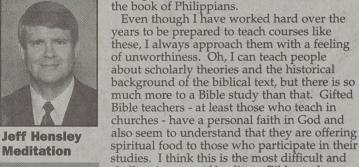
MEDITATION

Ministers sinners used by the Spirit

One of my greatest pleasures is to teach people about the Bible. My weekly Bible studies at my church are a joy, but I also enjoy teaching courses for the local Baptist association, and I was recently given the chance to teach a course intro-

ducing the New Testament and a course on



challenging part of leading a Bible study, because anybody can learn and pass on information but only a

sincere believer can inspire faith in others. This is why I have come to feel that humility is so very important in almost every task of ministry. Yet there are times when it seems that humility is scarce in religious life. Some years ago, I read a psychological study that may explain why this is. This study indicated that pastors often exhibit a personality type that tends toward both low self-esteem and arrogance. At first, I didn't understand how these two qualities went together, but over the years I have learned that we often behave arrogantly because we think that such behavior will hide our fragile self-esteem.

In Vienna, Austria, there is a church in which the Hapsburgs are buried. The Hapsburgs were once the ruling family of Austria. It is said that when royal funerals arrive at the church for burial rites, the mourners leading the funeral procession knock at the church door to gain entrance and then participate in a rather interesting ritual. "Who is it that desires admission here?" a minister asks from behind the locked church door. "His apostolic majesty, the emperor!" responds the leader of the procession. "I don't know him," answers the minister.

A second knock then generates yet another question from the minister within. This time, however, the leader of the processional announces the deceased as "the highest emperor." Again the minister cries out, "I don't know him." This leads to a third knock on the door. "Who is it?" the minister asks for the final time. "A poor sinner, your brother," replies the leader of the funeral procession. Then, at last, the door is opened and the royal burial is completed.

Whenever we are given the chance to minister to others or teach others in God's name, we are simply poor sinners who are being used by the Holy Spirit, but whenever that happens we also realize that the real power in ministry comes not from the one doing the ministry, but from God.

Jeff Hensley is pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

The World Care 2006 Fundraiser Gala will be held February 18 from 2-5 p.m. at Tabernacle Baptist Church Family Life Center, 519 West 19th Avenue, Gastonia. Master of Ceremonies will be Rev. John Houze, pastor of People's Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. The theme is "Each One Reach One." Activities include in-depth coverage of the Mission to Africa, Vision to Heart of Snellville, Ga, and Colors of Africa in Fashions. Attire is semi-formal. Funds raised will help support children in Africa. RSVP Dr. Moses Nueman Sr. at 923-0777 or mnuemansr@worldcareministry.org

Harvest Baptist Church, 144 Ware Rd., Kings Mountain, will host The Phillips Family in concert February 18 at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the singing. For more informa-

tion call 734-0714 or 868-4957.

Resurrection Lutheran Church, 600 Crescent Circle, Kings Mountain, will hold a hot dog sale Friday, Feb. 24 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. to benefit the educational and scholarship fund. A hot dog plate is \$5 and includes two hog dots and fixings, potato chips, baked beans, dessert and soda. Eat-in and take out orders are available. Orders of five or more plates can be delivered. For more information call 739-5580.

Saint Paul United Methodist Church, N. Cansler St., Kings Mountain, will hold its 93rd anniversary and 26th in its present sanctuary on Sun., Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Nathaniel Craig of Walls Memorial Baptist Church. His choir will also sing and members of his congregation will attend. The public is invited. For more information call the church at 739-1256

New Bynum's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, 212 N. Cansler St., will hold a health awareness program Tues., Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. Lisa Huntsinger, R.N. from Sanger Clinic, will speak on "Cardiovascular Disease - Focus on Women's Health." The pro-

gram is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

For more information call 739-9586.

Lawndale Baptist Church, Main St., Lawndale, will host The Songsters Quartet in concert February 16 at 7 p.m. Admission is free but a love offering will be received. For more information call

Macedonia Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, will hold a hot dog/lunch supper fund raiser February 18 from noon-6 p.m. Hot dog plates are \$5. Single hot dogs are \$1. Homemade desserts will also be sold. All proceeds benefit World Care Ministry. There will be a gospel singing at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Macedonia Baptist Church Kings Mountain is selling Faster. Macedonia Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, is selling Easter hams for \$40 for a whole ham and \$20 for half a ham. Orders must

be placed by April 2 by seeing a church member or calling 739-6811 from 9 a.m-1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Orders may also be placed at mbckm@bellsouth.net.

Sandy Plains Baptist Church, 5323 Union Rd., Gastonia, will host a gospel sing and poor man's super Sat., Feb. 25. The supper will be from 5-6:30 p.m. and the singing begins at 7 p.m. Admission is free. Proceeds received from a freewill donation will go to New Life pregnancy Services. The concert will feature the Songsters and Rev. Dick Whitener. For more information call 864-

Dixon Presbyterian Church, 602 Dixon School Road, Kings Mountain, will hold a Mayberry Bible study each Sunday night in February at 7 p.m. at Dixon School. Pastor Randy Patterson will lead the class. The public is invited.





