CHILDREN DRAWN INTO NGO'S IMMIGRATION NETWORKS

The Children's Rights Alliance has drawn a growing network of young people into its activities, including those with immigration status. The NGO has been working to support and protect these individuals, who often face challenges due to their legal status. They provide legal aid, social support, and advocacy to help these children navigate the complex immigration system. The organization's efforts focus on ensuring that these children have access to education, health care, and other essential services despite the obstacles they may face.
Church: OWASA rules may threaten move

OWASA regs say: no extensions in lake's watershed

By BLAKE DICKINSON
The Chapel Hill Herald

CARRBORO — Strict OWASA guidelines limiting water and sewer extensions into the University Lake watershed may block a downtown church's planned move to bigger quarters.

The Carrboro Baptist Church's 500-member congregation facing perpetual parking woes and cramped quarters at its 70-year-old home at 100 N. Greensboro St. — began looking last December for a new home.

Church officials found a likely site on Old Fayetteville Road near Ramsgate Apartments this summer.

The 24-acre lot offered plenty of space, a Carrboro address and taxable value of $168,630 that met the church's limited budget requirements.

It also had a significant drawback: it's in the University Lake watershed.

That location put the site under development restrictions adopted by the Orange Water and Sewer Authority, Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Orange County in 1990 to protect the watershed. The 4-year-old policy restricts new municipal water and sewer extensions and tightly limits construction that will cause water runoff.

"Right now we're sort of praying that things will fall into place," said church pastor Jack Mercer.

After securing an option to buy the land, Carrboro Baptist asked OWASA last month to consider extending water and sewer service or to provide a variance for a spray irrigation septic system. The church also needs a variance from Carrboro planners to build parking areas.
Carrboro Baptist Church will celebrate its 78th anniversary with annual Homecoming Day activities on Sunday.

Guest speaker for the 11 a.m. worship service will be Dr. Cecil A. Ray, general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Guest musicians will be Rev. and Mrs. Johnny E. Ross, former staff members now residing in Cary.

After serving 10 years as a pastor in Lubbock, Tx., Dr. Ray worked as superintendent of missions for the San Antonio Baptist Association for five years and then served as secretary of the cooperative program and church finance department, Baptist General Convention of Texas, where he had been director since 1967. In 1960 he was selected Texas Baptist “Father of the Year” with recognition for providing a “new way of life” for his daughter, Susan, a victim of paralytic polio.

Ross served Carrboro Baptist Church six years as associate pastor and minister of youth and adult education. His wife, Rhea, was church organist and young adult Sunday school director during this time. Since September, 1979, he has been an Associate in the Sunday school department of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The 11 o’clock service will be preceded by the regular Sunday Bible study hour at 9:45 a.m. and followed by the traditional dinner on the grounds.

The public is invited.
Carrboro Baptist Church Presents Musicals Today

The Music Ministry of Carrboro Baptist Church will present two major gospel musicals today. During the 11 a.m. worship service, the 28-voice youth choir, accompanied by trumpets, flute, piano, and drums, will present the youth musical "Let the Son Shine In!" by Louis Harris and Margaret Davis. At 7:30 p.m. today, the Chancel Choir will again lead in the popular service of praise by Bill and Gloria Gaither and Ron Huff, "Alleluia!" Both choirs are directed by Janet Whitaker, minister of music, and accompanied by Rhea Ross, church organist.

Sunday's presentation of "Let the Son Shine In!" will be the first in a series by the Youth Choir. In June, the choir will be sharing this musical with several churches on the N.C. coast during the annual summer tour. Soloists for this program are Wayne Sparrow, Cliff Hollingsworth, Barby Greenlee, David Weaver, and Gay Whitaker, with Chuck Sanz, Mike Gibson, and Mary Flemming on trumpet, Greg Nelson on flute, and Mike Clark on drums.

The Chancel Choir will be presenting "Alleluia!" for the ninth time on Sunday evening. The choir has sung this very popular musical in Greensboro, Durham, and Ashboro, as well as in several local churches. Soloists for Sunday's program are Johnny Ross, Leonard Cheek, Dr. John Spencer, Camilla Reid, Pam Spearman, and Dolly Swaim.
The Carrboro Baptist Church has planned a day of special events to celebrate its 75th anniversary. The church's annual homecoming celebration will also be held with the anniversary events this year.

All former and present members of the church are invited to participate in the events on Sunday, Oct. 9, Jack Mansfield, Pastor, said.

