

# MEDITATION

My library includes a four-volume encyclopedia of the Bible that dates back to 1899 and was the work of a number of scholars who made important contributions to the study of the Scriptures during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. I acquired the set from one of my professors after he retired from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and when I received it the old leather spines were crumbling and the cover boards were beginning to fall off, even though the sewing of the pages and the pages themselves were still in good shape.

After using the books myself for some years, I finally decided that they needed to be rebound if I was going to keep them, so I sent them to a book binder that I have dealt with ever since I worked for the Baptist Book Stores during my college days. Now there are not many books that I think are worth paying to restore, but books that have both continued usefulness and sentimental value seem to qualify.

When I shipped the books for repair, I remembered my

## Meditation



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mother's favorite Bible, which was the last book that I had sent to be restored. Like many faithful Christians, my mother reads her Bible through every year and she has several copies of the Bible in various translations. This year she is reading one that I used as a text for an Old Testament survey class I taught. As a mother, she seems to be enjoying reading this particular Bible both because it is God's Word and because it was given to her by her son, and I share the sentimental warmth of knowing that she appreciated my gift and is using it daily.

Despite the fact that my mother has many Bibles, there is one King James copy that her parents gave her that is

probably closest to her heart, especially since my grandmother died a couple of years ago. It is a Bible my mother received before she married my father and it was embossed with her maiden name, but it was falling apart. Because it was filled her notes and was also sentimentally important, I sent it to the book binder for her and had it rebound in leather, complete with her name on the front exactly as it had been before.

There are many reasons why a copy of the Bible can be important to us, but I believe that the most significant one is the precious truth that is found within its pages. One example of what I mean comes from the 139th Psalm, which was the text for my sermon this past Sunday. The spiritual truth that we learn from this Psalm is that God knows us personally and intimately, having "searched" us out, and even more importantly, the PRESENCE of God is always with us and watching over us. This is one reason why I turn to the Bible daily - to be reminded that God loves me and is always with me.



Kings Mountain Council of Churchwomen plans for the upcoming 25th anniversary May Fellowship Day. Left to right, are Dot Dixon, Doris Howze, Norma Herman, Shirley Brutko and Judy Crawford.

## Council prepares for May Fellowship Day

Current officers of the Kings Mountain Council of Church Women met recently to plan the council's silver anniversary dinner and program, which will be held at 6 p.m. on May 5th at Kings Mountain Baptist Church, 101 W. Mountain St.

This 25th annual May Fellowship Day celebration will feature guest speaker Denise Price Thomas, owner of DPT Consulting & Training. Throughout her career she has been passionate about creating positive experiences for patients and customers. She enjoys teaching customer service and effective communications. She is a native of Gastonia and resides in Belmont with her family.

Council women say they look forward to the entertainment.

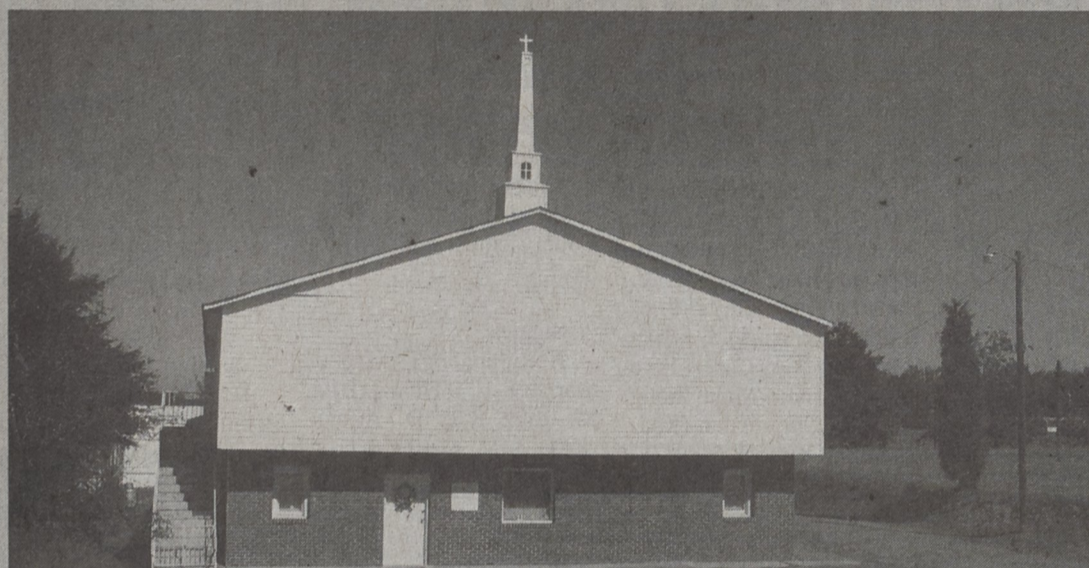
Tickets for May Fellowship Day can be purchased for \$7 each at any one of the participating churches: Boyce Memorial ARP, Resurrection Lutheran, Grace United Methodist, St. Matthew's Lutheran, Central United Methodist, Kings Mountain Baptist and First Presbyterian churches.

Proceeds raised from ticket sales will benefit a local charity.

Women from seven KM churches make up the alliance known as the Kings Mountain Council of Church Women - a group that reunites each

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# Fellowship & Faith



Featured Church of the Week:  
New Beginnings Church

**KINGS MOUNTAIN**  
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310 Long Branch Rd (KM)  
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1017 Second Street  
Pastor Clifton Morgan

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262 Sparrow Springs Road  
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113 S. Piedmont Avenue  
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421 S. Cherokee Street  
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618 Chestnut Ridge Road  
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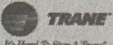
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