

## CHURCH BRIEFS

**Sunrise Baptist Church**, 208 Mail Rd., Kings Mountain, will feature Sisters Forever in concert Sat., Sept. 29 at 6 p.m. The public is invited. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

**Kingdom Life Ministries**, 114 South Railroad Ave., Kings Mountain, will host an information meeting for its new ministry Sat., Sept. 29 at 5 p.m. For more information call 704-734-0082.

**Shady Grove Baptist Church**, 3240 Tryon Courthouse Rd., Cherryville, will hold a Music Fest Sunday, September 30 at 6 p.m. featuring The Darin Aldridge & Brooke Justice Quintet. A love offering will be taken. For more information call 704-435-9605, email shadygrove3240@yahoo.com, or visit [www.shadygrovebaptistchurch.net](http://www.shadygrovebaptistchurch.net).

**Solid Rock Baptist Church**, 1908 Shelby Rd., Kings Mountain, will host bluegrass gospel group Timber Ridge in concert September 29 at 7 p.m. For more information call Don McNeely at 704-739-5135.

**The Kings Lighthouse Worship Center**, located across from the Kings Mountain Walking Track on Cleveland Ave., will have a ladies revival September 27-29 at 7 p.m. The theme is "Renew me Father and make me whole." A nursery will be provided. For more information call 704-739-7700.

**The RA's of Gantt's Grove Baptist Church** will sponsor an antique car and truck show September 29 beginning at 1 p.m. at Wal-Mart in Forest City. Entry fee of \$10 is due on arrival. First, second and third place trophies and door prizes will be awarded.

**Westover Baptist Church**, 114 Westover Drive, Kings Mountain, will host "Truly Blessed" in concert September 30 at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the service. A love offering will be accepted. For more information call 704-739-2187.

**Central United Methodist Church Women**, 113 S. Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain, will sponsor Taste of America Sat., Oct. 6 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The cost is \$5 and food styles will be Southern, New Orleans, Tex-Mex, and California. In addition, raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 each offering a chance to win three great items.

**Macedonia Baptist Church**, 1101 S. Battleground Ave., Kings Mountain, will have homecoming Sunday, Sept. 30. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. A covered dish lunch will be held in the CLC after worship. For more information call 704-739-6811.

**Second Baptist Church** will host Faithful Friends in concert at 6 pm, Sunday Sept. 30. A love offering will be taken. For more information, call the church office at 704-739-4216.

**The Peoples Baptist Church**, 1010 Groves St., Kings Mountain will sponsor a community cook-out on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The community will be treated to food, fun, music and games that will include 3-on-3 basketball tournaments, horseshoes and volleyball. There will be games and activities for all age groups as well as presentations from the banking community on financial services that are available. There will also be free health screenings provided by the Cleveland County Parrish Nurse program.

**Kingdom Life Covenant Ministries** will host "Empowerment Hour" on Sunday September 30 at 9:45 a.m. at Kingdom Life Covenant Ministries 114 South Railroad Avenue Kings Mountain. For more information call 704-734-0082.

**Penley's Chapel**, 1508 Piedmont Ave., will host "Hope-What Grief Can't Steal," a life recovery workshop taught by Rev. Doug Allen each Thursday, Oct. 4-18. The subject for Oct. 4 is "Blame Game," Oct. 11 is "Mountain Climbing 101," and Oct. 18 is "Reaching Down Without Falling Down." All sessions are from 7-9 p.m. There is no charge but pre-registration is required, Take a Bible, notebook and pen. For more information call 704-739-9064.

**Family Worship Center Church of God**, 1818 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain, will host a benefit singing for the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry Saturday, October 6 at 7 p.m. The public is invited. A love offering will be accepted. For more information call the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry at 704-739-7256.

