

RELIGION

Boyce Memorial to dedicate bell tower

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The old church bell that rang years ago in Boyce Memorial ARP Church's third location on Piedmont Avenue will peal from a new Bell Tower to be dedicated March 19 at 9:45 a.m. from the present sanctuary on King Street and Edgemont Drive on the church's 150th anniversary.

Norman McGill, who as a

youngster was baptized in the church, said the Piedmont Avenue church building, including the vintage bell, was sold to Christ the King Catholic Church in 1961. The Catholic congregation worshiped there until 1973 and built a new church in East Kings Mountain.

McGill's father, N.F. McGill Sr., purchased the bell in 1973 and John Yarbrow, Dwight Dixon and Eddie Schronce moved the bell to Bunch Industries where

Kelly Bunch sandblasted and cleaned the bell and stored it for years. The bell was returned to the church to ring in 1986 at the note burning to signal that the church's new construction was paid in full and then Don Phifer hauled it on his truck back to Bunch Industries.

Two weeks ago the bell was shipped to Charleston, SC where an automatic clapper was installed. The church bell will ring again at the anniversary celebration from a tower being constructed by contractor Ronnie Whetstone.

"We are excited that the bell is coming home and that it will ring on Sundays to call worshippers to Boyce Memorial," said McGill.

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KM POLICE REPORT

ARRESTS

Kimberly McMurry, 37, E. Parker St., felony assault by strangulation, \$10,000 secured bond.

Kenneth Belk, 34, Phenix St., one count first degree arson, two counts failure to purchase county tags, \$50,000 secured bond.

Marsha Jones, 42, Marigold Ave., school attendance law violation, released on written promise.

CITATIONS

William Reel, 73, York Rd., speeding 70 in 55 zone.

Johnny Dockery, 45, Stinnett Dr., driving without being licensed or endorsed as a motorcycle operator, driving while license revoked.

William Garrett, 25, Amy Dr., driving while license revoked, expired inspection sticker.

Ted Lastinger, 69, Stoney Point Rd., no insurance, failure to register vehicle.

Ted Lastinger, 69, Stoney Point Rd., fictitious registration plate, borrowing a license plate to use on vehicle other than the one it was issued for.

Ted Lastinger, 69, Stoney Point Rd., expired inspection, driving while license revoked.

Lonnie May, 45, Charles St., no operator's license.

Berry Ledford, 44, N. Cansler St., expired inspection sticker.

April Bessinger, 37, Afton Dr., concealment of merchandise.

Jabier Pedrosa, 25, N. Deal St., no operator's license.

Chasity Burns, 19, Sandalewood Dr., possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kinja Elliott, 29, Thornburg Dr., driving while license revoked.

Vassily Goode, 44, Crescent Hill Rd., speeding 65 in 45 zone.

WRECKS

A three-vehicle wreck on I-85 at NC 161 resulted in \$5,000 damage to each of the vehicles. Vehicles were driven by Maurice Hines of Lithonia, GA, King Wansel of Oxford, NC and Douglas Owens of Gastonia. According to the police report Hines was traveling north when he slowed down and struck a concrete barrier. The Wansel and Owens vehicles then struck the Hines vehicle. Hines was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of Xanax and failing to have his headlights on.

A vehicle which left the scene caused a vehicle driven by Misty Ramsey of Kings Mountain to run off the road on NC 161. The vehicle went down an embankment, struck a ditch and went airborne.

According to the police report, the phantom vehicle pulled to the side of the road but then left the scene. The vehicle was described as a light blue mini van.

Vehicles driven by Patricia Burgess of Kings Mountain and Karen Parker of Bessemer City struck on US 74 Business near the intersection of Cleveland Ave. Damage to the Burgess vehicle was \$2,800 and damage to the Parker vehicle was \$2,000.

INCIDENTS

Green Tree Apts., Charles St., reported damage to property and break-in.

Paul Roper, Catherine St., reported larceny of a 3 horse-

CHURCH BRIEFS

El Bethel United Methodist Church, 122 El Bethel Road will hold revival Sunday, March 5 at 6 p.m. Rev. Charles Darden, pastor of New Home A.M.E. Zion Church in York, SC will be the speaker and will bring his church choir. Other services are March 6-8 at 7 p.m. with messages by the Rev. Robert Parsons of the Belwood Charge UMC in Shelby. The public is invited.

Peoples Baptist Church, 1010 Groves St., Kings Mountain, will hold a fund raiser for World Care Ministry March 3-4 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. All proceeds will go to a mission trip to Africa. On March 4 from 10:30-11:30 a.m., the Women's Bible Study will be opened to the Northwoods Community. The community is invited to attend every Saturday. The 16th anniversary of Pastor John L. and Fonda Houze will be held March 19 at 2 p.m. The community is invited. The church will celebrate Health Month on

March 29 with a blood drive from 5:30-8 p.m.

Grace United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain, will host a coffee house on the last Saturday of each month. All ages are invited. There will be live entertainment, coffee, drinks and dessert, all free of charge. For more information call Ashley or Danielle Duncan at 739-5193.

