

CHURCH BRIEFS

Pathway Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, will host a yard sale and hot dog sale Saturday, April 21 beginning at 922 South Battleground Avenue, Kings Mountain. The yard sale begins at 7 a.m. and the hot dog sale at 11 a.m.

Second Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, will host an "On Mission Conference" April 22-25. Speakers will be home and foreign missionaries. Sunday's services will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday services will be at 7 p.m. The public is invited. For more information call the church at 739-4216.

Midview Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, will have a hot dog sale and auction Friday, April 20 in the church's fellowship building on Mail Road. Hot dogs will be sold beginning at 11 a.m. The auction begins at 6 p.m. Hot dog plates are \$5. Orders of eight or more plates can be delivered by calling 739-0406. Proceeds go toward a church youth trip.

Family Worship Center, 1818 Shelby Road, will host master trumpeter Danny Wolfe in concert Wednesday, May 2 at 7 p.m. For more information call 739-7206.

The Missionary Department of People's Baptist Church, 1010 Groves St., Kings Mountain, will sponsor "A Virtuous Woman," Sunday, April 22, at 5 p.m. The speaker will be Minister Diane Smarr. For more information call 739-0398.

Miracle Tabernacle Ministries, 610 E. Gold St., will open its first free Dorcas Clothing and Elijah Food Pantry on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. To make an appointment call the church office at 739-9449.

Beulah United Methodist Church, 1534 Stony Point Rd., Shelby, will have a yard sale and hot dog lunch April 21. The yard sale begins at 7 a.m. The

lunch is from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Plates are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12. For more information call 484-2891.

Galilee United Methodist Church Women will hold a yard sale April 28 at 6 a.m. at Bridges Hardware in Kings Mountain.

East Gold Street Wesleyan Church will sponsor a BBQ chicken plate benefit Saturday, April 28 from 12-6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The price is \$6 per plate.

Beulah United Methodist Church will sell barbecue April 28 from 12-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12; eat-in or take out. Pre-order Boston Butts (\$30 each) by calling John at 484-2891 by April 24.

Westwood Heights Baptist Church, 650 Dellinger Road, Shelby will have a Mother/Daughter Banquet Saturday, May 5 at 11:30. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The church will have a breakfast Saturday, May 12 beginning at 7 a.m. Donations will be accepted. A chicken pie supper will be held Wednesday, May 23 at 5:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted. For more information call Angie Costner at 487-7809.

The Hoppers will have one of their 50th year celebration tour stops at the Citizens Center in Lincolnton on Thursday, May 31. Tickets are available at the Lighthouse in Lincolnton and Denver and the Joyful Noise in Gastonia, or may be ordered by calling 704-782-1131.

CHURCH BRIEFS DEADLINE
Deadline for church briefs is 12 noon Monday. Bring them by The Herald at 824-1 East King St., call 739-7496, fax 739-0611 or Email gstewart@kingsmountainherald.com. When space is limited, only the events coming up during the current week will be published.

Our actions affect others

A pastor was visiting with a man named Don when he heard a very personal story. It was a story about how the behaviors of other people can have a profound impact upon us. Don had four sisters who died very young. "I'm over it now," Don told the pastor, "but my mother never recovered."



Jeff Hensley
Meditation

After the children first died, several members of the community were very helpful to the family. They brought food and helped Don's father in the mill, but as time went on things began to change. Don's mother began to hear gossip. Many in town had begun to think that

Don's mother had done something terribly wrong for four daughters to have died so suddenly and so young. Some said that she must have done something so secret and so bad that only God could know, and they assumed that God was surely punishing her.

"Ma never got over it," Don said, "and then she stopped washing the clothes and cooking meals, saying that my other sisters had to learn anyway." After a while, Don's mother began getting up very late, walking around all day in her robe, and taking long naps during the afternoon. Before Don's sisters died, his mother had been very prim and proper and doted on any visitors, but after she began to hear what people were saying, it was as if she became a different person - like she believed what they were saying.

"Then one day she started crying and screaming," Don added. "She screamed so loudly that the neighbors came, but she wouldn't let them in. They said she was breaking things and carrying on. The sheriff knocked down the door and tied her hands behind her back, and took her away to a sanitarium 200 miles away."

Don was just coming home from school when they took her, and he heard the neighbors say that his mother's behavior was proof that she had done something terrible and it was finally coming out. "Four months later," Don said, "they sent us a death notice, but there was no reason given. I think she died of a broken heart."

I am writing these words just after having watched the extensive news reports of the horrifying events that took place on the campus of Virginia Tech in

Blacksburg. My heart aches at the terrible grief that so many families must be feeling right now, and my wife and I called our own college-age son just to make contact. Though we don't want to accept it, the fact is that our actions - both in word and in deed - may have a profound affect on the lives of others. We may never know what entered the mind of Cho Seung-Hui when he planned such an atrocious act, and he may not have realized how much suffering he would cause, but his act confirms for all of us just how much harm we can do to one another if we choose.

Dr. Jeff Hensley is pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist Church. His column appears weekly in the Kings Mountain Herald.

On Mission Celebration April 21-25

An "On Mission Celebration" is coming to Southern Baptist Churches in Cleveland County during April 21 - 25.

Over the years thousands of Southern Baptists have attended OMCs, which were once called "Schools of Missions" in the 1950s and 60s, and World Mission Conferences in the '70s through 1998.

Today's OMCs are designed to inspire and mobilize participants to intentionally celebrate God's

activity in the world, anticipate their role in OMC's mission and participate by making a commitment to being on mission for God. There will be 29 churches in the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association participating in this missions extravaganza.

Rev. Charles Reed, Ministry Team Leader for GCCBA says, "This event has been two years in planning and praying to bring 31 missionaries from all over the world to speak on a rotating

schedule in the 29 participating churches throughout the county. Missionaries will bring reports from their fields of service from Cary, NC, throughout North America, and international fields such as Pacific Rim and Asia!

For more information about a church participating call (704) 482-3472 or go to the association's website at www.gccba.org.

On Mission Celebrations give Southern Baptists a chance to see and hear the missionaries they

support prayerfully and financially in various worship services, fellowship meals, and other speaking opportunities in the community during the OMC. Missionaries speaking in the GCCBA, Inc. OMC represent the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, North American Mission Board, International Mission Board, and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Prayer breakfast slated at Family Worship Center

Family Worship Center, 1818 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain, will host the fifth annual Kings Mountain Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Thursday, May 3 at 8 a.m. in the FWC Youth Center.

The annual event, which is part of the National Day of Prayer, is sponsored by the

Pastor's Prayer Circle. Featured speaker will be Gary Newell, a political consultant

from Westville, FL. Musical guest is Danny Wolfe, master trumpeter.

For more information call 739-4520.



The above picture, a dramatization of the crucifixion of Christ was taken during the Easter Sunday morning service at Kings Mountain Family Worship Center Church of God, (Photo by Terrie Armstrong).

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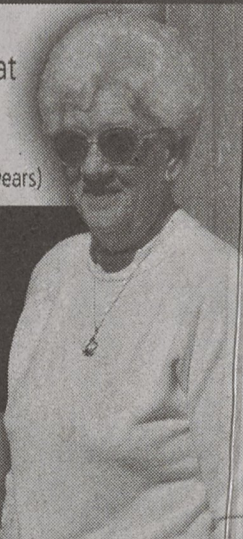
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