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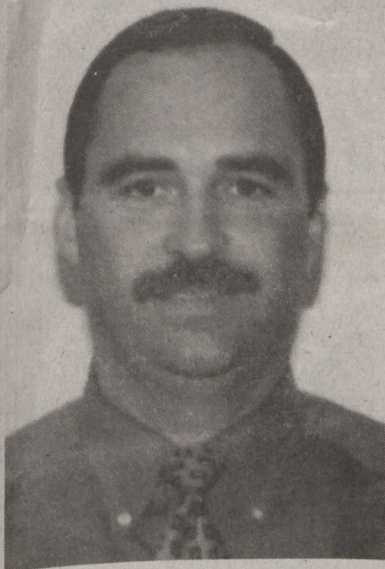
Baptist Home Church in the Mulberry community has called the Rev. Darrell Tate as its new pastor beginning Sunday, Aug. 4.

During the 11 a.m. worship service on Aug. 4, the church members, interim pastor the Rev. Paul Comer and Tate will participate in an installation service. This will be a service of commitment of being "laborers together with God" (1 Corinthians 3:9) through missions, ministry, discipleship and evangelism as God shall lead.

Tate comes to Wilkes County from Salem Baptist Church in Dobson, located in Surry County. Tate, his wife, Tina, and their three sons, Andrew, Joshua and Daniel, will live in the Mulberry community.

Tate received an associate of arts and a bachelor of science in psychology from Liberty University. He received a master of arts in religion and master of divinity at Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has served in various capacities with the Yokefellows Ministry of Surry County, Chaplain of a Surry County Fire



REV. DARRELL TATE

Department, Chaplain Ministry of Northern Surry Hospital, leadership positions of Surry Baptist Association, as well as serving on committees of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Tate worked with fellow pastors throughout the southeast on a mission trip to the Ukraine where he preached, witnessed, and lead training seminars for Ukrainian pastors and their wives.

Baptist Home Church is excited about Tate and his family becoming a vital part of the leadership and ministry in the Mulberry community as well as in Wilkes County and wherever God may lead.

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Fire destroys wing of Baptist Home Church

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HAYES — Fire destroyed a wing of Baptist Home Church on N.C. 18 yesterday evening after it was apparently struck by lightning.

Firefighters were still working about 9:30 p.m. to extinguish the fire in the back part of the church. The two-story brick addition collapsed as the preacher's wife watched from her house across the road.

"You could see the outlines of the charcoal and wood, and you could see it fall," said Anita Hollar, the wife of pastor Mark Hollar.

A severe lightning storm tore through the area in the early afternoon. A church deacon, Don Carpenter, smelled smoke and told the pastor. Firefighters were called about 8:45 p.m.

The wing that was destroyed held Sunday school classrooms, church offices, a fellowship hall and the pastor's study.

Many of the church's historical records may also have been destroyed.

The church has about 700 members. Many of them gathered last night to pray and cry. They applauded when they learned that a fire wall had stopped the fire from spreading into the church sanctuary, which dates back to the 1800s.

"This shows that the church has to be people and not a building," Anita Hollar said.

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291 *Baptist Home Church will have special service, open house on Sunday*

Baptist Home Baptist Church on N.C. 18 North in Mulberry will have a special worship service to show appreciation for firefighters and emergency personnel who helped during a fire at the church on May 13, 2000.

In addition to the special worship service at 11 a.m., the church will have an open house starting at 2 p.m. Sunday for

the new fellowship hall with a ramp, kitchen, day pre-school and classroom areas and church offices built to replace facilities damaged by the fire.

There will also be a fellowship meal, using the new kitchen for the first time. Other new facilities are being used for the first time.

The Rev. Mark Hollar, pastor of the church, said Baptist Home wanted to especially thank the Mulberry-Fairplains, Mountain View, McGrady, Millers Creek, Cricket, Knotville, North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro and Roaring River fire departments for their assistance during the fire. He said the church also wanted to thank the N.C. Highway Patrol, Wilkes Sheriff's Department, Wilkes Rescue Squad and other emergency personnel.

Emergency personnel will be given red ribbons to wear during the 11 a.m. worship service.

Construction personnel who helped the church rebuild will also be recognized.

"It is amazing that the church has continued to prosper and grow" in the wake of the fire, which didn't reach the sanctuary, said Hollar. He described seeing Assistant Wilkes Fire Marshal Niki Hamby standing in front of the burned church facilities and crying as he said it was a miracle of God that a small piece of sheet rock kept the fire from spreading to the sanctuary.

Water came within three feet of the sanctuary door, but smoke damage resulted in worship services being held in a gym for several weeks after the fire.

"From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank the people of Wilkes for their love and prayers. Baptist Home is stronger than it was. God can give glory through challenges of life if we let him," Hollar said. "It is very humbling to see that the Lord can strengthen a church through adversity."

The church, with over 700 members, has expanded its ability to serve as a disaster relief center through the design of the new facilities. Its membership and mission outreach has continued to grow since the fire. The church sponsored 13 mission trips to flood victims in eastern North Carolina, has "adopted" a church in Alaska, is about to ordain two ministers and has expanded its pre-school.

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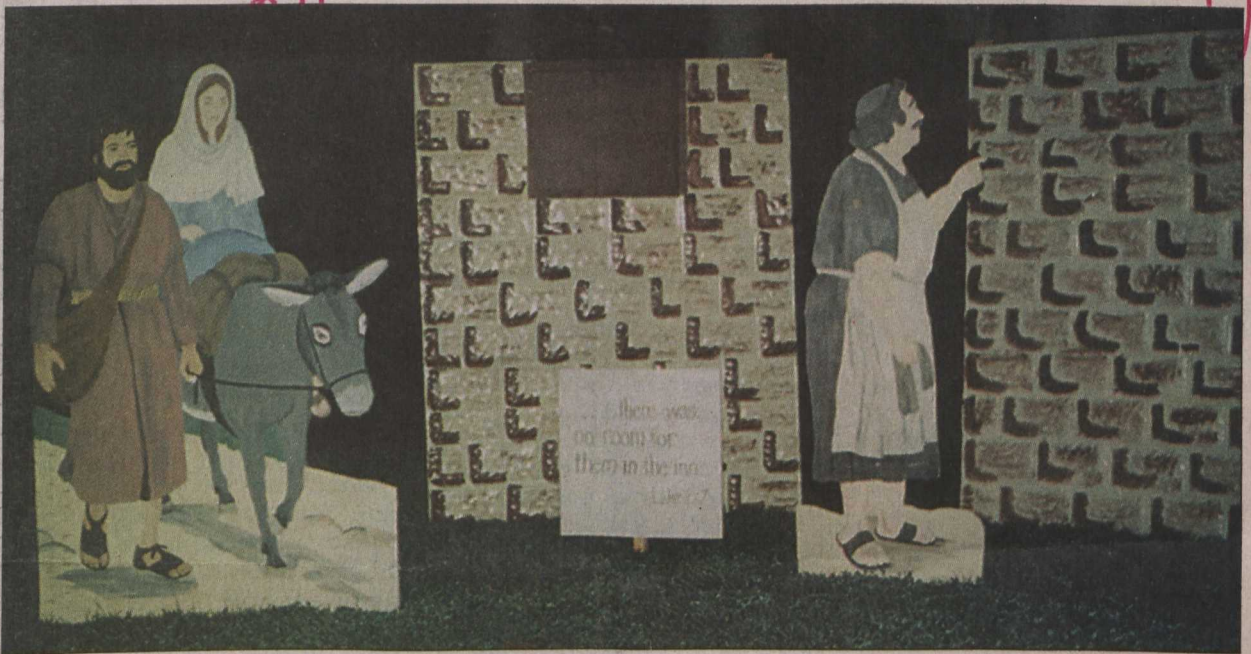
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THERE WAS NO ROOM IN THE INN scene greets visitors as they begin their journey through the life of Jesus Christ. A "True Christmas" can be seen at Baptist Home Baptist Church today through Friday from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The church is on N.C. 18 North in Mulberry.



