

National Day of Prayer celebrated in KM

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Breakfast started off Day of Prayer

"I am a Christian and I would be highly offended if prayers offered to God did not end 'in Jesus' name, there would be no answer."

The speaker was Dr. Ron Baity of Winston-Salem, President of 'Return America,' a grassroots organization with a battle cry for a return of moral sanity to the nation he told a large gathering for Kings Mountain Day of Prayer at Family Worship Center Thursday morning.

Chaplain of a Winston-Salem Fire Department and Pastor of Berean Baptist Church, he said he was asked to open the N.C. Legislature with prayer several years ago and was told he could not close the prayer "In Jesus' name" because it could offend someone.

"I don't deny my Lord," he said he told the Legislative Chamber secretary. He said he was permitted to offer prayer for only one meeting.

For several years 'Return America' has rallied thousands of people from across the state to stand up for sanctity of marriage, to protect the unborn, from Biblical

morality to religious liberty. Among their many endeavors, Return America has recently played a major role in helping the North Carolina Marriage amendment come out of the Senate to allow the people of North Carolina to vote for the protection of traditional marriage.

"It's refreshing to be in Kings Mountain and around a pastor (Rev. Roger Woodard) with a backbone and hear a mayor (Rick Murphy) talk about Jesus and see police, firemen and 9-1-1 personnel in the audience and Christians stand up and be counted," said Baity.

Quoting Woodrow Wilson, he said, "a nation that does not know where it came from cannot know where it's going," challenging what he termed a dilemma: separation of church and state, and basing his remarks on the history of the nation, including Bible history. Moses, Elijah, Nathan, and John the Baptist, for instance, all got involved in politics, even in the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem.

"Our problem today is that we have the truth on ice — the liberal establishment will persecute us if we take a stand. Jesus Christ was truth and they crucified Him."

He said that Thomas Jefferson worshipped with 2,000 each week inside the nation's capitol building where a Bishop from North Carolina preached two hours

without notes. A US military band provided music and Congress allocated the money for the songbooks. He said the first recorded prayer in government was "All this we ask and through the merits of Jesus Christ, in the name of Jesus Christ."

Prayers were offered by Rev. John Heath, pastor of East Kings Mountain Church of God; Rev. Doug Allen, pastor of Penley's Chapel; and Bobby Callahan, East Flat Rock Church of God.

Sophia Kellstrom, Jr. Teen Miss North Carolina, daughter of Gary and Molora Kellstrom and granddaughter of Pastor Roger and Margaret Woodard, sang "The National Anthem." Mayor Rick Murphy brought greetings and talked about "Choices." He said that life is made up of choices but most importantly is our relation to God. "Choices can become a habit, build our character, or be our destiny," he said.

The mayor recognized city councilmen Dean Spears and Keith Miller, City Manager Marilyn Sellers, department heads and other city employees present for the breakfast.

Molara, a renowned vocalist who has appeared in concerts and churches all over the country, presented special music.

Celebration continued with noon-time prayer service

The Christian flag and the Stars and Stripes stand for values we cherish and were featured at the annual National Day of Prayer service in Kings Mountain Thursday at noon at City Hall.

Rev. James T. Lochridge, Jr., President of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association and Pastor of Second Baptist Church, said he returned to America at age 14 from The Philippines where his parents were missionaries.

"I was on board a ship when we reached the Port of New York and I saw that flag and the Statue of Liberty and I knew what it meant to be home," he said.

"Pray for America" was the theme of the 62nd National Prayer Day. Rev. Ron Caulder, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, Carol Degree of Penley's Chapel, Bill McMurray and Rev. Marty Ramey, pastor of Advent Lutheran Church, offered special prayers for the nation, the city, and families.

Mayor Rick Murphy read a city proclamation and Rev. Chip Sloan, pastor of First Baptist Church, and Rev. Roger Woodard pastor of Family Worship Center, read scrip-



photo by ELLIS NOELL
Sophia Kellstrom sings the National Anthem at World Day of Prayer services at Kings Mountain Family Worship Center at a Thursday morning breakfast.

ture.

Lochridge and his wife, Belinda, sang "If We Ever Needed the Lord Before We Sure Do Need Him Now" and Lochridge closed the program by singing "Bring Back the Cross" assisted by Rev. Doug Allen, pastor of Penley's Chapel, in displaying the

Christian flag displayed with the American flag in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Rev. James Lochridge Sr., retired missionary and pastor, gave the closing benediction.

The outdoor ceremony was moved inside because of rain.

Council oks rezoning of land tracts

Two tracts of land at Dixon School Road and I-85 were rezoned from Light Industrial to General Business by the Kings Mountain City Council last Tuesday night.

The property is located in the city's extra jurisdictional limits.

Trenton James Testa of Roadside Truck Plaza applied for the rezoning which had the recommendation of the zoning board and unanimously passed by city council.

In other zoning matters before the board, Council

-By vote of 6-1 (councilman Howard Shipp voted 'no') denied request to extend the corporate limits to TP's Resurrection Company, LLC.

Motions to deny were made by councilmen Rick Moore and Tommy Hawkins. The petition for satellite annexation from Thomas A. Patterson was .47-acre of land non-contiguous to the existing primary corporate limits of Kings Mountain. Patterson asked for voluntary annexation. The location is the former Town & Country BBQ on Grover Road.

-Scheduled public hearing for May 28, 2013 at 6 p.m. for request from Brandon L. Woods to rezone from R-10 to Conditional Use R-20 his property at 212 Stoney Point Road.

Howser House open to public May 11



The Howser House at Kings Mountain National Military Park will be open to the public for a free tour Saturday, May 11, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Brigade of Friends, a nonprofit organization that supports the activities of the Park, is joining the Park in sponsoring this event. Anita and Doyle Campbell of Kings Mountain, who are members of the Brigade of

Friends, said this is an excellent opportunity for area visitors to explore the house and its grounds as well as learn some of its history.

The Howser House was built by Revolutionary War veteran and stonemason Henry Howser in 1803 and is located in a remote area of the National Military Park. This dwelling remained within the family for many years and was a prosperous

farm.

The Howser House is open to the public two times during a year, the Saturday before Mother's Day and the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Parking is available just off the entrance road to the National Park and wagon rides will take visitors to the house. The area is not handicapped accessible. If there is inclement weather, the house will not be open.



Triathletes take to the streets (& lake) May 18

Kings Mountain will host the annual Over the Mountain Triathlon expected to attract 500 triathletes to the city on Saturday, May 18.

In its 14th year, the race will follow a familiar route, a 1 mile swim across Moss Lake, a 30 mile bike ride (through four counties, three area parks and two states) and finish with the recently redesigned 10K run through the streets of Kings Mountain.

Additional information is available at www.cityofkm.com and www.setupevents.com and volunteers are encouraged to contact Kings Mountain City Hall at 704-734-0333 or call 704-473-8727.

Kings Mountain Weekend Weather			
Thursday May 9	Friday May 10	Saturday May 11	Sunday May 12
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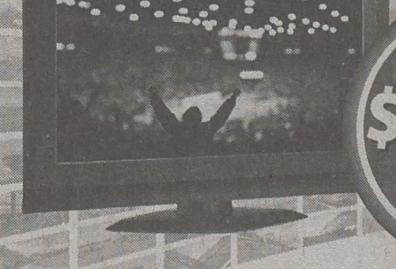
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