Central United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain, will host the district women's prayer meeting Saturday, March 4 from 8 a.m.-12 noon. The district includes United Methodist churches from Cleveland, Gaston and Lincoln counties. Reservations must be made through the United Methodist Church. The theme is "Peace, Piece by Piece." Guest speaker will be Margaret McCleffey.

Power and Praise services with Evangelist Kevin White will be held tonight and Friday, and next Wednesday, Thursday

and Friday at 7 p.m. at Family Worship Center, 1818 Shelby Rd., Kings Mountain. For more information call 739-7206.

Christian Freedom Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, will hold an auction on March 11 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Items include golf clubs, TVs, jewelry and antique collectibles. There will also be a buffet breakfast at 7 a.m. and a hot dog lunch at 12 noon. There will also be a bake sale. For more information call 739-4152.

Temple Baptist Church, 612 North Cansler St., Kings Mountain, will host "Worship Fest 2006" March 11 at 7 p.m. It includes drama and music presented by Christian Freedom, Macedonia, Miracle Tabernacle, Hispanic Baptist Association, and Patterson Grove Baptist Church. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the festival runs from 7-10 p.m. For more information call Pastor Nile Wilson at 913-0621.

8th Street Church of God, Bessemer City, will sell barbe-

cue March 3. Plates are \$6. Delivery is available for orders of five or more. For more information call 435-8256 or 629-4697.

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.

Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Hwy. 182, Fallston, will hold a fish fry Sat., March 4 from 4-8 p.m. Dine-in, carry-out and drive-through plates are available. The cost is a donation to the building fund.

Patterson Grove Baptist Church, 301 Oak Grove Rd., will host The Songsters and Cross Reference at its "Spring for Christ Celebration" and gospel singing Sat., March 25 at 7 p.m.

GROVER

From 1A

and churches to get them involved, and work on voter registration lists to see who did not vote in the last election "and make a concentrated effort to contact them. I think it will be defeated if we get the vote out."

The wets basically have the same strategy.

"We registered a lot of voters during the petition drive," Bennett said. "We're trying to get out and meet new people and get a feel whether they're for or against it."

Regardless of the outcome, Bennett said she hopes the issue will not turn into a controversy. "We've had some meetings

and we've all agreed that we're going to try to keep down any arguments," she said. "It's better not to have a big controversy going."

Beer and wine referendums have failed numerous times before in Grover.

"One of them was pretty close," Bennett recalled. "The thing that gets me is that they keep saying we've got it right down here across the state line. It's been in Grover just as long as it's been in Kings Mountain. Since we were kids we know who's drinking and who's not. Grover's never had any real big problems with it. I never thought it caused any criminal things and I don't see that it's going to do that now."

Bennett said many people are worried that it will result in

"beer joints" on Main Street, but she pointed out that beer joints are illegal in North Carolina.

"They just don't realize that's what ABC is all about," she said. "All you have to do is call them and report it and they'll pull their permit if they're not meeting the requirements."

Bennett says she believes the sale of alcohol would increase Grover's tax base and bring in more business.

"I feel like it will help everything," she said. "It could get a new restaurant in here and that would create more jobs and cause people to want to move into Grover."

Willis doesn't agree. "I certainly want this defeated, but I also want to discuss facts and figures," he said. "It

has been said that we can make \$3,000 in revenue from licenses. Yes, that's true, if 75 new businesses open up in Grover. It's possible but not very probable."

"Also, it has been said that Kings Mountain, which has about 10,000 residents, took in about \$48,000 in revenue from alcohol. If we go on a ratio of us being less than 1,000 people, you consider 10 percent of Kings Mountain's total and that would become \$4,800. Now if we take in \$4,800, Kings Mountain also said that about 20 percent of their law enforcement cost is associated with beer and wine. If that's the case, it would certainly be a money-losing proposition for us to take in \$4,800 a year and have to put additional law enforcement on the street.

THORNBURG

From 1A

"What is so neat at this time in my life is that I am now seeing a second generation of families, the children of the first seniors I worked with 23 years ago," said Monty.

Thornburg is quick to credit the former and current city administrations and former Mayor John Henry Moss for their vision for the new center which is debt free.

Thornburg said the Center has room to expand in its present location and will need to do just that in the future. The population of attendees is growing, from 1,000 during the first six months of last year to 1,400.

"We see a tremendous need for more health prevention programs to help seniors with information on diabetes, strokes and falls and other illnesses and are always looking for more volunteers to lead special programs and to assist in our overall program," he said.

Instructors are needed for classes in beginner and intermediate computers and the computer lab is open Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Obviously, there's never a dull moment at the senior center.

Thornburg said that over 400 senior citizens took advantage

of the opportunity to have assistance in choosing their new Medicare D prescription plan. For the first time in history everyone with Medicare, regardless of income, health status or prescription drug usage, has access to prescription drug coverage. The new plan began Jan. 1 Enrollment started on Nov. 15 and the deadline to sign up without penalty is May 15.