AWAY IN A MANGER — The scene of Christ's birth is one of many on display during the "True Christmas" program at Baptist Home Baptist Church.

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Local church is dropoff site for 'Operation Christmas Child'

Baptist Home Baptist Church on N.C. 18 North in Mulberry is a dropoff site for the "Operation Christmas Child," which is expected to deliver more than 2 million "shoe box" Christmas gifts in 1998.

Items can be delivered to the church from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until Dec. 6, said the Rev. Mark Hollar, pastor of Baptist Home.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Boone-based Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief organization with Franklin Graham as president. The project delivered more than 1.6 million gifts worth about \$30

million to children in 43 countries last year. Franklin Graham is the son of Billy Graham.

Samaritan's Purse gathers shoe box gifts packed and donated by hundreds of thousands of American children and youth in six other countries who desire to send a message of hope to a needy child during the holidays. They fill the shoe boxes with small toys, candy, notes, photos, and necessity items such as flashlights, school supplies, and hygiene products.

Samaritan's Purse adopted the Operation Christmas Child project six years ago to aid children living in crisis areas who

otherwise might not receive a Christmas gift. In its first year, Operation Christmas Child collected 28,000 gifts. Last year, some 1.6 million gifts were collected, processed, and delivered with the help of some 10,000 U.S. volunteers.

Individuals and families in the U.S. who wish to participate in Operation Christmas Child may fill an empty shoe box with gifts and then deliver or mail it to one of 100 local collection centers throughout the country. (Call 1-800-353-5949 for more information.) Once collected, the boxes are processed and transported via sea container, truck,

rail, and Antonov 124s, one of the world's largest cargo planes. Shipments arrive in various countries where Samaritan's

Purse representatives and national partners distribute them into the hands of needy children.

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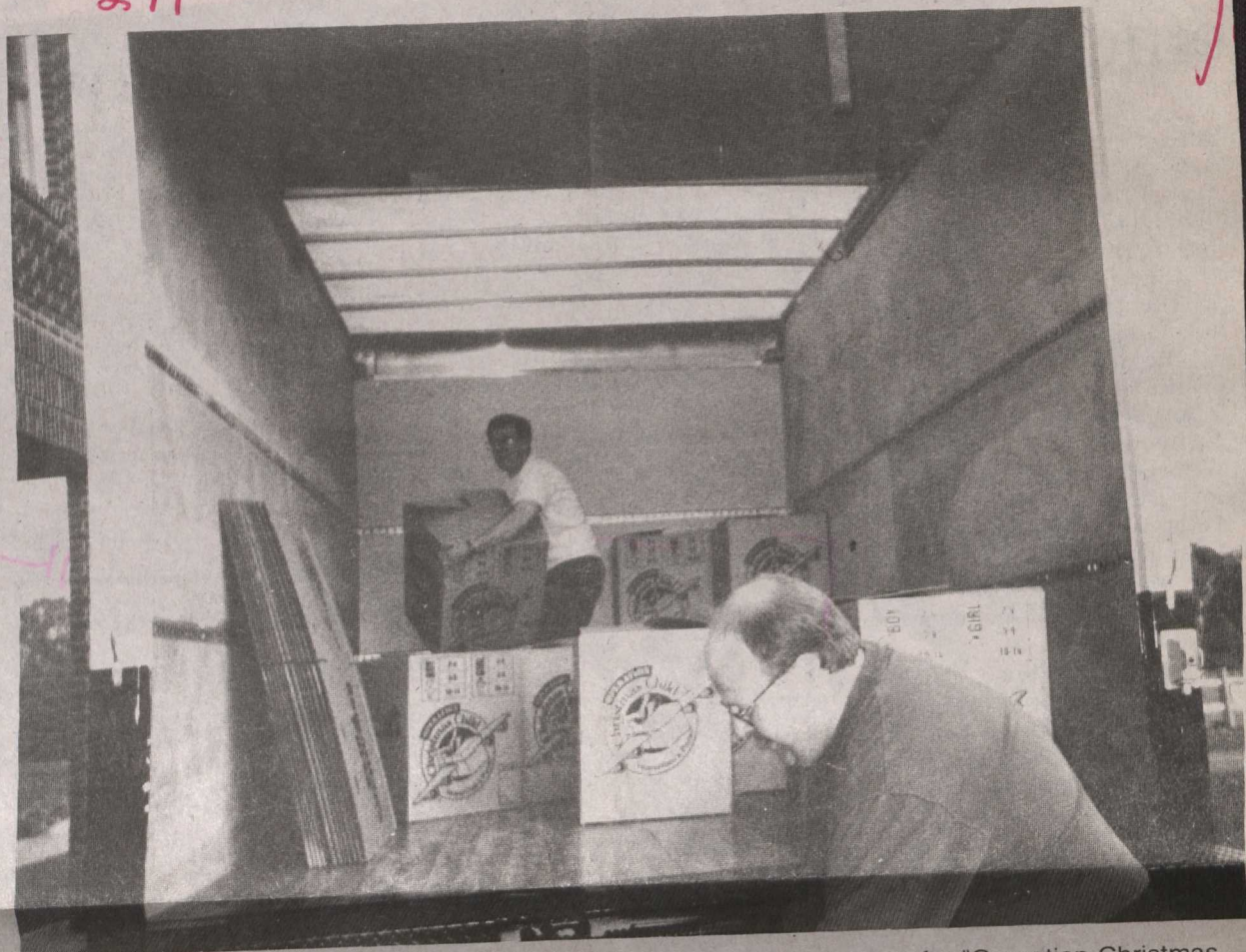
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BAPTIST HOME BAPTIST CHURCH is continuing its collection of items for "Operation Christmas Child" from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday through Dec. 7 at the church, which is on N.C. 18 North in Mulberry. Shoe boxes of items for children are accepted. The program is sponsored by Boone-based Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief organization with Franklin Graham as president. Above, the Rev. Mark Hollar, pastor of Baptist Home, and James Tedder, right, load boxes of items for needy children on a tractor-trailer. Below, other members of the church pack gifts. Hollar said Paige Greene of Boone, who wrote a song used in a promotional video on the program, will speak at the 11 a.m. service at Baptist Home this Sunday. She wrote the song last year while on a Samaritan's Purse relief trip with Franklin Graham to Bosnia.



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Camp Evergreen is Sept. 19

Camp Evergreen, a one-day camp for children ages 6-17 who have experienced loss through death, is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Baptist Home Baptist Church on N. C. 18 North. The event is sponsored by Hospice of Wilkes and supported by donations and the United Way of Wilkes.

According to a spokesman for Hospice, "often when someone dear dies, the adults gather around to comfort each other. Sometimes it's hard to know how to include the children in this circle. As time passes and life goes on, it may be difficult to tell whether a child is grieving. A child does not think or talk like a grown-up, but hurting feels the same whether a person is eight or 80."

The camp is a one-day experience designed to give participants an opportunity to express feelings about their loss and to learn that grief is a normal and on-going process.

The program is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. Parent/guardian participation is scheduled for 9-9:30 a.m., and 3:45-4:30 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be provided. There will be crafts, activities, an obstacle course, and plenty of opportunities for talking. All activities are designed to teach campers ways of expressing feelings about what has happened in their lives and about their loss.

