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Your loving wife
Donnie Vee,
and all of
Your Family

About the business of incarnating God's purpose



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This week a young woman in my congregation gave birth to a new baby. When I visited with her, she was bubbling over with joy about the new life that had come into her own. Any thoughtful, sensitive person would have been moved by this mom's love and devotion for her newborn, for it was one of those events that make us deeply aware of what a fragile treasure life really is, with potential for great warmth, joy, hope, creativity, friendship and generosity. Unfortunately, one does not have to live very long until it becomes apparent that the joy-filled aspects of life are frequently threatened or destroyed by life's other side, which is characterized by qualities such as anxiety, bitterness, greed, anger and hostility.

The Bible presents us with a rich pageant of life that is lived in community. Its stories, hymns, proverbs

and prophetic speech seem to cover the entire range of human feelings and experiences. It presents the story of a people who puzzled through the riddle of life from the midst of life, and came to the same conclusion Eliot did: "There is no life outside of community; that is, outside of life shared with others." Furthermore, and I think distinctly so, the Bible suggests that there is no such thing as genuine community that is not also lived and experienced in the praise and presence of God.

This is a reality that I fear has been lost in our world today, driven as we are by consumerism and power. It also seems to have been lost in many of our churches, for if the church is anything, it should be a community of people living, serving and praising God together. A careful reading of the Bible seems to indicate that any community like this is based

first and foremost on a pattern of divine initiative and human response. To put it another way, the church is the sort of community it ought to be when the people who make it up are intentionally living so as to align themselves with the calling and character of God, who is ceaselessly active seeking to create fellowship where there is alienation, to reconcile where there is enmity, and to redeem where there is bondage.

I know that this may not make much sense to many believers these days; driven as we are by the desire to satisfy and comfort ourselves, but it seems to me that communities of faith are healthiest and happiest when they choose to be about the business of incarnating God's purposes in their own lives. I pray that this will be increasingly true of the churches here in Kings Mountain.

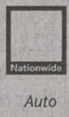
T. S. Eliot posed an interesting question. "What life have you if you have not life together?" Eliot wrote. With this thoughtful query T. S. Eliot pointed to a truth that is verified both by social scientists and by our own practical experience; namely, that we receive life, foster life, and pass life on within the context of fellow human beings.

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211 Cleveland Ave.

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704-739-2247

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704-739-2471

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421 S. Cherokee Street
704-739-7697

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618 Chestnut Ridge Road
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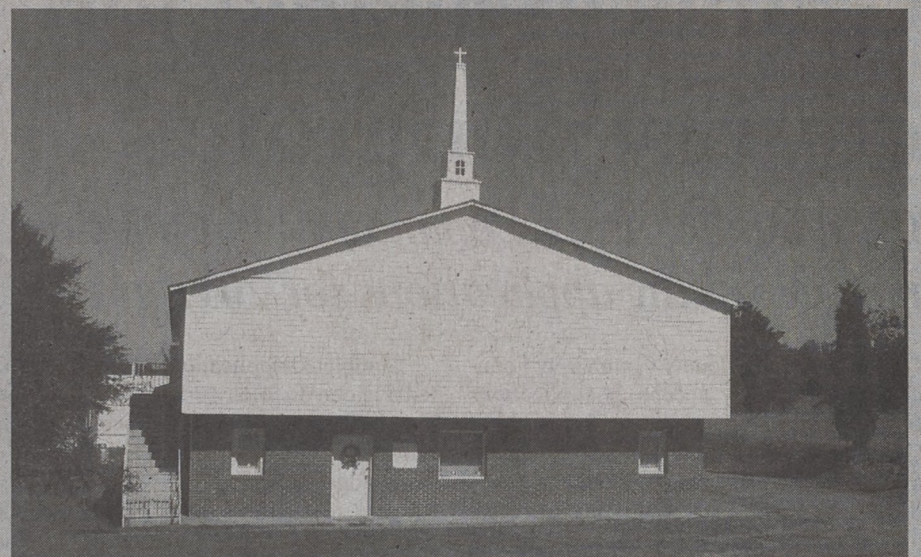
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704-739-8055

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122 El-bethel Road
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704-739-3651

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121 Countryside Road
704-734-1143

First Presbyterian Church
111 E. King Street
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First Wesleyan Church
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704-739-4266

Galilee United Methodist
117 Galilee Church Road
704-739-7011

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202 S. Railroad Avenue
704-739-5351

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105 N. Cansler Street
704-739-1062

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144 West Mountain Street
704-481-8888

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830 Church Street
704-739-6000

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704-734-0714

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