The day will start with the traditional 11 a.m. services. At noon, everyone will move over to the Carr Mill property for a covered dish lunch, Mansfield said.

At 2 p.m., Mack Watts will show a slide presentation he prepared especially for the occasion. Watts, a life-long Carrboro resident, has prepared a history of the church and has also discovered pictures of all the pastors who have served the church. He has also discovered pictures of the original church building, which is now known as McDuffie's Chapel. The church has always been in the same location, although the present structure is not the original structure, Mansfield said. The church building is still in existence. It was moved to the country and still in existence. It was moved to the country and is now known as McDuffie's Chapel.

At 3 p.m., Dr. Thomas Bland, a professor of Christian ethics at Southeastern Baptist Seminary in Wake Forest, will give the homecoming message. Some special music will also be featured during the day.

One of the special events of the day, Mansfield said, will be a mortgage burning. The church cost $165,000, and recently $18,000 was raised to pay off the remaining loan on the building, Mansfield said.

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Parents DARE to hear what children learning

By KIM NIKLES
Correspondent

CARRBORO — Police officers have taught drug prevention in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools for nearly three years, but the parents of those children finally had their own drug awareness class this week.

"Chapel Hill and Carrboro have a drug problem," Carrboro Officer Darryl Roseboro told about 20 parents and friends at Carrboro Baptist Church.

During Sunday night's two-hour-long session, he encouraged parents to build their children's self-esteem so they can resist peer pressure to try drugs.

Roseboro, who serves as Carrboro's sole Drug Abuse Resistance Education officer, teaches Chapel Hill Elementary School students to recognize and resist peer pressure to use alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

For the first time the program reached out to parents Sunday by warning them about community drug trends and recommending ways to keep their children off drugs.

Pamela Erwin, youth minister at Carrboro Baptist Church, conceived of the DARE classes for parents as a way to address growing concerns about the prevalence of drugs in the community. "Parents wanted advice on how to control what was going on in the area," she said.

Erwin, whose two children attend Chapel Hill High School and who works with youths in the church, knows about Chapel Hill-Carrboro's drug problem.

She asked Roseboro, who used to direct traffic at the church, to start a DARE program for parents.

Roseboro gave parents an abbreviated version of a fifth-grade lesson, the first of four parent sessions. Inflating and deflating a smiley-faced balloon to explain self-esteem, singing the DARE song into a microphone and reciting poetry, Roseboro spiked the lessons of drug awareness with humor.

His antics impressed Beth Roberts, whose seventh-grade son Bryce was in Roseboro's first DARE class two years ago. "I see why the kids like him so much. He makes it fun," she said.

Students respect Roseboro because they can see that "this man has not just come to jerk them around. ... He lives what he says," Roberts added.

Cheryl Robinson, whose 10th-grade son and sixth-grade daughter attend Pittsboro schools, said, "If there had been somebody like him when I was 9 years old, I don't think I'd ever have started smoking [cigarettes]."

Although parents liked what they saw, engineering consultant Steve Wallace, who did not attend the meeting, called the DARE program ineffective. "Police inadvertently glamorize drug use and are telling kids how to get into trouble at an age where they want to get into trouble," he said Monday.

Wallace also criticized DARE officers for using scare tactics, claiming that the strategies damage the police's credibility. "They warn kids about marijuana and alcohol, they [students] try it and have fun and it destroys respect for the law."

He criticized what he called DARE's "enforcement angle," using police officers in classrooms. He said children should be able to report drug abuse to social workers, not police. "You're just compounding the family's problem if the child goes to police officers," he said.

Roseboro said the DARE officers take no law enforcement action when on duty. "Our goal and approach are not the traditional law enforcement approach. Now we're more community-oriented," he said. "I don't wear my gun belt in school."

DARE officers are trained by town police departments and paid with town residents' taxes, Roseboro said. Donations from businesses, civic groups and individuals fund DARE programming costs, Roseboro said.

The program educates children when they are most receptive to drug prevention education and before they are likely to begin experimenting with drugs, Roseboro said.

"Your tax money is being used wisely," Roseboro said.

The DARE curriculum, which was proved and mandated by the state department of public instruction, began in the fall of 1990 in Chapel Hill-Carrboro elementary schools, he added.
Political flier irks church members

Voting for Clinton is 'sin against God,' says literature left on cars

By CEDRIC RICKS
The Chapel Hill Herald

CARRBORO — For the second Sun-
day in a row, Bill Clinton opponents have distributed literature at a local church, angering some of the body's members and annoying their pastor.