There will be an ice cream social for everyone to become acquainted on Sept. 13.

The camp will be staffed by trained volunteers, the staff of Hospice of Wilkes, and counselors from the New River Mental Health Center and Children's Services.

Pre-registration is required. There is no charge. Call 903-7700 to request information and an application.

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**Sign language
class planned
at Baptist Home**

Wilkes Community College's Continuing Education Department will offer classes in beginning and intermediate level sign language starting Sept. 15 and ending Dec. 15. Both classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. at Baptist Home Baptist Church.

This course provides an understanding of the basics of the language, deaf culture, and how to be able to communicate with the deaf community. Practice exercises will assist each student in retaining the material being taught.

Wanda Griffin will be the instructor for the beginning class, and Donna Key will be the instructor for the intermediate class. The cost for the course is \$35 registration fee. To pre-register, contact Amy Massengill or Nancy Dunn at 910-838-6206.

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291 Church sends people to spread the gospel

By JULE HUBBARD

Baptist Home Baptist Church in Mulberry recently had a special ceremony in recognition of several men going out to spread the Christian gospel.

Jeremy Absher and Daniel Call were licensed by the church to be ministers. Paul Edmiston and Jeremy Berger were recognized for their work as missionaries. Richard Wood will be children's minister at Liberty Grove Baptist Church off N.C. 268 East this

summer. Bobby Taylor is expanding his ministry to deaf people. Bryan Clubb is youth minister at Baptist Home this summer.

Call is the son of Steve and Wanda Call of Mulberry and is a 1995 graduate of North Wilkes High School. He is now a senior at Gardner-Webb University and plans to attend a seminary or divinity school.

Call, 21, said he is leaning towards the missionary field but

still hasn't decided for sure. He is spending this summer as a full-time home missionary assistant in Cherokee through the Baptist Student Union of the Baptist State Convention. Call also is part-time youth minister at Acqoni Baptist Church in Cherokee.

Call grew up as a member of Baptist Home Baptist Church. "All my life I felt God calling me to the ministry and I couldn't see

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NEW MINISTERS - Baptist Home Baptist Church in Mulberry recently licensed Daniel Call, middle, and Jeremy Absher, far right, to be ministers. Presenting certificates of license to them is the Rev. Mark Hollar, pastor of the church, in a ceremony on May 17.

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anything else. Being licensed as a minister is very humbling. I'm still open to what God is calling me to in the ministry," he said.

Absher recently graduated from Gardner-Webb with a bachelor of arts degree in religious studies and plans to return to Gardner-Webb for a master's of divinity degree, which is a three-year program. He said he plans to also get a doctorate degree.

Absher, 22, is interested in being pastor of a church and possibly teaching. He is a 1993 graduate of Wilkes Central High School and is the son of Jerry and Ann Absher of Bellmeade Estates, North Wilkesboro. He is working as a youth minister this summer at Elkin Valley Baptist Church in Elkin.

Absher said having to deal with the death of his brother 13 years ago when both were children led him to dedicate his life to Christ and be saved when he was 8. Absher said he was pursuing an engineering degree at North Carolina State University when he began to feel an uneasiness.

"I felt God was leading me away from that (engineering) and I answered the call while I was in this church," he said.

Absher and Call were presented licenses as ministers by the Rev. Mark Hollar, pastor of Baptist Home, during the May 17 ceremony. Hollar also presented the two with theological dictio-

naries of the New Testament. Call received a book about the Old Testament book of Daniel and Absher received a book about the Old Testament book of Jeremiah. These books were gifts from the church.

Absher said the prayer support at Baptist Home is amazing.

Edmiston, 28, is the son of Johnny and Linda Edmiston of McGrady. He has been a missionary to the Philippines and South Vietnam. He is serving as a missionary in Cambodia this summer and has been there about three weeks.

Edmiston, 29, is getting a master's degree in missions from Southeastern Baptist Seminary in Wake Forest. He has been attending Baptist Home Baptist Church about eight years. Edmiston is a graduate of Appalachian State University.

Wood has been a member of Baptist Home for four years and recently received an associate in arts degree from Wilkes Community College. He will attend Gardner-Webb this fall and major in religious studies.

Wood is the son of Robert and Joyce Wood of Byrd Ridge Road, North Wilkesboro, and is a 1996 graduate of West Wilkes High School. He plans to eventually become pastor of a church.

"My whole life has prepared me for this and I grew up in the church... I felt God calling me into the ministry when I was 17. I preached my first sermon in

this church (Baptist Home) in 1995, and since then I've had a burning desire to preach and share the gospel with the world," said Wood.

Berger, 20, is from Jefferson and is a graduate of Ashe Central High School. He is a student at Gardner-Webb College. His missionary work in Thailand this summer includes teaching English. Berger left Monday for Thailand. He was the full-time youth pastor last summer at Baptist Home.

Taylor lives in Wilkesboro, works at First Union National Bank in Wilkes and plays a leading role with Baptist Home Baptist Church's ministry to the hearing impaired. He is a student of Boyce School of Theology at Ridgecrest.

Taylor will lead a group of deaf people from Baptist Home to conduct a ministry for about 40 deaf children and adults in an upstate New York town in the first week of August.

Clubb, 22, is a recent graduate of Gardner-Webb University and is from Gastonia. He will be working with youths ages 5 to 18

at the church. Clubb said he plans to eventually go to seminary and become a pastor.

Hollar said he and others in the church are proud of the people Baptist Home is sending out to reach others for Christ. He said that as others move out to serve elsewhere, positions of service within the church become available.



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About 400 gather for National Day of Prayer Thursday

By JULE HUBBARD

A crowd of about 400 people packed into the Wilkes County Courthouse courtroom and spilled out into hallways and down steps early Thursday afternoon for the annual National Day of Prayer.

Ministers from different denominations shared messages, read from the Bible and led in prayer for local, state, national and world leaders during the one-hour gathering, which was moved indoors from the courthouse lawn due to rain. "America Return To God" was the theme.

The Rev. Mike Collier, pastor

of Fairplains Baptist Church, laid the groundwork for the series of prayers with the topic, "Prayer For Ourselves." Collier said it's incorrect to say there isn't prayer in schools. He said his wife, an eighth-grade algebra teacher, had a student who wrote at the top of a test, "There will always be prayer in school as long as there are algebra exams."

Students in several Wilkes County elementary and high schools gathered for prayer before school started Thursday morning in observation of the

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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER drew a crowd of about 400 people to the Wilkes County Courthouse Thursday. It was moved indoors to the courtroom due to rain. (staff photo)



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SPEAKERS included, left to right, Dr. Sydnor Thompson, pastor of First United Methodist Church of North Wilkesboro; the Rev. Richard Collier, pastor of Fairplains Baptist Church; the Rev. Paul Hugger, Wilkes Regional Medical Center chaplain; the Rev. Mark Hollar, pastor of Baptist Home Baptist Church; and Dina Nichols, area coordinator of National Day of Prayer.



