

Church News



Photo by Seerley Lowery

PRACTICE PLAY - Young people of Bethlehem Baptist Church are pictured above rehearsing the play "In My Father's House" which will be presented Sunday night at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Live Manger Scene Set

Dixon Presbyterian Church, Route 2, Kings Mountain, will present a live nativity scene Sun., Dec. 21 through Wed.,

Dec. 24 from 6 until 7 p.m. each evening. Men of the Church constructed a stable out of

weathered lumber on the front lawn during a clean-up day Saturday. Members of the congregation will portray Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and wise men.

The live manger scene is believed to be the only one in the immediate area. Citizens of Kings Mountain and surrounding areas are urged to drive by the church to see it, said Julie Wood, who is coordinating the program.

Other activities scheduled during the Christmas week are a visit by Santa Claus at 7 p.m. Sunday in the church fellowship hall, and a Communion Service on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m.

'In My Father's House' Sunday At Bethlehem

Young people of Bethlehem Baptist church will present the Christmas play "In My Father's House" Sunday at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Watch Night Service Set

First Wesleyan Church will hold a Christmas Eve Watch Night Service from 11 p.m. until midnight.

Sponsored by the Venille Phillips Missionary Society, the service will include a Candlelight worship service and special music.

The community is invited to participate in the service.

CANTATA

The First Wesleyan Church Choir will present the Christmas cantata "Home For Christmas" Sunday at 6 p.m. at the church, located on North Piedmont Avenue. The choir will be under the direction of Elizabeth Bolin.

SINGING EPPS

The singing Epps Family will present a program of special gospel music Saturday night at 7 p.m. at Holiness Christian Mission at 215 Blanton St. The public is invited to attend.

Crescent Hill Lights to Glow

Crescent Hill will glow again this Christmas Eve and Christmas Night with luminaries from approximately 40 homes.

The candles will be lighted outside the homes at 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Night and on Christmas Night. Residents will also use candles inside their homes to add to the holiday decoration.

Almost all the residents of the Crescent Hill area participate in the decorating project.

Houser Case Bound Over

Phil Houser, of Parkdale Circle, waived preliminary hearing in 27-5 Judicial District Court last week in Shelby and his case was bound over to Superior Court by Judge Bowen.

Houser is charged with breaking and entering and larceny in connection with a break-in at the Rustic Log Home Company office and plant on Grover Road and the theft of \$15 and two radios.

In other law enforcement activities, George Wiley Sullens of 1009 N. Piedmont St. was arrested Friday on two counts of breaking and entering and larceny. According to warrants, the charges are in connection with break-ins at Central School and Haynes Textile Company in Kings Mountain.

"In My Father's House" depicts a 20th Century family's preparation for the celebration and the amazing things that happen when Christmas is transformed into CHRISTMAS.

Dave Moore is home for the holidays having given up a successful army career for a new line of work. Progressive Mr. and Mrs. Moore have built "air-castles" as to what fabulous-paying job this might be until David explains that he is going

to be a preacher.

Deflated but for the moment, Mrs. Moore, in her determination to keep the social wheel in motion, returns with vigor to oversee everything and everybody. But Dianne, Dave's socialite sister, sees a difference in Dave. She sides with him and demands that he have an opportunity to give a reason for his decision. This he does - a dramatic story of life and death, and a new life which ended forever his Christmases without Christ.

David Baptist Plans Programs

The 30-voice choir of David Baptist Church will present a Christmas Cantata "A Song Unending" by John W. Peterson, Sunday night, December 21, at 7:30 p.m.

The choir is directed by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Woodberry. Accompanist is Mrs. Jackie Porter on the piano. It will be narrated by Chuck Hoyle.

On December 24, the Children's Choir will present a musical "Stranger in the Straw" at 7 p.m. This is a story and music written as seen through the eyes of the animals at the stable on the night of Christ's birth.

The director is Nancy Hoyle and her assistant is Wanda Moore.

The public is invited to both the cantata and the musical and a nursery will be provided. David Church is located on Hwy. 74 across from Bethware School.

The cast includes Jeff Blanton as David Moore, the son; Dana Blalock as Dianne Moore, the daughter; Dawn Morris as Mary Moore, the mother; Jerry McDaniel as John Moore, the father; Diane Williams as Louella Livingston, the grandmother; David Moore as the Western Union boy; Nancy Hughes as Katie Coleman, the maid; Mark Herndon, as Herman Hooper, the groundskeeper; Brenda Greene as Little Bess, an unfortunate girl; Joey Wyte as Dick Anderson, a young minister; Phillip Scism as Pastor Loran, the church pastor; Dawn DiSabato as Jean, an old friend; Robert Appling as Jerry, an old friend; and Paula Morris, Melody Murphy, Shannon Yarbrow, Gray Rikard, Todd McDaniel, Elizabeth Owens, Linda Greene, Amy Morris, LaVisa Murphy, Christine Woods, Ray Graham and David DiSabato as Christmas cards and carolers.

The public is invited to attend the program.

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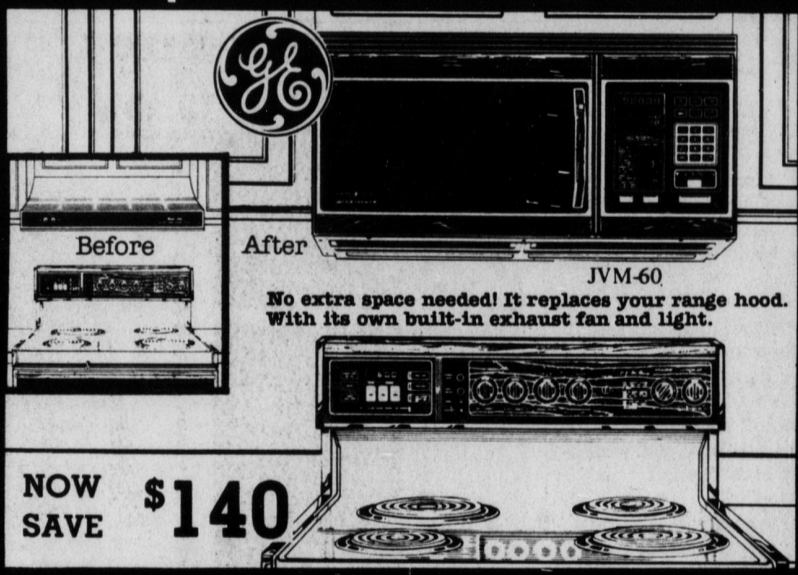
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