to make Christmas brighter for the children of service people? World Care Ministry of Dallas and the North Carolina Air National Guard 45th Airlift Wing have teamed up to make that possible.

The ministry will collect items for the NCANG family services division to distribute.

"The Lord laid it on my heart," said

Rev. Moses Nueman. "Their parents are overseas fighting for us."

New toys and other gifts, phone cards, gift certificates and vouchers for services are all needed. Newborns through age 17 will be served. Items may be dropped off at the Kings Mountain or Shelby police departments, World Care Ministry at 144 West Trade Street in Dallas or the NCANG office at Morris Field Dr. in Charlotte by Nov. 12.

Nueman is encouraging churches,

civic organizations, business and individuals to participate. He is asking participating churches to designate Nov. 7 as the date to collect donations. World Care can pick up items from churches.

Checks may be made to World Care Ministry, designated to Home Front Heroes, 144 West Trade Street, Dallas, N.C. 28034.

For more information, call World Care at 704-923-0777 or the NCANG, 704-398-4949.

## MARTIN

From 1A

Police Chief Melvin Proctor spoke of the bond he and Martin developed while working as patrol officers several years ago. Proctor said Martin's law enforcement and guard training would serve him well in Iraq.

Martin worked for the department full-time from 1990 to 1993. Since then he has worked for Freightliner and the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office and is working toward a degree in criminal justice. Martin has served in the Guard 17 years.

Two full-time Kings Mountain Police officers are already serving in Iraq, Brad Bumgardner and Lance Hamrick. Proctor said part-time officers are filling in.

"So far it's not been a problem," he said. The chief is proud of the officers who are serving. "It represents our profession well," he said.

### Scrapbook class at Emmanuel Baptist

A basic scrapbooking class will be held November 9 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 602 Canterbury Road, Kings Mountain.

The class is free. Participants will make a fall fun theme page for scrapbooks and learn how to use rubber stamping in scrapbooks. Take fall theme pho-

tos to mount. Colors used are white, summer sun, ruby red and creamy caramel.

Class size is limited. Refreshments will be served. Call Tammy Howell at 739-0642 to sign up or for more information.

### Fall Festival set at Central UMC

There will be a fall festival Saturday, Oct. 30 from 5:30-6:15 p.m. at Central United

Methodist Church, Kings Mountain.

There will be a hot dog supper from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

The Herald welcomes your church news. The deadline is 12 noon Monday. Bring church news to the Herald at 824-1 E. King St., mail to The Herald, P.O. Box 769, Kings Mountain, NC 28086, call 704 739-7496, fax 704 739-0611 or e-mail gstewart@kingsmountainherald.com

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