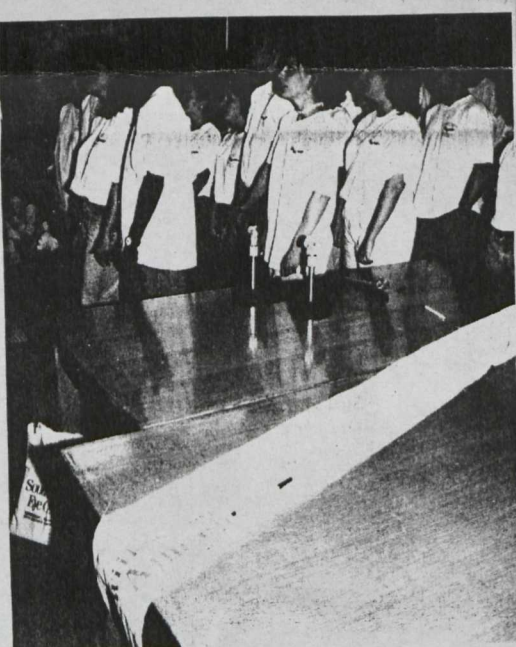
MULBERRY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS sing during the National Day of Prayer gathering at the Wilkes County Courthouse Thursday. (staff photo)



WILKES CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR ROTC students present the colors during the National Day of Prayer gathering Thursday. (staff photo)



SINGING IN SIGN LANGUAGE is presented by the Baptist Home Baptist Church Sign Choir, right as Mulberry Elementary students watch. (staff photo)



A "PRAYER-GRAM" to President Clinton, in the foreground, was signed by people at the National Day of Prayer Thursday at the county courthouse. The Wilkes Central High Madrigal Singers are in the background. (staff photo)

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Collier said in his prayer that as the crowd gathered in the courthouse, where so much of the government's business was conducted, "we come today to pray for our government, but to begin to pray for ourselves." He said a person's relationship with God begins personally. He prayed that people would have an open relationship with God and pass this on to their children and others coming after them.

Collier prayed that people of Wilkes County would be blessed and that a revival would break out in their midst.

Dr. Sydnor Thompson, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of North Wilkesboro, had the topic, "Prayer For Our County."

Dr. Thompson prayed, "Holy God, we praise you for this grand county, Wilkes County, that we call home. We thank you Lord for the beauty of the foothills and the mountains, the fields and the streams, for the birds in the air, for the deer in the meadow, for the morning mist that we see on the Brushy Mountains, for the beauty of sunrise and sunset."

He continued, "Father we thank you for all the people of this county, for the men and women and children that we call our neighbors, for those who rise early and go to work and provide something for their families, for those who teach and for those who learn, for those who volunteer their time and energy to help someone in need, for those we pass daily on the street and smile at us and greet us as friend."

"We thank you heavenly father for our county's leaders, for all those who work for our county government, for their gifts and their devotion to service, for their willingness to serve even in the face of adversity and what is sometimes unfair criticism. Bless them, Lord, as they face the many challenges that meet them in our county. Help them to lead us with wisdom, compassion and courage. Place in their hearts a desire to do your will. Bless us, their constituents, that we might support them, not just today, the National Day of Prayer, but every day."

The Rev. Paul Hugger, Wilkes Regional Medical Center chaplain, gave the "Prayer For Our State."

Hugger said there are people in state government who serve faithfully but never get recognition or support from the public because people don't know about them.

He asked the crowd to join him in remembering our state government employees, not just the governor, legislators and other top elected officials. Hugger noted that these state employees help provide valuable services such as education, law enforcement and good roads.

In addition to praying for Gov. Jim Hunt and other top state officials, Hugger said, "we also pray for those people who are too numerous to mention, who serve in government offices across our state, who make sure that our schools are organized efficiently, who make sure we have good roads and that the laws are enforced. God bless

them, many of whom work diligently with very little money. Help them Lord, not to grow weary in well doing, but encourage them and give them wisdom, give them stamina, give them a sense of direction that only you can provide as they lead us across this great state of ours."

Next to speak was Dina Nichols, area coordinator of National Day of Prayer. Ms. Nichols said she was one of three North Carolinians who went to Colorado Springs, Colo., in January for the National Day of Prayer Conference. She met with Shirley Dobson, chairman of the event and wife of Focus on the Family founder Dr. James Dobson.

Ms. Nichols spoke of the meaningful experience of gathering and praying with others from across the country and from different backgrounds at the conference. "I came home with the ambition to make that event happen in Wilkesboro... that people from all denominations, races - it just doesn't matter - because we are all one family. We are the family of God."

In keeping with the theme of the day, Ms. Nichols said, "Let's just all do our part to see that America returns to God."

She also spoke about the program of "adopting" a government leader to pray for that person during the course of a year. "Once a month you write that leader a note and you let him know that you are praying. Ask him if there is a special need in his life that you can be praying for. And if we pray for our leaders, that means they can do a better job for you and for me."

In her prayer, Ms. Nichols expressed gratitude to God for living in a great country where people are free to pray. "But God, we are aware that we are in a country straying away from you." She prayed that God would

help people turn from their wicked ways and return to Him.

"There are people all over the United States joining in prayer today as we are. May this be the beginning of America returning" to God, Ms. Nichols prayed.

The Rev. Luther Chambers, a retired Church of God minister, gave the "Prayer For Our World." Chambers said Jesus commissioned Christians to spread the gospel across the world.

"We are a light to the rest of the world. We have been known through the years as the Christian nation. I wonder sometimes, with all the degradation and evil in our nation, if we shouldn't come to our knees more and pray to God that we might continue to be that light to all the world," said Chambers.

He said that in addition to spreading the word of God in other parts of the world, efforts to feed and help people in other nations in other ways also are important.

Special music was provided by Mulberry Elementary School, singing of the National Anthem by Beth Parent and Alicia Brown and the Wilkes Central High Madrigal Chorus. Wilkes Central Junior ROTC cadets presented the colors. Baptist Home Baptist Church Sign Choir also participated.

Before the crowd held hands and concluded by singing "The Lord's Prayer," the Rev. Mark Hollar spoke. He is pastor of Baptist Home Baptist Church and a primary local organizer of National Day of Prayer.

Hollar asked if anyone present could recall ever seeing such a large crowd at the courthouse. "I believe with all my heart that as America has adversity, that the birth of prayer that will occur in our hearts will make a difference in America that we might truly return to God," he said.

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MorningStar is defended by founder

*Impact on local churches,
prophecy are among topics*

By JULE HUBBARD

MorningStar ministries founder Rick Joyner explained and defended his organization and received about eight questions during a nearly two-hour session Tuesday that was sponsored by the Wilkes Ministerial Association.

Joyner addressed matters such as MorningStar's emphasis on new prophecy, its relationship to local churches as the ministry's headquarters are moved from Charlotte to the Pores Knob community of Wilkes and its foundational beliefs.

Joyner's monologue about MorningStar lasted over an hour, although he had been asked to spend 10 to 15 minutes on this by the Rev. Ken Asel of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church.

Asel was chairman of the Ministerial Association committee that organized the forum and his church hosted the gathering. About 60 ministers and other church leaders, mostly from Wilkes, attended.

The Rev. Mike Collier, pastor of Fairplains Baptist Church and president of the Ministerial Association, said he will soon get the association's executive committee together to make a statement on MorningStar.

"I was impressed personally as a pastor in Wilkes County. I believe he (Joyner) is a Christian and I extend to him the right hand of fellowship as a Christian brother," said Collier.

"I look forward to seeing what will happen with them (MorningStar) in Wilkes. There has been a lot of controversy in the past, but we won't know here in Wilkes until it happens."

Some other ministers interviewed also spoke positively about MorningStar after hearing Joyner while others were less sure and said they still had concerns or questions. Some said they left the forum with as many or more questions as when they arrived at the forum, partly because there wasn't as much time for asking questions as they expected.

"Our people have been very prayerful and concerned that God's will be done here today" in the forum, said the Rev. Mike Hollar, pastor of Baptist Home Baptist Church in Mulberry.

"I really have some unanswered questions about MorningStar, not just in Wilkes County but elsewhere around the state," said Hollar.

