

BRIEFS

Bynum Chapel fund raiser Friday

Bynum Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church will sponsor a fundraiser Friday, Nov. 8 and Saturday, Nov. 9 from 10:30 a.m.- 8 p.m. Family Life Center. Fish, Chicken and hot dogs, sandwiches or plates. Hot dog plates are \$5 and \$7 for fish, chicken plates (any two sides with plates.) Potato salad, mac and cheese, collard greens, baked beans, slaw. Carry out or dine in. Elite cheerleaders will cheer on Friday at the church from 5-8 p.m.

Women's explosion at Adams Chapel

Adams Chapel AME Zion Church, 212 Lake Montonia Rd., will host "Women's Explosion" on Saturday, Nov. 16, beginning at 10 a.m.

The theme of the event is "The Latter Rain" and topic, "Chain Breaker."

Rev. Jemeka Burris of Beyond the Walls Ministry of Clover, SC and Minister Diane Smarr of Westside Community Church in Gastonia, are guest speakers.

Praise Dancers and Singers are on the program which will feature door prizes and lunch. Men are welcome to join the group and the public is invited.

For more information about the event call Dorothy Gill at 704-0868-9381 or 704-236-4709.

Bethany Baptist BBQ Nov. 23

Bethany Baptist Church of Grover will hold the annual BBQ sale Nov. 23 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. At the church. Order whole butts with slaw and sauce, \$30, \$5 extra if chopped and \$5 extra for delivery by Nov. 16. BBQ plates (pork or chicken) with slaw, sauce, beans and bum are \$8. To place an order call 704-937-9047 or 704-473-5963.

Faith Baptist 60th anniversary

Faith Baptist Church, 1009 Linwood Road, will celebrate its 60th anniversary Saturday at 6 p.m. And Sunday, Nov. 10, at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Larry Burns, former pastor, will preach on Saturday and Rev. Steve Parker will preach at the Sunday worship hour. A covered dish luncheon will be spread after the Sunday service.

Food give away

Rhema Outreach Ministry is giving away items such as clothes, home decor, food and shoes Nov. 12 from 4-6 p.m. at 624 East King Street. For more information call 803-627-5042 or 704-473-5800.



Ladies Hat Day

Women of Patterson Grove Baptist Church, above, wear their stylish hats to church in support of their pastor's wife, Rita Hendrick, who has been wearing hats due to some hair loss after radiation and chemotherapy treatments. They honored Mrs. Hendrick on Ladies Hat Day Oct. 20.

MEDITATION

Christ is at the center of love

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a)

I read a great blog article this week on the Huffington Post website (www.huffingtonpost.com) by Seth Adam Smith entitled, "Marriage Isn't For You." The title caught my eye especially as we are bombarded in our

culture with an enormous divorce rate of about 50%. And so, I took the author's advice in the first paragraph of his article and read the entire thing before making any assumptions as to why this person was writing against marriage. It turned out to be a great read on marriage and love, offering a different perspective on the matter that I think most directly relates to what the apostle Paul was getting at in his first letter to the church in Corinth.

In his article, Mr. Smith shares the early marital struggles he and his wife experienced in their young marriage. It came to the

point where he seriously contemplated if marriage was for him. It was after a conversation and suggestions from his father that he realized that marriage in fact wasn't for him; it was for his wife. And, in turn, marriage wasn't for her either; it was for her husband, the author. What Mr. Smith was trying to share in his writing is that love, marriage is not for the sake of the individual self, but for the sake of the other and vice versa.

God's love for us is like that. God doesn't love us because he needs our love in return. God doesn't love us because of what we do. God loves us because of who we

are: his beloved children; his good creation. I love to take these verses from 1 Corinthians and replace the subject of each sentence with "Christ." It would change the meaning and the direction of the passage completely as it would give us a glimpse into the unending and selfless love God has for his people. "[Christ] is patient; [Christ] is kind; [Christ] is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. [Christ] does not insist on [his] own way; [Christ] is not irritable or resentful; [Christ] does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. [Christ] bears all things, believes all things,



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hopes all things, endures all things. [Christ] never ends." In doing this exercise, it is clear that Christ is at the center of love. Through the life, death and resurrection of his only Son, we can know God loves us, in our marriages and in all our relationships. Christ is love. Amen.



Arise Church fall festival

Monica Head, fourth grade student at West Elementary School, dressed as Little Red Riding Hood for the Arise Church fall festival celebration at the Kings Mountain Family YMCA.

Mounties scrimmage Saturday

Kings Mountain High's boys basketball team will open its season this weekend with scrimmages against some of the best teams in North Carolina.

The Mountaineers are one of 18 teams competing in the Phenom Jamboree in Greensboro.

Each team will play three games. KM's opponents are Fayetteville Academy, North Rowan and Greensboro Page.

According to KMHS coach Grayson Pierce, Fayetteville Academy has two players that have already committed to Division 1 schools, including a 6-9 power forward and a 6-3 point guard.

North Rowan, a 2A school, is a perennial power in North Carolina, as is 4A Greensboro Page which has won numerous state championships.

Kings Mountain will scrimmage East Lincoln at home on Wednesday, Nov. 20 and opens its regular season at home against Ash-

brook on Monday, Nov. 25.

The Mountaineers have seven varsity players returning from last year, including James Tillman, Josh Sherer, Chad Sanders, Nelson McClain, Isaiah Cole, Cameron Bullock and Shawn Adams.

Jason Skidmore, 6-6, is coming up to varsity from last year's JV team and the Mountaineers welcome 6-7 freshman Josh Helton, a transfer from St. Michael's Catholic School in Gastonia.

Also joining the varsity soon are football players Xavier Johnson and Tico Crocker, who played JV basketball last year.

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