

RELIGION

# Discover God's happiness inside

The queen of a distant kingdom could not understand why the prince was so unhappy. "Our son has everything," she said to the king. "He is handsome, intelligent and very rich."

"Yes," said the king, "but he remains unhappy."

Musicians, jugglers and actors were invited to the palace to entertain the prince. He politely watched each performer and always applauded at the end of every act, but when they left he was still unhappy. Finally the queen invited a wise and kind woman to visit the palace.

"Please live with our family for several weeks," she pleaded. "Observe my son and see if you can help him find a way to be happy."

After several weeks the wise woman met with the royal family. "Most of the people

in the kingdom believe you live an ideal life," she said. "They envy your good looks, intelligence and wealth. Your son, however, seems to be saddened by his good fortune."

"What do you think we should do?" the king asked.

"My advice," the woman said, "is to send the prince on a journey to find a genuinely happy man. When he finds this happy man, he should exchange shirts with him."

So the prince went in search of a happy man. He interviewed men who were rich, poor, married and single men, but he did not find one man who was genuinely happy. Then one day, as he traveled down a winding road, the prince heard a man singing at the top of his lungs from behind a wall.

"Hello there," he cried out.

The prince then heard a sound from the other side of wall, and soon he saw a man peering over the top.

"Sorry I can't be more polite," the man said, "but I had to stand on a rock to see you."

"Why are you singing?" asked the prince.

"Because I love to sing," the man said. "Of course I also love to work, dance and read. I guess I love to do almost everything. I'm a very happy man."

Convinced that he had found what he was looking for, the prince said, "I'd like you to come back with me and live in our palace."

"Thank you for your offer," the man replied, "but I prefer to stay here. I would-

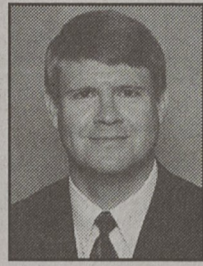
n't trade my wonderful life with any king in the world."

"Well, if you won't come back with me," the prince said, "I would like to ask just one favor. Would you please change shirts with me?"

"That's not possible," the happy man replied, and he pulled himself up to the top of the wall. When he looked, the prince understood, for the happy man was not wearing a shirt.

I am convinced that God wants all of us to be happy, but I have also discovered that we can't really be happy on the outside until we have discovered God's happiness on the inside. It doesn't matter what kind of shirt we wear.

**Dr. Jeff Hensley is pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.**



**Jeff Hensley  
Meditation**

BRIEFS

**Harvest Baptist Church,** 144 Ware Road, Kings Mountain, will host "Southland" in concert Saturday, August 20 at 7 p.m. There will be refreshments after the singing. For more information call 734-0714 or 739-7341.

**Saint Paul United Methodist Church,** 220 N. Cansler Street, Kings Mountain, will hold its first annual 100 Men in Black program Sun., Aug. 21 at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Larry Dixon of Long Branch First Baptist Church, Grover. Lunch will be served at 2 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call 704-739-1256 or 704-734-0862.

**Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church,** Kings Mountain, will have its homecoming service August 21. After the worship service, led by Pastor Richard Brown, lunch will be served. The public is

invited.

**Blessed Nations Church,** 820 South Post Road, Shelby, will hold "Family and Friends Sunday" August 21 at 12 p.m. The speaker will be the church's pastor, Noah J. Gingles. Dinner will be served afterwards. On Tuesday, August 23, at 7 p.m. "Phat Tuesday Service" speaker will be Sister Katina Jeffers. For more information call (704) 487-7571 or (704) 481-0737.

**Grace United Methodist Church,** 829 Cleveland Ave., Kings Mountain, will host a country style buffet breakfast Sat., Aug. 20 from 6:30-10 a.m. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 7-12. Call 739-6000 for more information.

To report church news, bring it by **The Herald** at 821 East King Street, call 704-739-7496, fax 704-739-0611 or email [gstewart@kingsmountainherald.com](mailto:gstewart@kingsmountainherald.com).