Asel said in an interview after the forum, "This community has a picture of religion that reflects a very narrow span of what the religious quest for the sacred is all about." MorningStar is very much in tune with local religious thinking in this way, including on such matters as literal interpretation of the Bible and being pro-life, he said.

"They are clearly charismatic, which is uncomfortable to some but not to myself. There are already charismatic churches here but they don't draw concern because they have small resources. It is naive to think MorningStar will come here and not have a dramatic impact on the community," said Asel.

Joyner said multiple times Tuesday that MorningStar "was coming here for a place to get away. But he said several times they are about to go public and this would be an easier community to do it in," rather than Charlotte, said Asel.

It would be easier for MorningStar to control conditions in a place like Wilkes, said Asel. "They could probably control enough votes to influence politics if they needed to, and I don't necessarily think there is anything wrong with that... I think there are churches in that community (Pores Knob and Moravian Falls areas) that will be negatively impacted and that is just the way it goes."

Asel said the main impact of MorningStar in Wilkes will be in bringing tremendous resources, both with people and financially. "It is no longer possible to isolate a community and control access to it," he added.

The Rev. Jay Johnson, pastor of Moravian Falls Baptist Church, said the basics of MorningStar's beliefs, such as the need to be born again to have salvation, were in keeping with his faith. "But

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MorningStar ministries is defended by founder Tuesday

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"I'm going to need to study it some more," Johnson added. Johnson was one of the people who put a question to Joyner. He asked why MorningStar was buying so much land on top of the Brushy Mountains in the Pores Knob community. Joyner's answer was that MorningStar needed the land for its plans to hold conferences that he earlier said would bring tens of thousands of people.

The Rev. Harry Sellers, pastor of Wilkesboro United Methodist Church, said he wondered how Joyner and others in MorningStar saw prayer in relationship to them claiming to hear the word of God through prophesy.

"It was a warm and persuasive presentation. The ministry does not sound threatening from the presentation. I would need to learn more before I draw final conclusions," said Sellers.

Sellers asked Joyner where he thought MorningStar had made errors.

Joyner's response was that MorningStar's "weak link" hasn't been problems with money or morality, but rather with sometimes incorrectly interpreting new prophesy from God.

For example, Joyner said, "We were told the summer before Hurricane Hugo came that a great wind was coming against us in Charlotte," and that it would be accompanied by heavy rain. Joyner said he tried to interpret this vision from a "prophetic man" in a spiritual rather than literal sense.

Joyner said the same man told him a couple of months later that he saw a demon, or a hurricane, rising out of the sea, and that it was coming against Charlotte. "So we spiritualized it, saying it meant this or that... Well, it was a hurricane."

Joyner said the same man called him several years ago and said, "the black panthers are coming to Charlotte... coming to the lumber yard. We tried to spiritualize it, which we tended to do and missed a lot. He was talking about a football team coming and they built a stadium at the old lumber yard."

"There is a spiritual destiny on that team (the Charlotte Panthers). Believe it or not, there is a major move of God going on in the NFL right now... it's moving into other professional sports. It's something that we felt the Lord told us in the early 80s, that some of His greatest leaders were going to come out of professional sports."

Joyner said there are "major world leaders" turning to the prophetic ministry that God has given His church. A lot of these things can't be told, simply because without discretion, you would lose your ability to help people like that."

Dr. Sydnor Thompson, pastor of First United Methodist Church of North Wilkesboro, told Joyner he wanted to welcome him publicly and thank him for the spirit in which he spoke during the forum.

Dr. Thompson said that when Holy Spirit movements have developed in the church in the past, there has been evidence of "a very strong enthusiasm" that could lead to authoritarianism, very rigidly-defined communities and an emphasis on gifts of the spirit at the expense of walking in love. Thompson said a "religious sensationalism, where we are looking to be full of God all the time," has sometimes developed.

He asked Joyner if these issues have been concerns within MorningStar. Thompson also asked for Joyner's personal role in the ministry and if he had a group helping him to remain accountable. He also asked how MorningStar understood the apostolic office referred to in the ministry's information and how it functioned with the organization.

Joyner responded, "These are not only concerns, but I think they are mistakes we have made." Joyner said he believes most of the mistakes made within MorningStar, except "procedural ones involving interpretation... are rooted in us not walking in love."

He said people in MorningStar are being taught to pray for all other churches. "You know the high priests in the Old Testament carried breast plates with stones of all the tribes. We believe that if you are going to walk in the high calling of God, you have to keep all of God's people within your heart. And that's what we try to teach."

The Rev. Latt Beshears, who described himself as a retired minister who has just been "retreaded" by becoming an active minister again, said God "has commissioned the church to go to all the world and preach the gospel, not an organization, not a club, not a cult or anything else."

Beshears asked Joyner if

MorningStar had anything to offer people in Wilkes that churches here can't already offer. Joyner said he didn't think so and hoped not.

Beshears said MorningStar then should go to places in the world where the gospel isn't being heard.

Joyner's response was that MorningStar came to Wilkes to build a home and not provide something that wasn't already being offered by churches here. He said most of MorningStar's efforts have been pointed at other countries where the gospel needs to be spread better. "We are missions oriented."

The Rev. Cathy Carr, pastor of the Restoration Center in North Wilkesboro, told Joyner she believed Wilkes was a better place because of MorningStar because it is bringing more Christians here. "You are offering something to our churches, because the more believers who come together, the stronger we get," she said. "We are all one body, even though we have different beliefs."

The Rev. Nelson Granade, pastor of the Restoration Center in North Wilkesboro, said he has read about Joyner referring to a coming civil war in the church between "the blues and the grays." He asked Joyner to explain this.

Joyner wrote in a 1996 issue of the "MorningStar Prophetic Bulletin" that God told him "to begin preparing for a great war with the resolve to fight until there was a complete victory... Like the American Civil War, the coming spiritual civil war will also be between the Blue and the Gray... This will be a conflict between those who may be genuine Christians (Grays), but who live according to their natural minds and human wisdom, and those who follow the Holy Spirit (Blues)."

Joyner wrote that the Grays, whom he characterized as "spiritually ruthless and cruel," must be "confronted and exposed and either converted or removed from their place of influence in the church." After the Grays, who he says constitute "nearly half of the believers in the world today," are defeated, there will be "an entirely new definition of Christianity."

Joyner told Granade that he needed to read the entire article to understand the context. He said only portions of the article being shown to people is an example of how MorningStar's information has been taken out of context by critics.

Granade asked Joyner if he believed the church was headed towards a civil war.

"I believe we are headed towards a civil war in the church," said Joyner. "I believe it possibly could still be avoided. I believe there are pockets of intolerance and spiritual bigotry... I believe there is spiritual totalitarianism that is being imposed on many people."

Because of the parallels with seeking freedom, he said, the coming civil war in the church can be related to the American Civil War.

Joyner said MorningStar isn't a militant group that emphasizes use of guns. "We are very profoundly against that."

Thompson said in an interview later, "I see some tension between Rev. Joyner's statements on religious tolerance and the theme of spiritual warfare that seems to have an emphasis in the church's ministry." Thompson added that he doesn't think MorningStar poses a serious threat to Wilkes.

Sellers asked if other denominations could use the conference facilities planned by MorningStar in the Pores Knob community. Joyner said they could.

A man who didn't give his name asked how long MorningStar had been in existence and why "today is the first time we have heard about the fruits of its labor."

Joyner founded MorningStar 14 years ago in Mississippi. He said the ministry has no publicity department, although it does publish catalogues of its books and recordings and a quarterly journal. "We don't really try to promote ourselves outside."