Since the President announced the new program, confusion has been rampant, according to Monty, who said they there are 39 different plans to choose from and that three staff persons and a number of counselors have been busy on computers entering social security numbers and perusing the various plans. "Some seniors called who had not received the Medicare D card and had difficulty at drug stores getting their medicines and this added to more confusion. We all learned a lot about insurance," he said.

Thornburg said Cleveland County is the only county in the state with two senior centers and two adult care centers. A picture of Kings Mountain's Patrick Center is the background for the N. C. Division of Aging's website www.dhhs.state.nc.us/aging/

Thornburg, who has a good rapport with senior citizens, takes in stride the ribbing he

gets from them about his second job. For years Monty has used vacation time to work funerals. He works weekends now and is on call every third night of the week. "They tell me that it's a conflict of interest and are curious about embalming." Tacful and with a sense of humor, he presented a program, "Things you want to know about embalming in the death care industry but too old or dead to ask." To complete his training, he documented 32 embalming cases the past year, all checked by state funeral auditors and gave a demonstration before his teacher.

More women are choosing embalming in the funeral profession, most going into labs and morgues such as you see on the TV program, "CSI."

Thornburg says he can give back to his hometown by working in the well-respected Harris Funeral Home, founded by the late Senator J. Ollie Harris.

Treasurer of Kings Mountain Baptist Church and on the advisory board of the Shelby Life Enrichment Center, Monty enjoys a close knit family. In addition to his father, sister and brother-in-law Debbie and Ray

Parker live in Atlanta, Ga. and sister and brother-in-law Brenda and Tommy Thomas live in Gainesville, FL. His nieces and nephews are Jennifer and Chris Evans, Corbin Parker and Todd Thomas and great-nieces and nephews are Alyssa and Hunter Thomas and Taylor and Christopher Evans. The extended family includes 14-year-old Dalmation Corry who lives with his dad, and a Border Collie Whippet Mix, Grace, 4, and a six month-old-cat, Harrison. "I am always finding strays and fixing up their injuries and they became life-long pets," he says.

Thornburg likes to cook, particularly desserts, rides his bike and walks his dogs. He also recently passed national board exams to finish up mortician training.

As a seventh grader, Monty said he and his young friends walked from Central school to Griffin Drug Store. "They cut through the funeral home yard to get to Griffin's but not I," he laughed. At the time he didn't think a funeral business would be the fascinating place to hang his hat.

POLICE BRIEFS

Marty Wayne Dover of Shelby, a suspect in the Lavender Road home invasion and sexual assault, surrendered to sheriff's deputies at the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office last Thursday morning. Bond was set at \$500,000.

Cleveland County Sheriff Raymond Hamrick has been appointed by NC House Speaker Jim Black to the Legislative Commission on Methamphetamine Abuse as a representative of the North Carolina Sheriff's Association.

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Ms. Delois Morgan Murphy
Advocate for Mr. McKinley Sandifer
for
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The Grace of the No Security Guidelines was requested by Ms. Delois Morgan Murphy from President George W. Bush for Mr. McKinley Sandifer and Ms. Delois Morgan Murphy 06/03/02.

Ms. Murphy was instrumental in getting a pardon granted for Mr. McKinley Sandifer from President Bush, (04/03)

Even a United States Secret Service Special Agent received and reviewed documents and reports of conspiracies against Mr. Sandifer and Ms. Murphy. The Special agent reviewed excellent recommendations of their character from high ranking outstanding officials in North Carolina.

Due to many fragile situations with gang matters concerning our freedom and rights Homeland Security is needed and contact person 3 names and phone numbers for any situations 24hrs/daily life-time. Especially since Mr. Sandifer does not have his freedom due to gang conspiracies after the pardon was granted.

I, Delois Morgan Murphy reside in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Church Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Kings Mountain, N.C., and New Birth Ministries Lithonia, Georgia.

College Johnson C. Smith University Charlotte, N.C. (1965-Elementary Education)
Talents Musician (Gospel) Saxophone, Clarinet, Recorder, Keyboard, Singer
Lively Broadway Style Musical Plays (creative) Writer, Director, Producer
Career A former educator of 24 years after an injury on the job approximately two decades ago, not settlement. There are unresolved professional issues and no income for the last eight years.

There are many urgent personal unresolved matters concerning my life that I dropped in order to take care of my brother's urgent needs of freedom and the pardon. Things have been very difficult many hard struggles but God has made a difference in our lives.

Parents:
The late James G. Morgan and The late Missouri Jackson Morgan of Kings Mountain, N.C.
Grand Parents:
The late John H. Jackson and The late Ida B Jackson of Kings Mountain, N.C.
The late Claude W. Morgan and The late Maggie W. Morgan of Kings Mountain, N.C.

I am requesting President George W. Bush to please submit the following for my accomplishments:

- A letter of recognition for my accomplishment in getting the pardon granted for Mr. McKinley Sandifer
- I am also requesting for my personal records, a pardon, with Mr. McKinley Sandifer's name and indicating that I made the request.
- A statement is needed to clear our character publicly

Therefore I am requesting Black Historic Recognition for God's Accomplishments through me. Please take this information and submit it to someone that can make a difference in our lives.

Please address any correspondences to:
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