CHAPMAN

From 1B

They came through it together, growing closer. The church has bounced back and is now stronger than before.

"God has built us back up," Chapman said.

Last Sunday they celebrated her first year as pastor. She describes her congregation as supportive. However some in the community have been surprised to learn that the pentecostal church is led by a woman.

"God's gonna call who so ever he will," Chapman said. "I didn't ask for the call. I heeded."

Despite her church's acceptance, Chapman occasionally feels she must prove herself more to the community because of her gender.

"You're immediately under the microscope," she said.

Instead of getting defensive, Chapman says she responds with the love of

Christ. She doesn't argue to change someone's mind; she leaves that to God.

The church is growing. In November Chapman performed her first baptism. Since then she has baptized two more people. True Gospel has added a television ministry, something her father had wanted.

In July, for the anniversary of her father's death, Chapman preached on the legacy we leave. Using the story of the Israelites building a memorial of 12 stones after crossing the River Jordan, Chapman brought with her to the pulpit 12 objects which belonged to her father. One object was his shoes, a symbol of the miles he walked in the Lord's service. She also had with her Helmes' first Bible and another Bible filled with notes for some of his last sermons.

Chapman says her anointing is different from that of her father though from him she learned to be a pastor. She believes her special gift

is for those with low self esteem who don't fit in.

Chapman's sermons often focus on God's unmerited favor.

"I preach a lot about grace," she said.

During worship services music can be heard coming from True Gospel. Drums, guitars, bass and a piano are up front near the pulpit. Chapman plays the piano and her husband Rick plays bass.

Chapman credits her husband for his support. When pastoral duties take her away from home in the evenings, he cares for their children Hannah, 10, and Jordan, 5.

Chapman says it is a wonderful feeling that her entire family is in church. Her mother Marie continues to live in the parsonage and is active at True Gospel. Sister Donna Hulse is the captain of the church's Relay for Life team.

"We hold that close to our hearts because of what he [Pastor Helmes] died of.

We're big on Relay," Chapman said.

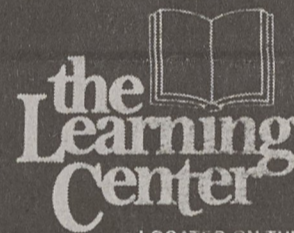
Jerry Helmes started True Gospel in 1982 in a storefront location in the Oak Grove community with a six-member congregation. Next the church moved to Second Street while the Shelby Road location was under construction.

The sanctuary reflects its founder's vision. Angels are painted on the rear wall. On the side walls are paintings of Daniel in the lions' den, Jesus knocking at the door and walking on water and Elijah riding a fiery chariot.

The church does outreach at White Oak Manor and visits the sick. It's youth group has a mime team which performs at churches and recently at a dance recital. The church's television broadcast can be seen on alternate Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. on WHKY.

Sunday school is at 10 a.m., worship at 11 a.m., Sunday evening worship at 6 p.m. and Wednesday worship and youth at 7 p.m.

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ABE LAB	Campus - Room 3112	Neal, J.	MTWTHF	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
ABE LAB	Campus - Room 3112	Neal, J.	MTWTHF	4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
GED	Campus - Room 3105	Neal, J.	MTWTH	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
ABE	Campus - Room 3116	Lovelace, K.	MTWTH	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
ESL	Campus - Room 2026	Staff	MTWTH	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
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ABE/GED	Day Reporting Center 308 Gardner St. - Shelby	Petty, C.	MTWTHF	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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ABE	Caitlin Station - Shelby	Hollifield, S.	MTTH	5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
ABE	U-Can/Bliss Center Main St. - Lawndale	Black, C.	MTTH	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
CED	Durham United Methodist Church 320 E. Ross Grove Rd. - Shelby	Phifer, P.	MT	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
CED	Durham United Methodist Church 320 E. Ross Grove Rd. - Shelby	Phifer, P.	WTHF	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
ABE	Adventure House - Shelby	Phifer, P.	TTH	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
ABE	First Baptist Church 605 W. King St - Kings Mountain	Hoyle, B.	MTWTH	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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