

OBITUARIES

MARGARET DELLINGER

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Margaret Parrish Dellinger, 76, resident of White Oak Manor, Kings Mountain, died Saturday, December 17, 2005 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.



She was born in Cleveland County, daughter of the late Robert and Etta Parrish. She was also preceded in death by twin sister, Margie Dellinger, brother Clyde Parrish, and great grandchild Hunter Wray.

She was a retired textile employee and former member of Grace United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain.

She is survived by her sons, Paul Dellinger and wife Ruby of Clinton, SC and Kenneth Dellinger of Kings Mountain; daughters Kay Taylor and husband Mark of Kings Mountain and Debbie Frisch and husband Jim of Pacific, MO; sisters Orangel McDaniel of Kings Mountain and Nellene Cable of Burlington; seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, and special niece Barbara Falls of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Odas Shelton at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at Ollie Harris Memorial Chapel. Interment was in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BOBBY DEAN SMITH

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Bobby Dean Smith, 66, left this world to be with the Lord on Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at his home.

He was born on May 4, 1939. He was preceded in death by his mother, Corrie Mace, stepfather Acie Mace and father James Smith. He attended Cherokee Street Baptist Church.

He is survived by two sisters, Joel Watkins of San Diego, CA and Pat Worcester and husband Wayne of Kings Mountain; brother Donald Mace and wife Brenda of Kings Mountain; and multiple nieces and nephews.

Visitation and funeral were held Friday, December 16 at Cherokee Street Baptist Church by the Rev. Herman Green and Rev. Van Livingston.

Interment was at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Green Funeral Home of Gastonia was in charge of arrangements.

VIRGINIA V. HULLENDER

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Virginia V. Hullender, 75, 116 N. City Street, died Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at Gaston Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Gaston County, daughter of the late Rev. James W. Hullender and Martha Grigg Hullender. She was also preceded in death by brothers James W. Hullender Jr. and William Lee Hullender, and sisters Martha Lovelace and Beulah Short.

She is survived by daughters Sheila Gaddy and husband Jimmy of Kings Mountain, Debra Garris and husband Raymond of Shelby and Lisa Harris and husband Jay of Dallas; grandchildren Steven Wray, Marcus Wray, Trevor Lail, Casey Beam, Brittany Beam and Amanda Garris; step granddaughter Destyani Harris; and great grandchildren Abby and Alley Wray and Justin and Joshua Wray.

The funeral will be conducted by the Revs. Darrell Alexander and Bob Hope at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 22, 2005 at Midview Baptist Church. Interment will be in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Carolinas Chapter Arthritis Foundation, 200 E. Woodlawn Road, Suite 156, Charlotte, NC 28217.

Harris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

GERALDINE MILLER SCRUGGS

RUTHERFORDTON - Geraldine Miller Scruggs, 73, of Willow Ridge Nursing Home, formerly of Kings Mountain, died December 16, 2005 at Willow Ridge Nursing Home.

A native of Cleveland County, she was the daughter of the late Annie Allen Foster. She was retired from the textile industry and attended Calvary Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Odas Shelton at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Ad deadline Friday for next two papers

The Kings Mountain Herald will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25 for Christmas and Monday, Jan. 2 for the New Year holiday.

The Thursday, Dec. 29 and Thursday, Jan. 5 papers will be published on their regular day; however, advertising deadlines will change. All advertisements for the December 29 paper must be received by Friday, Dec. 23 at 1 p.m. and advertising for the Thursday, Jan. 5 paper must be received by Friday, Dec. 30 at 1 p.m. The same advertising deadlines apply for The Cherryville Eagle and The bannernews.

News deadlines will also be adjusted. Lifestyles, community news, church news, etc. must be received by 12 noon Friday, Dec. 30. Other news such as city news, sports, etc. must be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. In case of Tuesday night meetings and games, information will be received until 8:30 a.m. Wednesday.

MEDITATION

We meet Jesus in unexpected places

Maurice Wright was a British farmer who bought a large painting from a neighboring farmer for less than four dollars. He hung the painting in his barn. After collecting cobwebs for several years, it was noticed by the farmer's tax accountant. Wondering what it was worth, he took a color photo of the painting and sent it to Christie's, the well-known London auction firm.

When the accountant received a response, he was surprised. He learned that the painting was done by Thomas Daniell, a highly acclaimed 19th century artist. As it turned out this particular painting had been done in 1808 and, though art critics were aware of its existence, it had become known as the "Lost Daniell" because its whereabouts had been a mystery for over a century. As a

result of this research, farmer Wright received \$90,000 for a painting he had bought for only \$4.

Imagine what it would be like to find something worth that much in our own barn, attic, or storage room! It's amazing how we can often find things that are so very significant or valuable in the places where we least expect them. This is the way it often is with stories about Jesus in the New Testament. What a surprise it must have been to find the Son of God in a manger. That's just not what one would expect. Kings are supposed to have thrones and live in palaces, but Jesus "the King of kings" chose to be born as a fragile, vulnerable baby, and to live among the



Jeff Hensley
Meditation

ordinary people of the land.

