

## RELIGION

# Mary's Grove, Laboratory hear humorist Bill Melton

Members and friends of Mary's Grove United Methodist Church and Laboratory United Methodist Church were shaking in their seats last Sunday night. Their faces were stained with tears of laughter as their guest speaker, Bill Melton, shared his stories from "high grass manor."

This "good ol' boy" painted vivid and hilarious events from his early days of being a minister. There was no stopping Mr. Melton as he took the audience from the scene of his wedding to his honeymoon. Mr. Melton continued on with one yarn after another as he gave his plan of parenthood. It was hard to tell where one smile stopped and another one started. It was hard to figure out at which tale everyone was really laughing. This Southern humorist and writer just kept the lines coming! Even the walls of the Fellowship Building of Mary's Grove United Methodist Church in Kings Mountain seemed to feel the love, humor and laughter as it radiated throughout the night.

Melton writes an award winning self-syndicated newspaper

column that appears in a number of newspapers throughout North Carolina. His book, "Living in a Bottled Water World - A Good Ol' Boy Speaks His Mind" is a collection of some 70 columns from his first two years as a columnist. Ordering and booking information can be found at his website, [www.wsmelton.com](http://www.wsmelton.com). His book is also being sold at Belmont Abbey's College Bookstore.

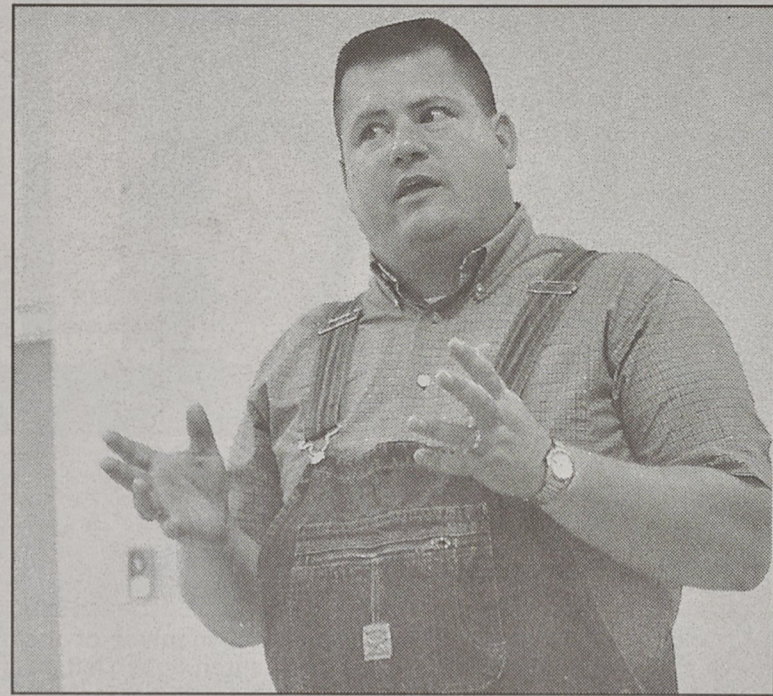
Melton speaks to audiences throughout North and South Carolina.

Melton was born and raised in the Piedmont of North Carolina and grew up in Gaston County. He graduated from East Gaston High School in 1984 and from Belmont Abbey College with a B.A. in History in 1988.

He has served the Gaston County Police Department as a patrolman, narcotics investigator, SWAT team member, patrol sergeant, educational service sergeant, patrol district captain, and captain of the Special Investigations Section. He is currently the commander of the Department's Support Service

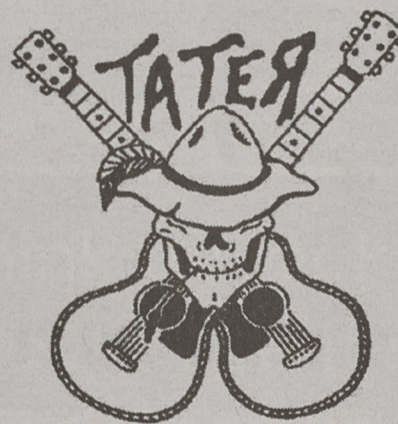
Section which oversees the Recruitment and training Unit, the Records Unit, the Educational Services Unit, Accreditation and Victim/Witness.

As a humorist, he is popular as a motivational and humor speaker. He has served as master of ceremonies for festivals and has served as the keynote speaker for trade associations as well as at county fairs. He is popular as an after dinner speaker which he likes most of all since they usually feed him just like this past Sunday night!



Bill Melton speaks at Mary's Grove.

## 5 Alive! Concert Series Thursday August 23rd featuring...



Join us at the Gazebo at Patriots Park in  
Downtown Kings Mountain from 6pm to 9pm.  
Food vendors featuring pizza, barbeque, ice  
cream, and other goodies will be on hand!  
Admission is free! Come early, this one's  
going to be packed out show!

## CHURCH BRIEFS

# Bynum Chapel to host Back to School Bash

Bynum Chapel Christian Education Department will sponsor a Back To School Bash Saturday, Aug. 18 from 6-11 p.m. at the Bynum Chapel Family Life Center, North Cansler/Ellis St., Kings Mountain.

There will be Bible trivia, gospel chairs, artistic impressions, music and dance, Bible bingo, food, and sessions on back to school dress, behavior and health issues. Door prizes and school supplies will be given out.

All children and youth are invited to attend.

For more information call Ina Hager at 704-678-6811.

**Harvest Baptist Church, 144 Ware Road, Kings Mountain,** will host Southland in concert Saturday, August 18 at 7 p.m.

Refreshments will be served following the service. For more information call 704-734-0714 or 704-868-4957.

**Family Worship Center, 1818 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain,** will hold an inside yard sale Saturday, August 18 beginning at 7 a.m. The sale will be held rain or shine in the fellowship hall.

**Kingdom Life Covenant Ministries** will be hosting "A Call to the Remnant" worship services Thursday August 23 and Friday August 24 at 7 p.m. and Saturday August 25 at 6 p.m. at 1199 Earl Road Shelby. Speakers are Minister Katina Jeffeers, Minister Corey Gaines, and Pastor Cruceta Jeffeers. For more information call 704-739-4776.