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The Michaels Family Gospel Singers, made up of Frances Michaels, Harmon Michaels, Bobby Michaels and Becky Brendle, all of Burke County, will be singing Sunday at 7 p.m. at South Mountain Baptist Church. The church is located on Highway 64 south.

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South Mountain Baptist Church, Highway 64, south of Morganton, will hold its lay revival Sunday, Oct. 28 through Wednesday, Oct. 31. Dewey Saunders will speak Sunday at 11 a.m.. Howard Kerley will speak Sunday at 7 p.m. Danny Chastain will speak Monday at 7 p.m. Carl Kerley will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday. James Payne will conclude the services Wednesday at 7 p.m. Choir and special singing will be featured and a nursery will be provided.

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South Mountain Baptist Camp to celebrate Saturday

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South Mountain Baptist Camp will celebrate its 40th year on Saturday during its Founder's Day celebration.

The camp will welcome back former counselors, staff members and anyone who has been touched by the special activities at the camp over the past 40 years.

The day begins at 10 a.m. with registration and devotion in Lineberger Hall and continues at 10:30 a.m. with fellowship, games, relay races, softball, a gospel singing and swimming. Lunch will be served at noon.

The founders will be recognized at 2 p.m.

during an informal worship service.

This year will be the last Founder's Day celebration under the direction of the Lineberger family. T.A. Lineberger and Marsha Lineberger will leave the camp to be full time ministers at the Deaf Mission Church of First Baptist Church in Morganton.

T.A. Lineberger started helping with the camp in 1956. In 1970, his ministry at the camp became full-time and he moved his family into a home on the grounds. Through the years his family has encouraged and helped in the camp programs.

The idea for SMBC was born in 1955 after Menry L. Smith of Fallston donated 68 acres to establish the camp. The Scronce fam-

ily donated 12 additional acres and the camp was well on the way to a reality.

The clearing of the land began in 1956 and SMBC was officially opened in 1957 with an overnight campout in tents near the Little River.

For 39 seasons SMBC has grown and shown a commitment to the original purpose of providing a Christian witness, wholesome fun, spiritual growth through Bible study, prayer, missions emphasis and music. Campers young and old are challenged to leave the mountaintop dedicated to sharing their faith with others, organizers said.

Over the years, thousands have attended camps and retreats with more than 5,500 pro-

fessions of faith taking place, officials added.

The facilities have expanded to include 28 buildings spread over 100 acres. Use of the facilities may have changed over the years, but the natural environment, basic standards of Christian conduct and Christ-centered programs have continued to today, officials said.

The camp is used for retreats, summer camps, day camps, picnics, dinners, fund-raising projects and training events and is owned by Baptists in churches affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The camp is located at 3558 Baptist Camp Road in the South Mountains, not far from South Mountains State Park.