A two-page flier telling Christians that "to vote for Bill Clinton is a sin against God" and a brochure depicting an 18-week-old fetus have surfaced on car windshields in the parking lot of Carrboro Baptist Church on recent Sundays.

The flier, which also appeared on cars during Oct. 24 services, doesn't identify its author. But quotations from directors of several anti-abortion groups such as Operation Rescue and the Pro-Life Action League appear on the flier.

Meanwhile, following Sunday's morning service, some church members found brochures depicting a fetus and entitled "Who Can Be Trusted With Life?" attached to their windows.

The literature endorses Republican presidential candidates George Bush while slamming Democrat Clinton and independent candidate Ross Perot for taking "radical pro-abortion stands."

A statement on the brochure indicates it was paid for by the North Carolina Life PAC and National Right to Life PAC.

Jack Mercer, pastor of Carrboro Baptist Church, said he discussed the matter with church members.

"This was just wrong. It was done in a fashion that implies the church endorsed it," Mercer said.

"I think it is fair on anyone's part to evaluate a particular candidate's position via the Bible. However, when you judge someone's spiritual status, the words of the Bible flow back on you," he said. "It's not scriptural to talk on [Clinton's] spiritual status."

Using strong language to convince Christians not to support Clinton, the flier charges him with actively promoting rebellion against the Bible because of his stands on homosexuality, abortion and sex education in schools.

It provides biblical verses that the author claims show that Clinton violates biblical law through support of giving condoms to junior high school students and placing women in combat positions during war.

"Clinton has a veneer of Christianity, but on close inspection one sees it is the height of hypocrisy," the flier reads. "For example, in his acceptance speech, he flagrantly twisted Scripture.

"Even more frightening, Clinton spoke of his 'new covenant,' a humanistic pact that has nothing to do with Biblical Christianity," the flier continues. "What would his sacraments be? The body and blood of dismembered babies?"

While Mercer had a critical view of the flier blasting Clinton's Christianity, he was more sympathetic toward the National Right to Life brochure, which basically stuck to attacking Clinton's record on abortion.

The brochure also provided church members with a checklist of state and national anti-abortion rights candidates who oppose tax funding of abortion.

"I support pro-life, so I do support in essence their position. However, I would hope they would respect the church enough that they would not distribute without asking our permission first," he said.

Also, distributing political information on Sundays is not appropriate, Mercer added. "We would wish that no political literature be distributed in our parking lot while we are having services on the Lord's Day."
Churches To Hold Outdoor Service

Carrboro Baptist Church and Ephesus Baptist Church will hold a joint outdoor service at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the unfinished section of the Kroger Plaza Shopping Center on Elliott Road in Chapel Hill. The public is invited to "come as you are."

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OWASA board signals denial on church move

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The Orange Water and Sewer Authority’s board of directors stopped short of an outright denial of service after receiving a last-minute letter from church officials asking to withdraw the request.

Board members ruled in a 7-1 vote that the 500-member church’s request failed to meet OWASA standards for service extensions into the University Lake watershed.

Several OWASA members initially appeared set to overrule the church’s delay appeal Thursday and to make a decision.

A letter from the church this week asked OWASA to hold off until Carrboro’s Board of Aldermen decides on zoning concerns and the state Division of Environmental Management rules whether to issue a spray irrigation septic system permit for the planned facilities.

“I came prepared to make a decision tonight,” OWASA member Judith Cox said at the meeting in Chapel Hill’s Town Hall.

OWASA Chairwoman Julie Andresen questioned any delay that could mislead the church about OWASA intentions and “might not serve anybody’s useful purpose.”

Other members questioned the need for a hasty conclusion.

The board can act whenever Carrboro Baptist brings its request back to the utility. OWASA Vice Chairman Barry Jacobs said. “I don’t think it’s a fair way to proceed to not allow someone to withdraw a petition.”

OWASA could send a message to the church, without making a final decision, by taking a straw vote or consensus vote denying the extension, board member Melva Okun said.

“How much more can we say our intent than to reject their motion?” OWASA member Tom McCurdy asked.

The board settled on a ruling that Carrboro Baptist’s request did not pose an existing health hazard nor alleviate denial on church move:

short of an outright denial of service after receiving a last-minute letter from church officials asking to withdraw the request.

