

CHURCH BRIEFS

David Baptist Church, 2300 David Baptist Church Rd., Kings Mountain, is the local collection site for shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Days of operation are:

Monday, Nov. 12 - 4-7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 13 - 4-7 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 14 - 4-7 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 15 - 4-7 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 16 - 4-7 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 17 - 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 18 - 1-6 p.m.

Mon., Nov. 19 - 9-11 a.m.

For more information call 800-597-6896.

Shiloh Presbyterian Church, 307 Cleveland Ave., Grover, will hold its Fall and Christmas Crafts Bazaar Sat., Nov. 3 from 8 a.m.-12 noon. Along with the Grover Fall Festival, members of the church will sell homemade crafts, baked goods, breakfast biscuits and hold drawings for large prizes.

Solid Rock Baptist Church, 1908 Shelby Rd., Kings Mountain, will feature The Rogers in concert Sat., Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. For more information call Don McNeely at 704-739-5135.

Antioch Baptist Church WMU will have its annual craft and bake sale Saturday, Nov. 10 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Antioch Community Center, Antioch Rd., Blacksburg, SC. There will be a biscuit breakfast from 8-10 a.m. Craft and baked items will be sold. Door prizes will be drawn (\$1 donation per ticket). The public is invited. For more information call 864-839-6366.

Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, will have a spaghetti supper fund raiser Friday, Nov. 2 from 4-8 p.m. Suggested donation per plate is \$5. Eat-in or carry-out. Orders of 10 or more plates will

be delivered. For more information call Billy and Angie Kirk at 704-739-7235 or Randy and Delores Davis at 704-739-1714.

Allen Memorial Baptist Church, Grover, will have a consignment sale Nov. 1, 2 and 3. Also on Saturday, sausage biscuits, biscuit and gravy, coffee and drinks will be sold. For more information call Brenda Lowrance at 704-937-9185.

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 220 N. Watterson St., Kings Mountain, will honor first responders serving in the Kings Mountain area Sunday, November 18. The title of the celebration will be "Thanks for Giving." Senator Walter Dalton will be the guest speaker, and other local and state elected officials will be invited.

Bynum Chapel AMEZ Church will host Sunday Cookin' Sun., Nov. 4 from 12:30-4 p.m. in the Family Life Center, Ellis Street. A choice of one meat with trimmings will be \$7. Dine-in and carry-out orders are available. For more information call 704-730-0027.

Beulah United Methodist Church, 1534 Stony Point Rd., Shelby, will host a buffet breakfast November 10 from 7-10:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

WNC Ministries, 114 S. Railroad Ave., Kings Mountain, will host a "I am Grateful Baskets" donation drive through November 12. The food baskets will be delivered on November 17 at 2 p.m. Citizens are needed to volunteer by donating \$12 to the cost of a basket or to prepare and deliver baskets. For more information call Helen Jefferies at 704-734-0082.

MEDITATION

All knowledge and skill come from God

Dr. Andrew Newberg is a neuroscientist, who has authored a book titled "Why We Believe What We Believe." His research has been in the news because he believes that it is possible to use brain scans to track how a person processes their spirituality. It's all part of a new field of study now being called "neurotheology."



Jeff Hensley
Meditation

After spending his early medical career studying how the brain works in neurological and psychiatric conditions such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, depression and anxiety, Newberg took that brain-scanning technology and turned it toward the spiritual. He studied believers of various types, whose faith was a profound and regular part of their daily lives, and he and his colleagues at the University of Pennsylvania were surprised by what they found.

When he did his scans, Newberg found increased activi-

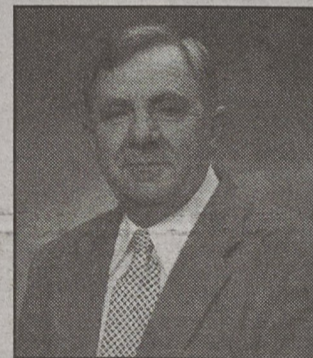
ty in three areas: the frontal lobe, the parietal lobe and the limbic system. According to Newberg, the frontal lobe is the part of our brain that is right behind our foreheads, and it helps us focus our attention in our prayers and meditation. The parietal lobe, which is located near the back of our skull, he describes as "the seat of our sensory information," and it is this part of the brain that is involved with the feeling of connecting with something greater than ourselves. The limbic system, then, is nestled deep in the center of our brain and is apparently responsible for helping us to feel awe and joy.

The interesting conclusion to which Newberg and his fellow researchers came was that our brains are built for belief in God. Though this conclusion surprised the scientists, and apparently made it newsworthy, I wasn't surprised in the least. I wonder why it is that the discovery of a spiritual connection to bodily systems is always such a surprise to many scientific types. Perhaps it's because faith is held in such low esteem by those who demand empirical evidence for everything.

From time to time over the years, when I have been visiting with a family in a hospital, I have had the precious opportunity to listen to a doctor give a report to a family about the condition of a loved one. Occasionally, the doctors remarked that they had done all they could do, and then they tended to add some additional comment like: "It is now up to God." In my own mind, I was always thinking something like: "It has always been up to God! In fact, you have been merely a means that God was using to help this patient." What those doctors said tended to make it sound to me as if they believed they were the ones who were going to heal the patient, and God only had something to do with it when they had done all they could do. Yet, I have always believed that the truth is that everything is in God's hands, and we owe all our knowledge and skill to our Creator.

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

Re-Elect Mike Butler Ward 2



I would like to ask for your support by re-electing me for another 2-year term. The City Council has worked hard in the past two years, and there are many projects underway. I have enjoyed the challenge that comes with being a City Councilman. I have enjoyed meeting and working with the people in Ward 2.

If re-elected, I will work hard in the following areas:

- Continue to work to bring more jobs to Kings Mountain;
- I am committed to the growth of the downtown area;
- Work to eliminate all wasteful spending;
- Keep tax & utility rates as low as possible;
- Make sure Ward 2 is represented and receiving all city services that is available to us.

I would like to continue to serve as your city councilman, and would appreciate your vote.

Thank you, Mike Butler

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