MEDITATION



Dr. Jeff Hensley Pastor Kings Mountain Baptist Church

One ministry organization that is importance to our community is the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry. This is a ministry that provides food, clothing and financial support for those who need them, and a variety of congregations, organizations, and businesses support the work of the Crisis Ministry.

Of course, whenever a ministry organization is trying to meet human need, the true extent of that need becomes so obvious. This brings to mind a familiar text found in Galatians 6:9, which admonishes: "Let us not be-

Do what you can, with what you have

come weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest." This is a text that reminds us to continue to persevere in the task of seeking to meet the need around us, even if we feel overwhelmed by how great it

This was the issue raised by a reporter who once interviewed Mother Teresa. The reporter said, "Mother Teresa, it is obvious that you have helped many people in India, but have you ever thought about the fact that there are thousands, even millions of people that you will never help?" I think Mother Teresa's response was encouraging for all of us. She said in reply, "Young man, this is what the Lord has called me to do - to do what I can where I am, with what I have."

Mother Teresa's ministry was one that faced incredible odds. In the midst of millions in poverty, she simply did what she could do. She believed God had called her to make a difference, one person at a time. She had no political, economic, or social clout. She simply tended to one dying person at a time. Others joined her ministry. While they still didn't make a huge dent in the poverty of her ministry area, she made a difference to those she would reach.

Although this is not a popular idea, I have to say that I don't think God measures our success by the numbers, either in church life in general or in ministries of service like our Crisis Ministry. Instead, God simply asks us to be faithful, to use the gifts we have, and to trust the results to Him.

In Galatians, Paul was writing to a congregation that needed encouragement. He called them to keep on keeping on knowing that our work for the Lord "is not in vain." From the cup of cold water in his name...to caring for the widow and orphan...to caring for the poor...to working for justice for the weak...to lifting up the fallen...to doing for others what Jesus would do for them today...all of these can change someone's life...and can lead to change in the world as a whole.

Paul reminded all of us to "not grow weary in doing good." These are words we all need to hear from time to time. So, this week let us all strive to live with the faith that "this is what the Lord has called me to do...to do what I can, where I am, with what I have."

CHURCH BRIEFS

Lenten Services

Kings Mountain Ministerial Association's remaining Lenten services schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, March 6 at East Gold Wesleyan Church with Rev. Travis Northcutt, speaker.

Wednesday, March 13 at East Side Baptist Church with Rev. James Lochridge, speaker.

Wednesday, March 30 at Oak Grove Baptist Church with

Rev. Scott Whitney, speaker.

The services are at 12 noon. A light lunch is served by the host church. An offering will be taken for the Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry.

Houzes to celebrate 23rd Pastoral Anniversary

People's Baptist Church, 1010 Groves St., will honor Pastor and Mrs. John Houze on their 23rd anniversary with the church on Sunday, March 17 at the 11 a.m. worship service. Rabbi T. L. Middleton of Love in Action Ministries will be guest speaker. The public is invited and a love offering may be sent to PO Box 684, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Have church news to share? Send it to lib.kmherald@gmail.com or call 704-739-7496.

Fellowship & Faith

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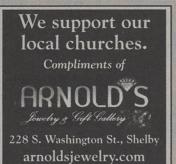
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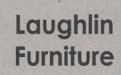
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