

## CHURCH/SOCIAL BRIEFS

**Pathway Baptist Church**, 3100 Parkdale Circle, Kings Mountain, is presenting a Study on Revelations each Thursday at 7 p.m. It is taught by Jeannine Fisher, former Bible teacher at Kings Mountain High School. For more information call Rev. James Hamrick at 739-3728 or 734-0852.

**The Women's Fellowship of Cherryville Church of God** will present "By My Spirit" Ministries Women Who Worship Conference September 15-16. There will be a worship service at 7 p.m. Friday. Saturday's activities include Worship and The Word services at 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon, and a fellowship luncheon at 1 p.m. Speakers at the Word services will be Penny Chastain at 10:30 and Lynn Breakfield at 12 noon. There will be special singing and testimonies at each service. For more information call 435-9526.

**Galilee United Methodist Church** will host a yard sale September 16 beginning at 7 a.m. on Childers Street in Kings Mountain. It is located behind the car wash on Cansler Street.

**Grace United Methodist Church**, 829 Cleveland Ave., Kings Mountain, will host a country style buffet breakfast Saturday, Sept. 16 from 6:30-10 a.m. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children ages 7-12. For more information call 739-6000.

**Cornerstone Church of God**, 202 Margrace Rd., Kings Mountain, will have a fall bazaar Saturday, Sept. 16 from 8 a.m.-noon. Biscuits, cakes, Thanksgiving and Christmas crafts, and yard sale items will be sold.

**The Burning Bush House of God**, 310 Long Branch Road, Kings Mountain, will hold revival Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Evangelist will be Wanda Lewis. There will be special singing and drama. For directions call 739-2877.

**Second Baptist Church**, Kings Mountain, will celebrate homecoming Sunday,

Sept. 17 at 11 a.m. Former members and the public are encouraged to attend. The service will be a special celebration.

**Harvest Baptist Church**, 144 Ware Road, will have homecoming Sunday. The Songsters will be in concert during the 11 a.m. service. A lunch will be served in the fellowship hall following the service. For more information call pastor Gary Teague II at 868-4957.

**Midview Baptist Church**, Kings Mountain, will have homecoming Sunday, September 17. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Bill Bowen. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. At 2 p.m. there will be a singing by "Eternal Inheritance." The public is invited.

**Peoples Baptist Church** will hold revival September 17 at 6 p.m. and September 18-21 at 7 p.m. Speaker will be Rev. Les Howard of Galilee Baptist Church, Blacksburg, SC.

**Shelby SDA Church**, corner of Hwy. 74 East and Hoey Church Rd., will present the 10-week series of messages on satellite TV from Pastor Doug Batchelor, "The Most Amazing Prophecies," beginning Friday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. For more information call Arlene Conway at 482-3090.

**Women on the Move 2006 Gathering** "No More Obstacles, No More Chains, We are Free to Move with God," will be presented at Rose of Sharon Ministries, 406 Suttle Street Shelby, September 15-17. On Friday September 15 at 7 pm the speaker will be Sister Cruceta Jeffers from the House of Refuge Shelby; Saturday, September 16 from 9-1pm there will be an Empowerment Workshop Registration is free; and at 6 pm the speaker is Pastor Sirander Allen of Redsprings Baptist Church in Sanford, NC. On Sunday at 6 pm the speaker will be Pastor Danielle Duncan of Grace United Methodist Church in Kings Mountain.

For more information contact Minister Billie Jefferies 704-739-4776.

**Mary's Grove United Methodist Church**, 1223 Mary's Grove Church Rd., Kings Mountain, will have homecoming September 17 at 11 a.m. A covered dish dinner will follow.

**St. Paul United Methodist Church** United Methodist Women will observe Woman's Day Sunday, Sept. 24 at 9:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Mary Accor, Director of Human Resources for Cleveland County Schools and a member of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners.

**First Wesleyan Church**, 505 N. Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain, will have homecoming Sunday, Sept. 24 at 10:30 a.m. Andy Bryan of Andy Bryan Ministries of Alabama, will lead the service. In 1997, Andy signed with Eddie Crook Co. and MorningStar Records in Nashville, TN. Three of his songs include "If You Died tonight," "A Wonderful Life," and "He is Here," which reached the top 20 in Southern Gospel music. The public is invited.

**The Miss Bessemer City Middle School Pageant** will be held October 14 at 6 p.m. at the BCMS auditorium. Admission is \$3 for students and \$5 for adults Dancers from 2 The Extreme Training Academy will provide entertainment. Megan Blanton will be the pageant host.

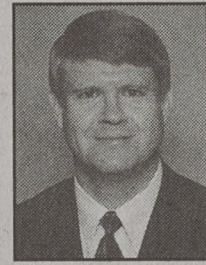
**A volunteer meeting is scheduled for Sept. 19 and Oct. 10 at 12:15 p.m.** at the Kings Mountain Senior Center. Call 734-0447 for more information.

**A reverse mortgage seminar will be held Monday, Sept. 18 at 10:30 a.m.** at the Kings Mountain Senior Center. William Thorne of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage will present the seminar in Conference Room 1. For more information call 734-0447.

## MEDITATION

# God uses people at just the right time

I first felt God's call when I was very young; so young, in fact, that I had no real idea of what to expect from a commitment to what was typically described to me, rather dauntingly, as "the ministry."



