

LIFESTYLES



CRYSTAL DANIELLE WYTE - JASE SHOE

Wyte-Shoe to wed

Mark and Johnna Wyte of Kings Mountain announce the engagement of their daughter, Crystal Danielle Wyte, to Jase Shoe of Charlotte, son of Jeff and Wende Shoe of Kannapolis.

The bride-elect, granddaughter of Gilbert and Sadie Patterson and Joe and Becky Wyte, all of Kings Mountain, is a UNCC graduate with a BS degree in Business/Marketing. She is employed by Anita Goodesign in Charlotte.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Gary and Marilyn Helms, Sharron Helms, Jerry and Doris Church and the late Allen Shoe. He is a UNCC graduate with a B. S. degree in Construction Management. He is employed by Vannoy Construction in Charlotte.

The wedding will be an event of October 3, 2015 at Green Gables Farm in Statesville.

Human trafficking topic of seminar

East Gold Street Wesleyan Church, 701 E. Gold St., will sponsor a human trafficking abolitionist seminar June 12 from 6-9 p.m. and community training on June 13 from 9 a.m.-noon.

The seminar is presented by Stand Against Trafficking. Training is free. A training/resource manual is optional but can be purchased for \$25.

"Our conscience cannot ignore the travesty of human trafficking," said a spokesman.

Colonel Todd Gossett Retires

Colonel Todd W. Gossett, son of Malcolm and Shirley Brutko of Kings Mountain and the late Roy Gossett of Greensboro, retired from the United States Air Force on June 1, 2015, at a ceremony at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. attended by friends, family, and military colleagues.

Colonel Gossett served more than 26 years in the Air Force in a variety of operational space and missile assignments as well as several headquarters staff assignments. In his first assignment, he served as a missile combat crew commander for the Minuteman II and Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile systems at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana. He later served as a flight commander and chief of training for the Milstar satellite communications system at Falcon AFB, Colorado.

After assignments as a satellite test officer and executive officer for the Space Warfare Center, also in Colorado, he was selected to attend the United Air Force Weapons School at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. Upon graduation, he served as a weapons and tactics officer at Headquarters, 14th Air Force, Vandenberg AFB, California.

After attending the Air Force's Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, Colonel Gossett was selected to serve at Headquarters United States Air Force at the Pentagon as a space operations staff officer and as a deputy chief of the



Col. TODD GOSSETT

action group for the Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations. Then a major, Colonel Gossett was in the Pentagon during the September 11, 2001 attacks and in the immediate aftermath, he served on the Air Force's Crisis Action Team and later, on the Checkmate

Planning team developing strategy options for the war on terrorism. Following his first Pentagon tour, he was selected to command the 76th Space Control Squadron at Peterson AFB, Colorado. In that assignment, he led a team of 70 personnel to make operational the Air Force's first three offensive counterspace systems, developed to disrupt adversary space systems with temporary and reversible effects.

After graduating from the Naval War College at Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island, Colonel Gossett was once again assigned to the Pentagon, this time to the Joint Chiefs of Staff as Missile Defense Branch Chief, and later as Strategic Operations Division Chief, where

he oversaw the nation's nuclear command and control procedures, the President's Nuclear Decision Handbook ("The Black Book"), the Secretary of Defense's maritime counter-proliferation operations order, and the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff's continuity of operations program.

Selected for group command, Colonel Gossett served as commander, 30th Operations Group, Vandenberg AFB, California. At Vandenberg, he led team of more than 1,000 military members, civilians, and contractors overseeing Western Range operations for 21 national security, commercial, and civil space launches as well as several missile and missile defense tests. He also served as operations director for the first-ever recovery of the X-37B experimental space plane in December, 2010.

After a successful tour as a group commander, Colonel Gossett was selected as Director of Staff for the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. In that capacity, he led a staff of over 120 personnel delivering critical support to 5,000 deployed Air Force personnel and another 6,000 personnel from other services and allied nations, conducting operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Horn of Africa.

Following his deployment to Qatar, Colonel Gossett was assigned once again to Headquarters United States Air Force at the Pentagon, this time Chief of the Space

Operations Division. For the past two years, he's served as Deputy Director, Space Operations where he presides over a staff of 38 space professionals overseeing development of space operations policy and mission directives, support to space operations and maintenance budget development, space operations career field management, international engagement, congressional engagement for space operations and capabilities matters, and support to Air Force leadership, the Joint Staff, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and the functional and regional combatant commanders.

He is a recipient of the Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Legion of Merit, and Defense Superior Service Medal.

The colonel is a 1984 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and a 1988 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is married to the former Lisa Kowalske of Charlotte. The Gossetts have three daughters, Kaela, 19, Nora, 15, and Ada, 12.

The Gossetts plan to remain in the Washington, D.C. area.

Two churches to hold Bible School June 15-19

Advent Lutheran Church and Boyce Memorial ARP Church are inviting children from 2 years of age through those who have completed

fifth grade to join them for Vacation Bible School beginning Monday, June 15 through Friday, June 19. The Bible School will

be held at Boyce Memorial ARP Church, 111 Edgemont Dr., from 8:45 a.m. until 12:15 each day. For more information

or to pre-register, call the church office at 704-739-4917 or email Pastor Nick Napier at info@boycememorial.org.



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