He added that MorningStar "is growing much faster than we can handle. We are destined to be a very large ministry and we know that. We want to reach out to as many people as we can with the truth of the gospel."

Harvey Hall, a leader in Peace Haven Baptist Church in Mulberry, asked what guidelines are used by MorningStar to make "sure interpretation of prophesy is based on Scripture."

"We try to judge all prophesy according to Scripture... There are certain things you can judge by the fruit. You can feel it if people are just promoting themselves... We don't think prophetic people should lay our policy in the church," said Joyner.

Hall asked about the relation-

ship of Paul Cain, referred to by some charismatic leaders as a "super prophet," to MorningStar. Joyner said Cain is on the MorningStar board of directors. He also is involved in interpreting dreams and visions.

"He is the real thing. He does have a relationship (with God) and he is having an impact on world officials. Even Moslem leaders are recognizing him as a prophet of God... Some things about Paul Cain are a matter of presidential record... You hear stories and they are real. We have seen Biblical quality miracles," said Joyner.

He said Cain has a great wit and, like other prophetic people who really are prophets, doesn't take himself too seriously. Cain is listed in tax records as having a house on Brushy Mountain Road in the Brushy Mountain community but it's for sale.

Speaking about prophesy in general, Joyner said, "we believe we are restoring a part of the church that always has been meant to be part of it."

He said that in the two MorningStar churches in Charlotte, there is a more informal form of worship. "We try to make it a family atmosphere and casual but not disrespectful."

Brandon Dirks, director of Christian education at First United Methodist Church of North Wilkesboro, asked Joyner if he considers MorningStar to be a church and if it would have a church in Wilkes. The answer to both questions was yes. However, Joyner again stressed that MorningStar doesn't want to pull people away from their local churches.

Dirks also asked Joyner for his views on baptism. Joyner said he believes in water baptism by immersion, "but we try to be tolerant of other views."

Earlier in his presentation, Joyner said his goal Tuesday

was to address some of the controversies that have come up about MorningStar. "We do feel falsely accused. We feel like we've been falsely represented... but I think the people who did it, did it out of concern, which I greatly appreciate people having that kind of concern. I think once you get to know us, you'll find we're not the way we've been represented."

After spending most of his energy in Europe, New Zealand and Australia, Joyner said, he has started re-focusing most of his ministry in the U.S. the last couple of years. "I am friends with a lot of the highly-visible Christian leaders in just about every denomination."

Joyner said MorningStar's fundamental beliefs include that God is the blessed creator of all, and that all denominations and movements have contributions to make. "We are committed to what we call cross-pollination between different movements."

MorningStar is most like Southern Baptists doctrinally, he said. "I am fundamentally pro-life."

He said he can understand "why someone like us coming here can create some controversy. We were coming to hide and have a retreat area. We weren't wanting to have a big visible thing here. We did ultimately want to do some conferences and concerts here." Joyner moved with his wife and five children to a home near the intersection of Broyhill and Price roads in the Pores Knob community last year.

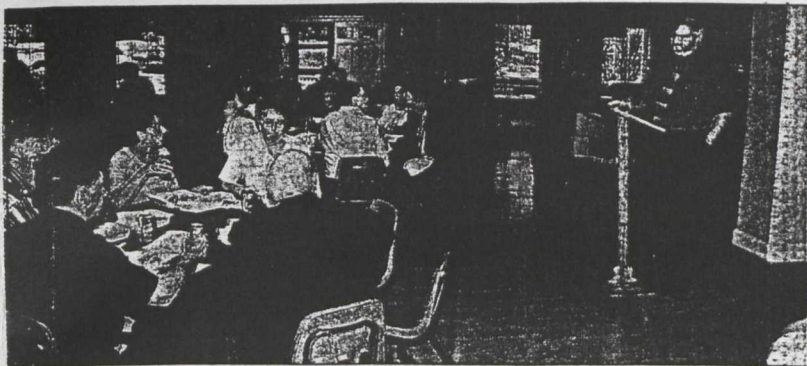
The prophetic ministry isn't always the main emphasis of MorningStar, "but it's probably what we are best known for." Joyner said the New Testament clearly establishes that prophesy is for the church for all times and hasn't been done away with, he said.

"We are seeing things that we never dreamed we would see. These gifts are real and they are from God... Prophesy is being poured out. There's no question about it... We've had many of the most visible Christian leaders in this country who come to us because they started having these experiences. Only a few of them have gone public. They are considering this one of the signs of the last days... I believe we are in end times."

Even if it isn't the end times, said Joyner, the many prophetic experiences occurring are clearly gifts from God. "We need to understand dreams and visions and how to interpret them. We consider ourselves extremely clumsy at this time. We don't really have anywhere to go for mentoring in many cases."

Joyner said he never has believed nor met anyone who believed prophesy is in any way intended to supplant the place of Scripture. "Prophesy is used for the purpose of establishing doctrine. We believe the whole Bible. Jesus is doing the same things today that he did yesterday."

He said some people tried to impose on us the Testament teaching that



MORNINGSTAR MINISTRIES FOUNDER Rick Joyner addresses a group of about 60 people, mostly Wilkes County ministers, on Tuesday at the Saint Paul's Episcopal Church parish house. (staff photo)

prophet says something that doesn't come to pass, then stone him. That's true today. We get stoned every time it happens."

Joyner acknowledged that MorningStar has made mistakes but has received God's grace and learned through them.

Joyner defended MorningStar's efforts to befriend and help PTL Ministries founder Jim Bakker, who served five years in prison after being convicted of fraud in connection with the operation of PTL.

"I don't care what anyone says. I'm going to help Jim Bakker all that I can," said Joyner, adding that Bakker has an important message to share about what he has learned from his mistakes.

"I believe Jim will be one of the major voices in the church. That is already happening. The largest churches in the country and even in the world... are asking him to come speak to them. I think we need to hear this message so we don't keep making the same mistakes," said Joyner.

Joyner has said he believes Wilkes is a spiritually blessed

area. He said Tuesday, "This is an incredible community... This is a spiritual dream world and I believe it's because of the pastors, the leaders... There's been salt and there's been light here in this community. It's not that way everywhere. It's not that way in Charlotte... The quality of the spiritual leadership that I've seen right here in Wilkes County, may be as great as I've seen anywhere."

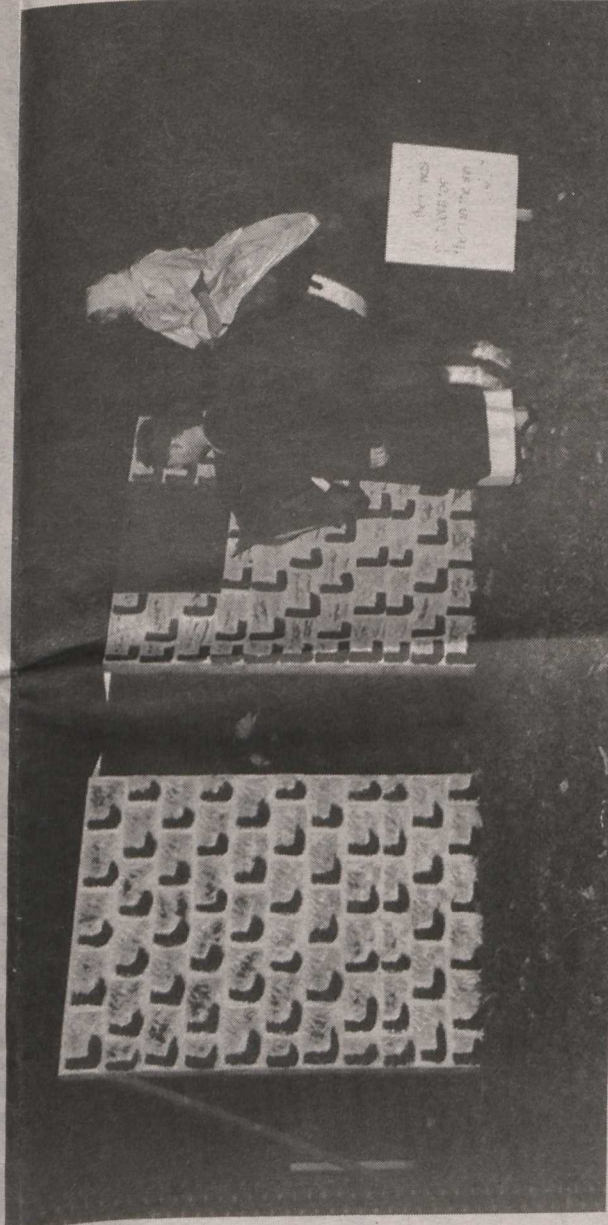
Joyner said he was astonished at the quality of leaders