**East Gold Street and First Wesleyan churches of Kings Mountain, First Wesleyan of Shelby and First Wesleyan of Cherryville** will sponsor a revival October 7-10 at East Gold Street. Services are at 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Evangelist is Rev. Anthony Graham of Brooklyn, NY. There will be special music each night by local groups. A nursery will be provided.

**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](mailto:gstewart@kingsmountainherald.com).

## MEDITATION

# Jesus' life lessons

When I was a ministerial student at Mars Hill College, one of my older mentors told me about the importance of building a strong library.



Jeff Hensley  
Meditation

He laughed and said that one of his own mentors had jokingly said, "Be prepared to sell your bed to buy books." As the years have gone by, and the price of books has risen, I have realized that it does seem as if you do have to sell your bed to buy books.

This is also why I have been selective in what I have bought, and I have spent most of my money on reference books that you don't typically sit down and read from cover to cover. But I also like to purchase titles that are fun and inspirational. I guess this is why I like Philip Gulley's books, because they tell fun, inspirational stories about common decency and good living. Gulley's latest title is *Porch Talk*,

and just yesterday I read his story of being obsessed with chairs, both as a collector and builder.

Having already talked about building a rocker himself, Gulley writes, "There is a certain transcendent joy in creating a thing of beauty. But even more fulfilling is to become a being of beauty." This remark then leads Gulley to ponder what he describes as "the difference between thing and being - how we often confuse the two, reducing others to what they do, calculating their importance by what they own, not who they are." An example of this is when one man says of another, "He's worth a fortune." Sometimes remarks like that give the impression that we think a person's wealth, or lack thereof, has something to do with his or her worth.

Now I think this is pretty important stuff, which is what makes Gulley's work inspiring. Yet, contemporary writers are not the only masters of the genre of the short, inspirational story. Telling short stories with important life lessons was actually one

of the familiar qualities of the ministry of Jesus Christ, and we have four gospels in the New Testament that report on the various stories Jesus told.

Three of the most well-known of Jesus, stories are found in Luke 15. There we read about three lost things - a lost sheep, a lost coin and a lost son. In each instance, when the lost things were found, there was great rejoicing that followed. The shepherd rejoiced as he came back home to the 99 with the lost sheep thrown over his shoulder, the woman threw a party for her neighbors when she found her lost coin, and the waiting father held a banquet in honor of the prodigal son, who had returned.

Jesus told these stories to remind us that God loves each of us so much that there is no limit to how far he will search and go in order to bring us home again. What better way could Jesus tell us of our worth than in stories like these?

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## Benefit planned for Crisis Ministry

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The Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry has been helping needy families and people in the community with food, clothing, transportation and finances for the past 37 years and now they need your help.

"Our budget has been cut. We did not get as much this year from the United Way," said Mike Smith, of the Family Worship Center, a supporting church of the Crisis Ministry.

"We didn't get an increase and we got a decrease from what we received from last year," said Rebecca Lineberger, director of the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry (KMCM). "At the pres-

ent time, we're running at about \$4,000 in the red. So we're trying to gear up some things to take care of this deficit." She said that they also hope the benefit will make the public more aware of the need in the community and the help that they are there to provide.

A benefit for the Ministry will be held on Saturday, October 6 at 7 p.m. at the Family Worship Center, 1818 Shelby Road. KMCM is asking local churches to help perform at the benefit, either through choral, instru-

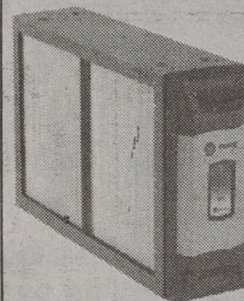
mental or dance routines.

"We want them to use their talents to bless the Crisis Ministry and to bless the community," Smith said. "It gives us a chance to come together as a community and to support the Crisis Ministry. That's one way we feel like a person could be supportive of the Crisis Ministry, is actually using their talents."

The Crisis Ministry is also asking the public to attend the free event and, if so moved, to show support of the Crisis Ministry

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