Jeff Hensley  
Meditation

As a young teen, my family sold our home and moved across town so that we could be closer to some extended family. The move resulted in a change in high schools and the need to build new friendships.

Soon after making this move, my family also moved our church membership. Now I'm not one to support the notion of changing churches at the drop of a hat, or leaving a church simply because of conflict, but I have always believed that it makes sense to participate in a church in your own community, which happened to be the reason why my family

made our change. Now the pastor of this new church was a man who was well educated, kind, somewhat father-like, even though he had no children of his own, and possessed an obvious gift for providing encouragement to others.

It didn't take long for my new pastor to realize that God had been calling me, and when he realized it, he did something that a pastor with a bloated ego would not have been able or willing to do. He gave me opportunities to preach, helped me to learn how to be a leader, and invited me to actively participate in many aspects of worship.

When I was nearing graduation, this pastor took me to Mars Hill College, his own alma mater, where he introduced me to then president, Dr. Fred Bentley. My pastor's intent was not only to encourage me to consider the same college that had contributed so significantly to his own life and ministry, but also to help me make a responsible beginning in my formal studies.

Though I have had wonderful pastors over the years,

this particular pastor supported me in ways that were just right for the time. In the years prior to, and in the years that followed that experience, God used each of my pastors to give me what I needed at the time. For example, the pastor I had when I was a small boy always made me feel like I mattered. Whenever he passed me in the hall, he bent down to my level, smiled, reached out his hand and called me by name. Later, after I was in ministry myself, one of my pastors became a trusted colleague, whom I treasure to this day.

These experiences taught me that God used other people at just the right time and in just the right way to help me grow, and now that I am a pastor I have seen this work from both sides, which has reminded me that an important part of our purpose as followers of God is to allow ourselves to be used to help others become what God has called them to be.

Jeff Hensley is the pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

## Free program for dementia caregivers October 6 at Gardner-Webb University

Dementia expert Teepa Snow will present an entertaining session for family and caregivers at two sessions Thursday, Oct. 6 at Gardner-Webb University.

Sponsored by Life Enrichment Center Adult Day Care and Health Service, the sessions are free to any professional or family caregiver, friends and rela-

tives of a person with dementia, fellow church members, social workers and health care professionals. Continuing education units will be available for nurses.

The day session begins at 9 am. and ends at 3:30 p.m., with lunch provided at no charge. Doors open at 8:30. The night session will be from 6-9 p.m.

A free sitter service is available for the person with dementia, but a reservation is required. Call 739-4858 for reservations and directions.

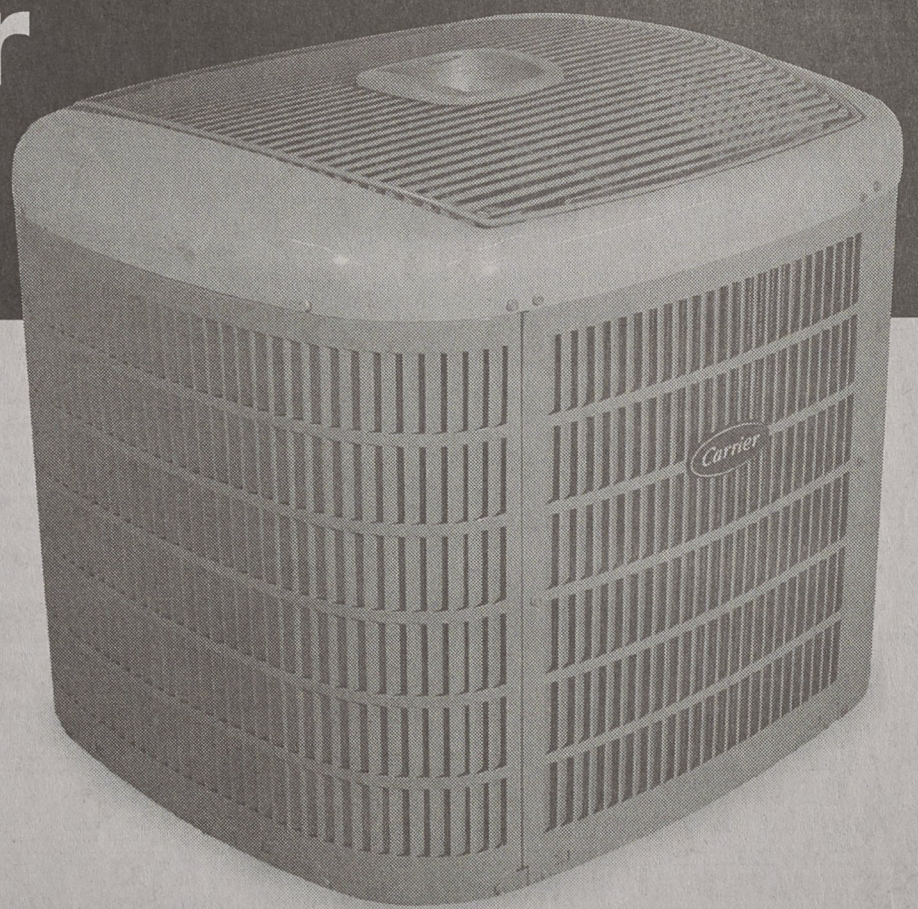
All events are free, but reservations are required. To make a reservation or for more information, call 739-4858 in Kings Mountain or 484-0405 in Shelby.

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