when he met with ministers of the Brushy Mountain Baptist Association to explain MorningStar on March 19.

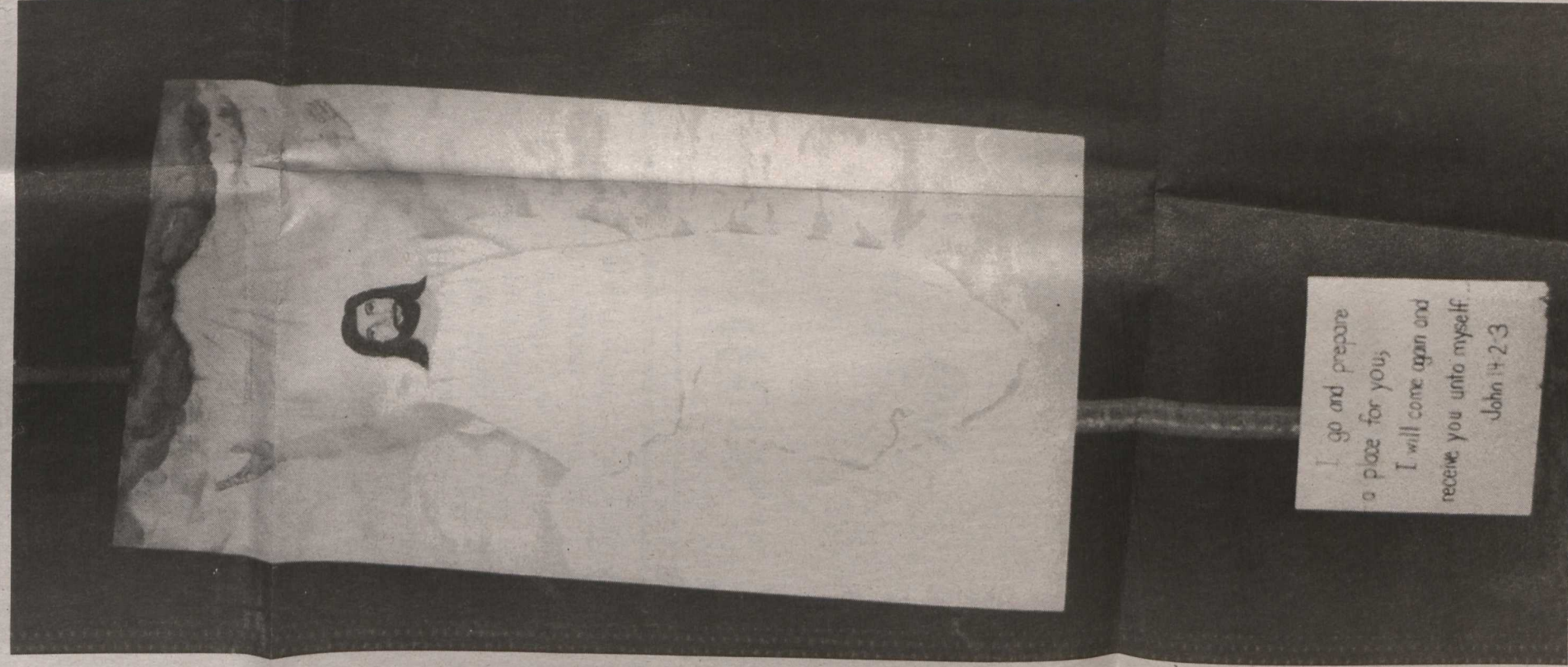
Joyner later said, "The people of Wilkes County should be very thankful for the spiritual leaders that they have here. Even their willingness to have me address them and answer questions, with what seemed to be a genuine openness on the part of most, shows a generosity of spirit and desire to know the truth that is truly noble."



THE MANGER SCENE is portrayed during the live nativity at Baptist Home Baptist Church Wednesday night. (staff photo)



NO ROOM IN THE INN - Joseph, portrayed by Don Carpenter, leads Mary, portrayed by Denise Owens on a donkey as they are told there is no room in the inn. The scene is in a live nativity at Baptist Home Baptist Church Wednesday night. (staff photo)



BAPTIST HOME BAPTIST CHURCH on N.C. 18 North in the Mulberry community is presenting its annual "True Christmas" from 6 to 8:30 each night through Christmas Eve. It features 10 different scenes depicting the life of Christ, each hand-painted by volunteers with the church. People can drive by the scenes on a route behind the church that is lit with about 400 luminaries. The 10 scenes are "No Room In The Inn," "The Nativity," "The Wisemen," "Jesus As A Boy," "Jesus' Baptist," "The Miracle," "The Garden of Gethsemane," "The Crucifixion," "The Resurrection/Open Tomb" and "The Ascension of Christ." There is no admission charge. The Rev. Mark Hollar, pastor of the church, said 50 to 75 volunteers are involved. "True Christmas" is intended to help people find true meaning in the season amid the hectic pace. (staff photos)

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THE REV. MARK HOLLAR, pastor of Baptist Home Church and Doris Watson, chairman of the Wilkes-Alleghany Chapter of the American Red Cross. Baptist Home Church is the first church to sign an agreement with the Red Cross.

Churches needed

The Wilkes-Alleghany Chapter of the American Red Cross is currently negotiating contracts with several local churches for use as shelters during disasters.

The first church to sign an agreement is Baptist Home Church on Highway 18 North in the Mulberry community.

According to Russ Pearson, director of the local Red Cross, the chapter already has an agreement with the board of education to use the county's four high schools and Woodward Middle School as shelters.

"We hope to use churches as short term shelters when schools are not available or in situations where there is a very

localized disaster or the nearest school is unusable due to the disaster."

According to Jim Cornelius, chapter disaster chairman, "Baptist Home is in an area that is some distance from the nearest school. It has a large fellowship hall, is easily accessible, and there are several members willing to assist during shelter operations." Red Cross training for shelter operations at the church began recently.

"If you are interested in determining if your church could be used as a shelter, please contact Russ Pearson at 838-4563 or Jim Cornelliuss, disaster chairman, at 667-9543 after 6 p.m."

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Baptist Home plans 'True Christmas'

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Baptist Home Baptist Church on N.C. 18 in Mulberry is sponsoring a special Christmas celebration this year called "True Christmas." "True Christmas" will be an outdoors celebration starting Wednesday, Dec. 18 and running through Christmas, Dec. 25, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. nightly.

