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STUDENT PASTOR - Steve Hundley and his wife, Elaine, relax in his office at First Presbyterian Church where he is serving as the assistant minister.

Hundleys Felt Hand Of God

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Steve and Elaine Hundley, the new assistant pastor and his wife at First Presbyterian Church, say they felt the hand of God during their courtship and throughout the calling of the young man into the ministry.

"We continue to feel His leading during our ministry here," said Elaine.

Growing up in the mountains of Eagle Rock, Va., Steve admits that he thought preachers were "sissy" and never felt the inner call to become a minister until his senior year in high school when he received a brochure about Montreat-Anderson College near Asheville and its church-oriented curriculum. After graduating from the two year college, he enrolled at Menonite College in Harrisburg, Va. and is a senior at Union Seminary in Richmond, Va. He heard about the Kings Mountain church from several former classmates who had served the church here, including David Smith, Pam Daniels and David Lee.

Being affirmed by the congregations he has served during his seminary years represents what the young man terms an "outer calling" to the ministry.

Elaine Harris Hundley, who was an "Air Force brat" and traveled constantly while her father, Ret. M.Sgt. Robert Harris, was with the military, met her husband at Smith Mountain Lake, a 4-H Camp in Rocky Mount, Va., where both were counselors. Elaine was born in Austria and attended schools in

Germany and Texas before the family settled down in Hampton, Va. She graduated from Radford College and was active in the Catholic church. "Marriage to a minister was the last thing on my mind and it was a tough decision when Steve and I started dating. When the Lord said 'hey, this is the one' I knew that everything was in accordance with His will."

Steve uses some of his growing up experiences to relate children's sermons during the workshop services at First Presbyterian Church and he plays his guitar to illustrate the gospel message through folk songs. Both young people assist in the full program of the church and lead a young adult class. Both say they have already experienced "so many blessings by being in the community" a short time.

Elaine and Steve have moved eight times since their marriage nearly three years ago and will be moving a couple more times before officially settling down on whatever church the Lord directs them. Steve will be returning to Richmond to complete his seminary work after this year's internship in Kings Mountain.

Starting a "house church" in the local congregation is one of the aims of the young minister who saw the idea work in a marvelous way at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg, Va., a 150 member church which meets in a majestic antebellum home which

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Cuts Won't Hurt Here

The cost-cutting measures mentioned by President Reagan in his message to the nation Wednesday night will not drastically affect Kings Mountain, local officials feel.

Mayor John Henry Moss and Schools Supt. William Davis, whose employers are the biggest recipients of federal programs in the city, do not see any program cuts.

However, Reagan's hint that CETA funds will be discontinued will affect two employees of the city and four teacher aides in the schools.

"He is talking about the 1982 budget, which takes effect after September 30," said Moss. "Our CETA program is funded through June 30, so that won't affect us."

"They cut CETA funds drastically a couple of years ago," says Davis. "Prior to that we had a large number of CETA employees. But we've already bitten the bullet on that and adjusted to it."

Otherwise, both Moss and Davis were impressed with Reagan's proposals.

Banquet Tonight

Dr. Stan Hardin, of Shelby, a singer, impressionist, guitarist and actor, will provide the entertainment at Tuesday night's annual banquet of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. at Holiday Inn.

Dr. Hardin has performed with stars such as Carl Perkins, George Hamilton IV, Jerry Lee Lewis, Conway Twitty, Jerry Van Dyke, Robert Fuller, Donna Douglas, Mamie Van Doren, Tommy Noonan, Johnny Cash, David Allen Coe, Don Red Barry, and the late Elvis Presley's fiancée, Ginger Alden.

New officers of the association will be installed at the meeting.

"I feel that the time has come when we must re-evaluate and consider new directions," said Moss. "I favor his approach to the matter of reducing inflation and I certainly favor the tax cut."

Moss feels federal funds the city has been receiving for a number of programs will con-

tinue.

"He talked as if categorical grants would all be pulled together and put under comprehensive block grants," Moss said. "With that statement I envision that being the case in view of the amounts that were considered for the respective departments through which we have

been seeking funding."

Davis added, "I was generally pleased by his comments. I didn't see very much that would adversely affect public education. If we're going to get things in hand, it may be necessary for us all to make sacrifices. If we have to make them in education, so be it."

Meter Classes To Begin

The first two meter reading classes for citizens concerned with lowering their utility bills are set for today at the Governmental Services Facilities Center.

Classes covering how to read water, electric and gas meters will be held from 1:30 until 5 p.m. and from 7:30 until 9 p.m. Classes will be held at the same hours on Thursday.

Walt Ollis, section supervisor for the City Public Works Department, Mayor John Henry Moss and members of the City Board of Commissioners will

lead the classes.

The classes have been scheduled due to the ever-increasing costs of utilities.

Mayor Moss said he has gotten a good response from the public.

