

# Church

## More Blessed to Give

I recently read a story about a man named Paul, who had received a new automobile from his brother as a Christmas present. On Christmas Eve when Paul came out of his office, a young boy was walking around the shiny new car, admiring it. "Is this your car, mister?" he asked.

Paul nodded and replied, "Yes it is; my brother gave it to me for Christmas."

The boy was astounded at the beauty of the new car. "You mean your brother gave it to you and it didn't cost you anything? Boy, I wish ...." and then the young boy hesitated. Of course, Paul was convinced that he knew what the boy was going to wish for. He was going to wish that he had a brother like that, but what the lad then said jarred Paul all the way down to his heels. "I wish," the boy went on, "that I could be a brother like that."

Paul looked at the boy in astonishment, and then impulsively he asked, "Would you like to take a ride in my car?"

"Oh yes, I'd love that," the boy said. After a short ride, the boy turned to Paul, and with his eyes aglow, said, "Mister, would you mind driving in front of my house?"

Paul smiled a little and nodded at the boy. Again, he thought he knew what the lad wanted. He wanted to show his neighbors that he could ride home in a big, new automobile, but Paul was wrong again.

As they approached the boy's house, he said, "Will you stop where those two steps are?" So Paul drove up in front of the house and came to a stop in front of the steps. The boy then got out of the car and ran into the house.

In a little while Paul heard the lad coming back out, but he was not coming fast, because he was carrying his little crippled brother, whom he sat down on the bottom step. Then the boy sat down next to his younger brother and sort of squeezed up against him and pointed to the car.

"There she is, Buddy," the boy said to his brother,

"just like I told you upstairs. His brother gave it to him for Christmas and it didn't cost him a cent. And some day I'm gonna give you one just like it ... then you can see for yourself all the pretty things in the Christmas windows that I've been trying to tell you about."

Then Paul got out of his car and lifted the younger lad into the front seat. The shining-eyed older brother climbed in beside him and the three of them began a memorable holiday ride. That Christmas Eve, Paul learned what Jesus meant when he had said: "It is more blessed to give ...." As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, it is fitting that we remember anew the blessings of giving in keeping with the teachings of Christ.

Dr. Jeff Hensley is pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

## Churches to hold pre-Thanksgiving Services

The Kings Mountain Ministerial Association will sponsor the annual community-wide pre-Thanksgiving service Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 7 p.m. at David Baptist Church, across the street from Bethware Elementary School.

Rev. Greg Neely will deliver the sermon and a special offering will be received for the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry. Spirit-filled songs and praise worship will feature the service to which

the public is invited.

Rev. Eddie Gray is President of the Ministerial Association.

Dixon Presbyterian Church and Victory Baptist Church will hold a joint pre-Thanksgiving service Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Dixon Church. Rev. Dennis Wells, pastor of Victory Baptist, will deliver the message. The choir of Dixon church will present special music under the direction of Nancy Hughes.

## Adams Chapel hosts Women's Explosion '08

Women's Explosion 2008 at Adams Chapel AME Zion Church featured music, guest speakers, and praise and worship Saturday morning.

Evangelist Teresa Greesmon of Union Road Church of God in Gastonia told the packed sanctuary of women and their families that "It is joy unparalleled when the Holy

Spirit gets you and when that happens you know that no matter what comes you have made up your mind that you are a servant of God."

Dorothy Gill hosted the event which also featured special singing by Belinda Jackson and Praise Team of Charlotte, Evette Thompson, and Little Miss Xavia Carthen. Mistress of Ceremonies was Mary Moore Robinson and other speakers were Pastor Celina Curry of Antioch Interdenominational Church of Gastonia and minister Barbara Patterson of Mt. Zion Restoration Church in Gastonia.

Lunch was served after the service and door prizes were presented. Prueella Sanders, pastor introduced the speakers. The theme was "No Limits, No Boundaries."



**SPEAKER - Evangelist Teresa Greesmon speaks to a large crowd of women at Adams Chapel AME Zion Church Saturday as the church celebrated Women's Explosion 2008.**

## KM Baptist - 50 years of worship & service

On December 7, 2008 the pastor and congregation of Kings Mountain Baptist Church will celebrate 50 years of service in Kings Mountain.

The day will begin with a celebration worship service at 10 a.m. led by Dr. Jeff Hensley, pastor of KMBC. Special guests will include former pastor Rev. Olin Byrum who will present the message. Former Music director Angela Zimmerman will assist in leading special music presented by the Adult and Children's choirs. County and city officials have been invited to attend this historic event. The day will conclude with a luncheon immediately following the service. Reservations for lunch may be made by calling

the church office at 704-739-2516.

For more informa-

tion, contact the church office/pastor at 704-739-2516.

## Church Briefs

**Second Baptist Church**, 120 Linwood Road, will be hosting the following special services: a sermon in chalk entitled, "The Unseen Hand" at 6 p.m. November 23; a sermon in chalk entitled, "Calvary Covers it All" at 6 p.m. November 30; annual Christmas service at 6:30 p.m. December 3; Christmas presentation of music and drama ministries entitled, "Jesus" at 6 p.m. December 21. The public is welcome at all events.

Evangelist **Helen Jefferies** will host this month's Food For

Thought event at 101 Owl Lane, Shelby at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 22. Food For Thought is designed for women of all races and denominations to come out and fellowship with other women to get what women need from God to receive healing and deliverance. For more information call the church at 704-734-0082 and leave a message.

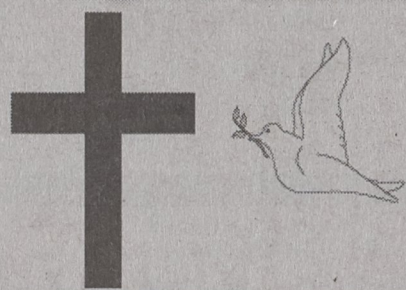
**Double Springs Baptist Church**, 1130 Double Springs Church Rd., Shelby, is hosting the "Singing Christmas Tree" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Sunday, Nov. 30. Admission is free but a ticket is required. To get tickets, call Debbie at 704-434-2258, ext. 0 or 704-692-2975.

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