This was how Jesus' life on this earth began, but this beginning was also a foretaste of the way Jesus' future life would go. For the fact of the matter is that Jesus' entire ministry seemed to be crafted to show us the value we may discover in unexpected places or ways. For example, Jesus spent a large amount of his time with people whom everyone thought were "sinners," people who were believed to be unfit. Jesus had a talent for taking those who thought they had no future and then showing them how much their lives could contribute to others.

Furthermore, Jesus' teachings seemed to turn many of our

expectations on their head.

After all, who of us would have thought that there is strength in weakness, or that the last could ever be first? In addition, Jesus taught us that we should love our neighbors as ourselves and that we ought to pray for our enemies, two things that are much easier said than done. Our basic instincts are to protect ourselves and to respond to aggression with aggression, but that's not what Jesus said we should do. Jesus' entire life was an exercise in teaching us where to find genuine value, so as we celebrate Christmas this year let us give thanks for the priceless treasure that was born in a manger, a treasure that came to us in an unexpected way.

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

CHURCH BRIEFS

El Bethel United Methodist Church, 122 El Bethel Road, will have luminaries on Christmas Eve. They will be used throughout the large cemetery, and around the church and fellowship hall.

Central United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain, will hold a candlelight service at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The church will meet Christmas Day from 10-11 a.m. in the Community Kitchen Room.

Mary's Grove United Methodist Church, 1223 Mary's Grove Church Rd., Kings Mountain, will have a walk-through living nativity Friday, Dec. 23 at 6 p.m. It will be complete with animals. Refreshments will be served. Beginning at 7 p.m. a candlelight communion service will be held. The public is invited.

Second Baptist Church, 120 Linwood Road, Kings Mountain, will hold special services in celebration of Christmas with a single worship service Sunday at 10 a.m. The public is invited.

Peoples Baptist Church, 1010 Groves Street, will hold its Christmas worship service Sunday at 10 a.m. John L. Houze, pastor, invites the public.

The First Wesleyan Church choir will present the Christmas cantata "Christmas in Jesus" directed by Rob Bazzle on Sunday, Dec. 25 at 11 a.m. The public is invited.

Macedonia Baptist Church

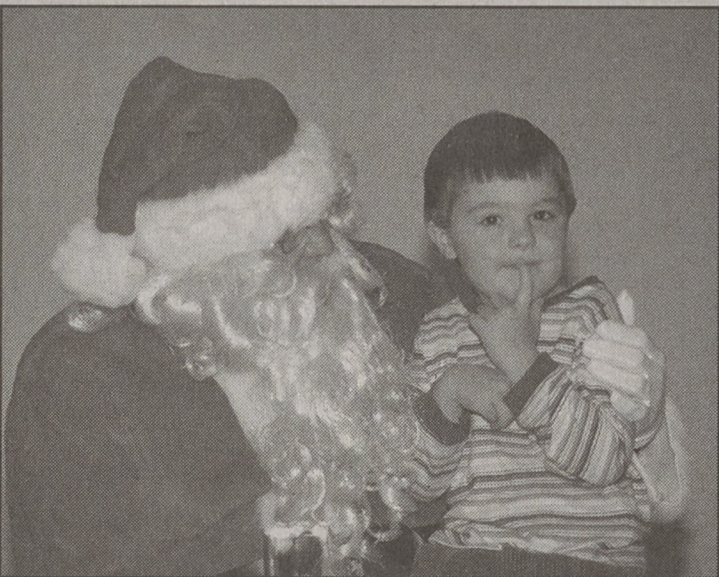
Brotherhood is selling spiral hams for \$30 for Christmas. Pick-up is December 24 from 8-11 a.m. Delivery is available for orders of five or more. Order hams by calling 739-6811 Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or see a man of the church.

Dixon Presbyterian Church, 602 Dixon School Road, will hold an abbreviated Christmas service on Sunday, December 25. There will be a short message and scripture and Christmas songs, and communion will be served.

First Baptist Church sanctuary choir, Kings Mountain, will present its Christmas musical "The Heart of Christmas," Sunday, Dec. 25 at 11 a.m. It will be the only service of the day.

Macedonia Baptist Church, 1101 Battleground Ave., Kings Mountain, will hold a Christmas Eve candlelight service Dec. 24 at 6 p.m. No services will be held on Christmas day. For more information call 739-6811.

Sunrise Baptist Church, 208 Mail Rd., Kings Mountain, is beginning an Institution of Higher Learning for those interested in learning more about the Bible. The program is accredited for those seeking a seminary degree. An open house to introduce the program will be held January 9. For more information call 734-1983 and leave a message.



Brandon Lee Dover, son of Robbie and Debbie Dover of Kings Mountain, contemplates what he wants from Santa Claus at Christmas party at Dixon Presbyterian Church Sunday.

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