"We encourage the people to come because we genuinely believe that if we all watch our meters closely we'll see a great savings in our utility bills. Our best savings are on unused utilities."

One of the main purposes of the classes is to urge citizens to keep a constant check on their

meters, adjust their usage habits and conserve energy.

"We are very concerned with the cost of energy and recognize that for people on fixed incomes it is very difficult," said Mayor Moss. "We want to work in every way possible to assist citizens in keeping the cost of utilities as low as possible."

The city plans to conduct similar classes in different areas of the city, if there is enough interest.

"We hope these classes will be well attended," Moss said. "We are willing to conduct them as long as the citizens want them."

Porter To Speak Here

Brigadier General Bobby B. Porter, Assistant Division Commander-Support of the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, will address members of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club at its luncheon on Thursday, at the Kings Mountain Country Club.

The general will land his

UH1H helicopter in a grassy area near the Kings Mountain High School, where his pilot will have the aircraft on display for students of the school to view during the time the general is in the area, from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Aiding the pilot, Warrant Officer Doug Aslett, in locating the

landing site, the area's Army recruiter, Staff Sergeant James Rowlett will be setting off a smoke grenade device for wind direction information. He will remain at the scene to answer any questions the students may have concerning Army enlistment into the Army's aviation field, while Aslett will answer questions concerning the aircraft.

Mauney To Address Legion Group

N.C. Highway District Engineer Ken Mauney of Shelby will present a film on transportation needs on the topic, "Where Your Money Goes," for the annual birthday party Tues., Mar.

3, of American Legion Post 155.

The 16 minute film is arranged by the Kings Mountain Office of Economic Development and features the Governor's blue ribbon committee from the Depart-

ment of Transportation.

A covered dish supper will be served at 7 p.m. and all members of the American Legion and Auxiliary are invited to attend.



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PRESENTS CHECKS - Charlie Harry, left, presents checks totalling \$3,001 to Phil and Maria Harry during a special ceremony Wednesday night at Grover School. The money was raised during a bluegrass and gospel music show recently at the school. Phil and Maria Harry's young daughter, Kelli, was critically injured when hit by a pickup truck near the school in December. The money will help toward her hospital bill and transportation for her parents to and from Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

\$3,001 Raised For Kelli

Concerned citizens of the Grover area presented checks totalling \$3,001 to Phil and Maria Harry Wednesday night at the Grover School Library.

The checks represented money raised during the "Kelli Harry Benefit" bluegrass and gospel music show recently at the Grover Gym.

Charlie Harry, an officer in Grover Industries and relative of Phil Harry, presented the checks to be used toward hospital bills and transportation to and from Charlotte.

Mrs. Harry has literally lived at Charlotte Memorial Hospital since Dec. 17, when her daughter Kelli was critically injured when hit by a pickup truck in front of Grover School. Mr. Harry continues to hold down his job at Minette Mills and care for the couple's other three children. He stays with Kelli on weekends while Mrs. Harry returns to Grover to take care of shopping and other household duties.

Kelli, a fourth grader at Grover, remains in a coma but has shown encouraging signs in recent weeks. She sometimes squeezes her mother's hand, sticks her tongue out and gives

other signs which lead her parents to believe she is aware of their presence.

Some of the members of the community who helped organize the successful benefit were on hand Wednesday for the check presentation ceremonies.

Steve Pennington, a co-worker of Harry's at Minette, ramrodded the show with the cooperation of Grover Principal Jim Scruggs, and other citizens.

"We couldn't have done it without the support of the entire community," said Pennington. "Several individuals and merchants donated food and other items and the participating bands and two professional emcees, Jeff Champion of Radio Station WOHS and Bruce Jones of the Jones Brothers bluegrass band, donated their time."

Nelson Young, leader of the Nelson Young bluegrass band, lined up the four bands and handled most of the publicity duties.

"I just want to thank everybody involved," said Young. "Everybody worked so good with us. The show was successful. We did what we wanted to do ... to raise money for Phil and Maria."

Charlie Harry praised the entire town, saying, "if you're going to come upon hard times, there's no better place to do it than in Grover."

"I remember the early fifties when Cleveland County was hard hit by polio," said Harry, himself a polio victim. "It was not uncommon to go through the mill and collect a thousand dollars with one pass. People give when the need arises. The people in this area are the best."

Maria Harry echoed those words.

"The response has been overwhelming," she said. "I am a native of Germany and this would not have happened there. In the big cities, you don't even know your next door neighbor. This really makes you appreciate living in a small town."

Phil Harry added, "We'd like to thank everyone. There are just not enough words to say how we really feel."

Meanwhile, area citizens continue to hold Kelli and her family in their prayers, and continue their concern for their needs.

The latest group to get eagerly involved in helping Kelli are her school friends at Grover. They daily bring their pennies to a huge jar that sits on a table in the library with a sign stating "Pennies For Kelli."