

Church to offer free meals to less fortunate

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It wasn't many months back that husband and wife members of True Gospel Holiness Church, located on the Shelby Hwy., told other members of his church they felt they had a calling to do something helpful.

The idea was to provide a free dinner to anyone who wanted it and to expand that service based on attendance as time went by.

"They've put their heart and soul into this," said Leann Chapman, the church's pastor, referring to the project headed up by members Danielle and Michael Miller. "Our church will rally around them and make it happen."

Starting June 6, a team of members will get together to prepare home-cooked meals for a 5 to 7 p.m. dinner. The plan now is to serve the free meal - which will consist of spaghetti and other dishes and "not just

soup" every other Saturday. "Can do serve 100 people based on our estimates," Danielle Miller said. "We're just willing to serve and we're passionate about making this happen. Our whole church is rallying."

Chapman emphasizes that the effort is for anyone who is less fortunate in these difficult times.

"It's not limited to just the homeless," she said last week, adding that the church will provide free transportation to the meal.

Chapman's church has also put together a Relay for Life team to help raise money for cancer research. And organizers at the small church say they also aim to use their booth at Kings Mountain's May 29 Relay for Life event to raise awareness about their local efforts to reach those who have been hit by hard times and just need a helping hand.

"We're really grateful for the Millers, who have taken



Grouphomeless - Rick and Leann Chapman, at left, both pastors at True Gospel Holiness Church, are joined by members Rick and Danielle Wilson, who spearheaded a free meals for the homeless project at the church.

the reins on this," Chapman said. "We're going to fully support them."

For more information

about volunteering time or donating food or money to the project, contact Danielle Miller at 704 691 9007.

Hulsey loves new job with City of KM



Landon Hulsey is pictured at her desk in the Criminal Investigative Division of the Kings Mountain Police Department.

Landon Hulsey checked in books for nine years at Mauney Memorial Library. Now she is still employed by the City of Kings Mountain but her office is a block from the library at the Kings Mountain Police Department Criminal Investigative Division.

"I love it," says Landon, who graduated in 2010 from Gardner-Webb University with a degree in Criminal Justice.

Landon says her new job is challenging and "there's a lot different atmosphere."

She types police reports and handles duties assigned her by her boss, Captain Derek Johnson.

Landon succeeds two other efficient administrative assistants - Toni Mode and Shirley Payne. Mrs. Payne, who retired, worked part time after Toni Mode became secretary to Chief of Police Melvin Proctor.

Landon is engaged to marry Shelby Police Department Ptl. Tyler Chapman of Kings Mountain. Their dates are spent volunteering with Oak Grove

Volunteer Fire Department where Tyler has been a firefighter since 2007. A group of 15 Oak Grove volunteers is already getting ready for the American Legion World Series since they are responsible for setting up the staging, cleaning up the stadium after each baseball game, working the parking lot, taking celebrities to the place they need to be for each event, and cleaning up after each game. They meet people from all over the country that come to Shelby for the event.

"We hose it down, do it all," said Landon.

Landon is also active in True Gospel Holiness Church and sings with the Praise Team.

She is the daughter of Donna and Terry Hulsey of Kings Mountain. Her mother is finance director for the City of Stanley and her Dad works for Eaton Corporation. She has an older brother, Matthew.

Has Landon had time to set a wedding date? "Well, she said, probably next year."

Mother killed in wreck, son hospitalized

Elizabeth Nieves Castro, 62, of Kings Mountain, was killed in a wreck Thursday after another driver ran a stop sign.

Castro was a passenger in a Toyota operated by her son, David Antonio Castro, 37, who was hospitalized at Caromont Regional Medical Center in Gastonia and is expected to recover from his injuries.

The accident happened on Dallas-Bessemer City Highway.

Trooper B.D. Michael charged Dung Trung Ho, 44, of Gastonia, driver of the pickup which hit the Castro vehicle, with failing to stop at a stop sign.

The wreck remains under investigation with more charges expected to be filed.

Southern Arts Society "I am Woman," art competition opens May 1

"I am Woman," the judged art competition and exhibit by Southern Arts Society, will open May 1 at the Depot and a reception honoring the artists and open to the public will be held Saturday, May 9, from 7-9 p.m.

The exhibit will remain open through June 19.

Sharon Dowell, painter, public art commissioned artist, and Rowe Galleries Coordinator and Adjunct Professor at UNC Charlotte, is judge for the exhibition. She is currently a Masters in Arts Administra-

tion candidate at Winthrop University and earned a BFA from UNC Charlotte in 2002. A native Houstonian, she has resided in Charlotte 15 years.

The artwork speaks to womanhood, the feminine or the essence of being a woman.

Cash awards to be presented on May 9 at 8 p.m. include \$200, first place; \$150, second place; third place, \$75 and three merit awards of \$50 each.

Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. or by appointment.



AUNT EDITH (watercolor) by Wanda Meekins



(Pictured left) MARIANNE (watercolor) by Lynn Schilling



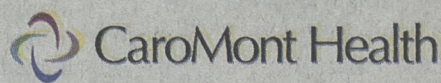
(Pictured right) BE STILL AND KNOW (oil) by Todd Baxter



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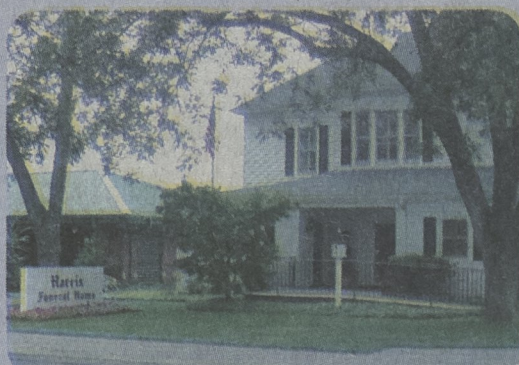
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