The church needs to meet one of those standards to receive an exemption under the OWASA policy restricting water and sewer extensions into the watershed. Church officials said in their original request that they met both standards.

Carrboro Baptist’s request comes as OWASA considers modifying the policy on water and sewer extensions into the University Lake watershed.

One proposed revision would allow OWASA, not the Orange County Health Department, to determine whether a sewer extension is necessary to alleviate an existing or impending health hazard. Another would allow utility staff members to rule on requested extensions and skip the public hearing required under the current policy.

OWASA can make these changes “without compromising the authority’s ability to protect the University Lake watershed,” OWASA Planner Ed Holland said.

Okun questioned removing the health department from the decision-making process. “To me, if it’s a public health issue the health department ought to be involved,” she said.

Jacobs said the health department has been unwilling to declare health hazards, so OWASA might provide better oversight.

“All we’re saying is we are going to leave to ourselves the right to interpret,” he said. “The change just gives us a little flexibility and actually gives the health department a little flexibility and ability to be honest rather than feeling they have to pull their punches.”
Across an ocean and a generation

Pastor continues family tradition

By MARTY MINNER

CARRBORO - His father and uncle were Southern Baptist pastors in Korea - the first members of his family to be converted to Christianity.

The Rev. Hun Moog Lim followed their lead, and today he is pastor of the Carrboro Korean Baptist Mission, a community of 76 members that meets in the fellowship hall beneath Carrboro Baptist Church.

"My main goal is to introduce Jesus Christ to the Korean person who comes here," Lim said. "My second goal is to provide Korean fellowship for students."

The language is Korean, but the prayers and preaching are like those heard in many other Southern Baptist churches. The hymns also are in Korean, but they contain translations of traditional Baptist hymns. At quiet moments during Sunday services, the congregation sometimes hears muffled strains of English hymns from the main sanctuary upstairs.

Most of the members are UNC students, but a few are local Korean families. Most who attend the church are Baptists, but several non-Baptists said they came to be part of the Korean community.

Lim is a seminarian at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, where he expects to receive his master of divinity degree in 1991. Koreans have become one of the largest ethnic groups at Southeastern, and Lim takes part in weekly Bible study meetings with the nine other Korean seminarians.

He graduated from Korea Baptist Theological College in Taehyeung, south of Seoul, in 1980 and came to the United States two years later. He and his wife, Eunice, commute to Carrboro several times each week for church activities and pastoral duties.

"At first we thought this wouldn't take much time," Mrs. Lim said. "But we get more and more involved with the students - their school problems, family problems, counseling.

Stories like Lim's are common in South Korea, which is more than one-fifth Protestant and Roman Catholic. The number of Protestants - about 7 million - and Catholics more than 2 million - doubled during the 1970s and 80s.

Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist missions grew rapidly in the turmoil that followed the Japanese occupation of Korea, the division of North and South Korea and the Korean War. Southern Baptists now have 128 missionaries and 1,809 churches in South Korea, and in November their Foreign Mission Board sent its first delegation to North Korea.

Many Korean Christians take part in early morning prayer rituals that echo the nation's centuries-old Buddhist influence. Some members of the Carrboro mission remember these prayer meetings, but the traditions have survived the migration to America.

"At 4 or 5 in the morning, people - mostly housewives - gather in the church to pray," said Ohso Chang, a UNC business student who teaches the mission's Sunday school pupils. "It's very loud and passionate. Generally one time per week to have an over-night prayer meeting from 9 at night to 4 in the morning."

Men sometimes attend these meetings, but it is more common for women to attend because of their traditional domestic role, Chang said. In America, however, men and women alike often adopt Western customs that make the old traditions hard to maintain.

"Someone asked why the Korean church in this country doesn't have prayer time," Lim said. "People tell us they are too tired or too busy."

Lim has been unsuccessful in re-establishing the Korean style of prayer. Instead, the Carrboro mission offers activities found in many American churches - Bible studies twice a week and choir rehearsals on Friday evenings.

"The pastor, unable to maintain the traditional ways, has accepted the differences between America and his homeland," Lim said. "My view is that the Koreans emphasize the spiritual things, and the Americans emphasize the practical things," he said. "I do not say which way is better. One way or the other is right in Korea; one way is right in America. We came to America, and we have to adapt. We have to compromise somehow."
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