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Freedom Fest 2008 set for Saturday

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Freedom Fest 2008, Trinity Church of the Living God's biggest annual fundraiser, is gearing up for an all-day-fun-for-all Saturday, July 12, beginning at 10 a.m. on the church grounds on Highway 216 between Kings Mountain and Cherryville.

A car/motorcycle cruise-in, multiple groups of gospel singers, a huge 5 room moon walk for the kids, dunking booths, a yard sale, barbecue pork and chicken plates and hot dogs for \$5 plus much more is on the agenda. Fest-goers can relax under a 40x90 picnic shelter or take along your lawn chairs to enjoy the festivities.

All proceeds are earmarked for The Barn, a proposed 10,000 square foot community youth center the church plans to build across from the present church. The 12 1/2 acres of land has been paid for by the congregation who are working to build a facility that would include a full basketball court, video games, pool and ping pong tables and conference rooms that the public would be able to use for meetings and that the entire community could enjoy.

"We want to give our youth a place to go," say co-pastors, husband and wife team, Freddie and Joan Grigg.

The Griggs were called to the church 12 years ago after traveling the country on a Greyhound bus as evangelists. With a combined 30 years experience in the ministry, the couple reside in the Mary's Grove Community of Cherryville at 304 Gary Beam Road, Kings Mountain with their two sons, Ryan, 18, and Josh, 15, all involved in the church ministry.

Joan Lyons Grigg is the daughter of a Pentecostal minister. She was called at age 16 during one of her father's revivals, but didn't want to believe that a woman could preach and it was only after a dream that she finally listened to God's call. Joan ministers on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. Her husband leads the sermons on Sunday evenings and they share the pulpit on Wednesday nights. "I like to exhort in my sermons that we have a destiny and a purpose in life," says Joan, the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. John and Mary Lyons.

Freddie Grigg, son of Clinton and Irene Grigg, was called to preach at age 20 and he says it was after hearing one of the driest sermons he had ever heard. But after the service he went to the altar to pray and the calling became real. The Griggs have been married 26 years and the sanctuary of the church reflects the theme they preach, "Intimacy with The Almighty." During their ministry the local congregation, organized in the early 1970s, has grown to 60 members. The church has been completely remodeled with a new, bright red metal roof, padded pews, new carpet, drapes and blinds, a new public address system and video projectors and Grand piano. The church has raised over \$35,000 from various activities for the new building fund.

The interior and grounds of the church reflects the enthusiasm of the couple and their family for ways to attract new Christians.

The old horse barn has been converted to a picnic shelter.

The Sunday School room is called "The Gathering," the Teen room is "Zone," the adult class is "Book Camp 101," and

the kids' room is "Kidsney Land," a play on Disney, with a three dimensional jungle setting. "Tiny Town" is for the small kids. Serena Green painted the Sunday School rooms to reflect the motifs. Linda Lefevers, Richard Doster and Tammy Lefevers plan the Wednesday night suppers at 6 p.m. which precedes the prayer services.

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m., worship is at 11 a.m. and the Sunday night service is at 6 p.m. Christian Movie Night is held the third Wednesday night of each month. Mrs. Grigg uses a Power Point presentation as she presents her sermon to worshippers. A praise band is composed of Ryan Grigg, keyboard and saxophone; Josh Grigg, sound technician, Rick Beaver, bass guitar; Wayne Lefevers, lead guitar and praise and worship leader; Linda Lefevers, Joe Grigg, and Joan Grigg plays keyboard.

In addition to their full time calling in the church, the Griggs are busy outside the church. Joan is a rural mail carrier in Gaston County. Freddie Grigg is a poultry engineer with the largest poultry business in Cleveland County. He raises a quarter million chickens in 10 chicken houses in the Mary's Grove Community. They are also distributors for "Monavie," 100 percent all-natural fruit juice, and hold tasting parties for those interested in trying out the product for health purposes and/or joining the group of distributors.

"This is the third year for the Freedom Fest and we are rolling out the red carpet for everyone to come out and enjoy the after Fourth fun," the Griggs said.



Husband and wife Co-pastors of Trinity Church of the Living God, Freddie and Joan Grigg, are gearing up for the church's annual Freedom Fest 2008 to be held Saturday at 10 a.m.

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Family Worship Center, 1818 Shelby Road, is hosting a Kevin White Camp Meeting at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 27, 2008 and Monday

July 28th. The meeting will be a week-long session of "Power and Praise." Services will be held on Thursday and Friday, August 1st and 2nd at 7 p.m. For more information, call 704-739-7206.

Worshipfest 2008, as seen at Second Baptist Church of Kings Mountain will be held

at 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 13, 2008 at First Baptist Church, 117 S. Main Street, Clover, SC. Worshipfest 2008 will feature special music by Living Truth, More Than Rubies, and Faithful Friends. For more information, call the church at 803-222-3216.