Self-Care of Diabetics

Besides monitoring their blood sugar care for many patients with diabetes (under levels, diabetics can take steps to avoid some of the many complications of the disease. An annual physical will screen for other health conditions that may be related to the diabetes. Ask your doctor about an annual flu and pneumonia vaccine. (Diabetes can impair the immune system, making a person more susceptible to these

Seeing an eye specialist yearly helps detect vision problems that may occur with diabetes, while a twice-yearly dentist visit helps ward off gum disease. Diabetics should pay special attention to foot care (amputation is one of the most serious con-

uences associated with diabetes). At Cleveland Home Health Agency, we a physician's order and usually as the secondary diagnosis). Our staff of dedicated clinicians can provide diabetic education and make suggestions to help you cope with

Also, our home medical equipment staff is certified to custom fit diabetic shoes, which provide extra foot protection. We also carry diabetic glucometers, supplies, and socks. Give us a call or stop by our store at 105 T.R. Harris Drive in Shelby.

P.S. Diabetics can lower their increased chances of heart disease and stroke by not smoking, monitoring blood pressure, and managing stress.

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LOCAL



Pictured left to right are Highway Patrol Commander Colonel W. Fletcher Clay, Lieutenant David L. Allen and Crime Control and Public Safety Secretary Brian E. Beatty presenting Lt. Allen the Award of Valor.

TROOPER

it was a pile of wreckage," Allen recalled. "It didn't even resemble a truck at all and I couldn't find a way to get in."

Allen went to the other side of the cab and still couldn't see the man. But he was able to pull on what had been the sleeper compartment and pulled on a piece of fiberglass and it broke off. He was able to see the man.

"He was reaching up and I was pulling on him, and another truck came by and a guy (Howard Crater) helped me pull him out," Allen said. "We got him away from the tuck and within a minute the truck had burned to the ground."

The man was covered in diesel fuel and soot, Allen noted, and he had serious cuts. He is still in the hospital.

Last week, The NC Department of Crime Control and Public Safety presented Allen with the Heroism Award, which is CC&P's highest award for bravery and is given only to those who have risked their own lives to save others.

Allen was willing to take that

"I was scared to death I was going to stand there and not be able to do anything," he said. "I was more afraid of that than for myself. I knew I had to do something; otherwise, it wasn't going to have a happy ending."

Thanks to the unselfish action by Lieutenant Allen and Mr. Howard Crater, the driver in the tractor trailer was saved from being burned alive in this crash," said Colonel W. Fletcher Clay, Highway Patrol Commander. "He is to be commended for his unselfish act of

bravery.

HIDDEN From 1A

work, finding transportation; these are all things that Stone refers to as a "second sen-

"Besides the jail and the fines, you also have to deal with the aftermath and the shame it can cause on you and your family," says Stone. Stone recommends that

everyone who plans to drink should either designate a driver for the night or bring a sleeping bag and sleep in your car. Insurance is a big enough

pain on your wallet without a DWI conviction. Add one on, and you may see your rate jump an average of 30 percent. According to insurance quotes from Integon National, a

basic liability policy on a 1990 Ford model compact car costs \$370. That is considering you have a spotless driving record

Now with a DWI occurring within the last three years on that driving record, the premium is bumped up to \$645. Add two DWI charges within the past three years, and the premium more than quadruples to

"While not reflective of separate past incidents or how many cars are on a policy, these figures are common indicators

of what you would pay," says Bob Maner of B.F. Maner Insurance Agency.

Probably the most personal aspect of a drunk driving conviction is the one felt at home. The convicted is often so confounded with the legal and financial problems that it causes him or her to be short with family members.

There is also a level of shame involved with a DWI, and not because the offender stands to lose face. Gaston County marriage counselor Eric Cowart describes a feeling of emptiness felt by a spouse for what the other has done.

"There is a sense of an inability on the other party to fill a void, a void that the other spouse has tried to fill with alcohol, and that can distance a marriage," says Cowart.

Alcohol is responsible for 80 ercent of marital abuse in the United States. Driving while drinking it is no different, because you put your life at risk and in turn put your family's well-being at risk.

There is still more to a DWI that anyone can truly appreciate until they see what happens down the road. A first offense can possibly ruin your insurance, ruin your marriage and ruin your future employment. It is a crime that is no longer tolerated by modern society.

KMPD RADAR WATCH

Kings Mountain police will run radar Feb. 19-25 at the following

Sun., Feb. 19 - York Rd. Mon., Feb. 20 - Groves St. Tues., Feb. 21 - Gold St. Wed., Feb. 22 - Shelby Rd. Thurs., Feb. 23 - Northwoods Dr. Fri., Feb, 24 - Margrace Rd. Sat., Feb. 25 - Linwood Road. *Police run radar every day on I-85 and US 74 Bypass.

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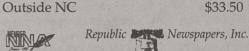
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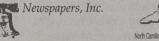
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