According to Mark Hollar, pastor at Baptist Home Baptist Church, "True Christmas" will be an opportunity to "help slow us down, ease our frantic Christmas schedules, and help us view the true and fullest meaning of Christmas." Additionally, it will be in a setting that a "family" could witness all this without having to dress up, or be somewhere on a set night, or go at a certain time," commented Hollar.

"True Christmas" will be a series of nine scenes on the property of Baptist Home Baptist Church that depict the life of Christ from the manger to the empty tomb. Each individually, hand-painted scene will be lit with luminaries and positioned on the property in such a way that a car can pass by each scene slowly and see a dramatic portrayal from the life of Christ. During this time, special Christmas music will be playing on the church's chimes.

The nine scenes will begin with no room at the inn, followed by the manger, the wise men, the young Jesus in a carpenter's shop, His baptism, the miracle of five loaves and two fish, the prayer in the Garden of Gethsamene, the crosses on Golgotha, and climaxing with the empty tomb. The first scene and the beginning of the drive-through will be on the north side of the front parking lot.

The first night of "True Christmas" will be on Wednesday, Dec. 18. Baptist Home Baptist Church will observe a special Silent Night Worship Service at 7 p.m. that evening which will culminate in the initial lighting of the scenes somewhere around 8 p.m. Each evening for the following week, the scenes will be lit from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Hollar continued, "I have heard the word 'busy' more often at Christmas it seems than any other time of the year. This will help those who are too busy to experience the true meaning of Christmas. There will be somebody at the church from seven to nine each night to greet people

and give them a short pamphlet about what they are about to see. Anyone can come through. Just turn off your lights, drive slowly through the property, and enjoy the drama of Christ's life from birth to the empty tomb. At your leisure, come as you are when you feel things have just

simply gotten too busy."

Baptist Home Baptist Church is located at 2367 Sparta Road (N.C. 18) in the Mulberry community. Hollar concluded by saying, "Please, feel free to come. Or, if you have any questions, just give us a call. 'True Christmas' is for everybody."



SCENES FROM BAPTIST HOME Church's special celebration, "True Christmas." It's nightly from Dec. 18-25.



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BAPTIST HOME BAPTIST CHURCH "burned the note" on its educational building on Oct. 9, ending indebtedness nearly six years ahead of schedule. The church broke ground on Aug. 3, 1986 for the educational wing which connected to the existing structure. The total cost of the building project was \$532,153.26. On Sunday, Oct. 9, 1994, the church received \$18,802.46, exceeding the amount needed to pay off the indebtedness on the educational building. The excess money went into an account for planning for future sanctuary expansion. Persons on the building committee pictured above are, left to right, Eric Huffman, Art Fincannon, Jerry D. Elledge, Mrs. Rosa Lee McGrady, wife of the late Worth McGrady, Chairman of the Trustees Carl Handy, the Rev. Mark O. Hollar, Chairman of the Building Committee Ron McGrady, and not visible in picture, Mrs. Wanda Huffman. The late Virginia Absher was also a member of the committee.

Baptist Home Baptist Church

Will Have 2 Morning Services

Starting Easter Sunday, April 7, Baptist Home Baptist Church will offer two morning worship services every Sunday morning. The early service will start at 8:30 a.m. while the late service will start at the more traditional 11 a.m. Sunday school will still run from 9:45 to 10:45.

The reason for offering the early service is two-fold: to meet needs and alleviate space problems, said Pastor Mark Hollar. The first of these is to better meet the needs of people in the 1990s. Hollar said, "Today, things aren't like they used to be. Folks find themselves working nights and weekends. The traditional worship hour of 11 a.m. is very important to many people. However, not everyone is able to make it to worship at 11 a.m. on Sunday morning."

For years, most churches have offered Sunday school at 9:45 and worship at 11 a.m., and Baptist Home Church was no exception. But those starting times are problematic for many people in society now. "Think about it," commented Hollar. "People work night shifts and get off at 7 in the morning. For them to make it to an 11 a.m. service would be like you and I going to a 9 p.m. service after working all day."

"In addition to that," continued Hollar, "there are those who have to be at work at noon. They can't go to an 11 a.m. service and still make it to work on time. We're just trying to be sensitive to the needs of the people."

Hollar also said the second reason for going to two services is to alleviate space problems. "At the moment, we're running 330 to 340 in worship, and our

sanctuary only holds 325. If we didn't have a nursery and a separate children's worship, we would literally be sitting on top of each other. The early service will allow us the opportunity to have some elbow room in worship."

The two services will be completely different services. The music leaders, instrumentalists, and congregations will not be the same. According to Hollar, "Most of the people who said they will attend the 8:30 service are those who don't have small children. We won't have a nursery during the early service. Our children's worship will continue during the 11 a.m. hour only. In addition to that, we have two different men who will lead the singing, two different pianists, and so on. We will probably have a little more music in the early service. It will be two different worship services on Sunday morning."

Baptist Home Baptist Church, located on N.C. 18 in the Mulberry community, has high hopes for the early service. "We're doing this to meet needs," stated Pastor Hollar. "And we're doing this to alleviate space problems. We believe that offering this early service is the best avenue for taking care of both of these concerns. I will not be surprised if the response to this service is tremendous."

How long will holding two services last? The church is not sure. Hollar said, "We're doing this to meet needs and alleviate our space problem. At the moment we have a committee working to determine if we need more building. There is the possibility of a sanctuary expansion. If we do that, and if the church gets tired of two morning services, we may go back to just one service at some point in the future. But for now, we're excited about this second service."

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REV. MIKE WILKINSON

Pastorate Accepted

Rev. Mike Wilkinson, pastor of Temple Baptist Church at Stony Point for the past three years, resigned on Sunday, Feb. 5.

He will be accepting the pastorate of Baptist Home Baptist Church in North Wilkesboro.

The Wilkinson family will be moving Feb. 28.

Mr. Wilkinson served churches in Valdese, Thomasville and Casar prior to coming to Stony Point.

He is married to the former Mary Ann Yarborough and they have two sons, Mark, age six, and Matthew, age three.

Mr. Wilkinson attended Gardner-Webb College and Lenoir-Rhyne College.

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DONNA KEY, director of the Wilkes Deafness Center, was honored for her work in the deaf community. Presenting her a plaque was the Rev. Charles Pearson.

Deafness Center Director Recognized For Work

The Deaf Ministry at Baptist Home Baptist Church honored Donna Key, director of the Wilkes Deafness Center and long time interpreter, during their 11 a.m. service on June 19.

Guest speakers were the Rev. Neil Peyton, N. C. Baptist Association for the Deaf; the Rev. Jerry Potter, N. C. State Missionary for the Deaf and the Rev. Paul Shoupe.

Mrs. Key was struck by a car in February 1962, in front of a business owned by a deaf merchant, Charles Pearson. He visited Mrs. Key while she was in the hospital and asked her if she would hear for him.

She replied, "How can I hear for you?"

Pearson's response was teaching Mrs. Key sign language. In subsequent years, she helped establish the first deaf ministry at Liberty Grove Baptist Church where the Rev. Shoupe was the minister.

Later Pearson was ordained as a preacher and traveled to different areas in N. C. with his wife and Mrs. Key. He preached to the

deaf and hearing with Mrs. Key "being his voice."

During the June 19 service, the Rev. Pearson presented Mrs. Key a plaque in recognition of her services to the deaf. This is only one of many awards and certificates Mrs. Key has received through the years for her dedication to the deaf, said a news release.

Also during the service, Rev. Peyton told of Mrs. Key's commitment and dedicated Christian service. "Countless people in N. C. could relate story after story of the many hours Donna has been with them in their time of need," he said.

"She not only showed concern for their physical needs, but demonstrated concern for their spiritual well-being," added Rev. Peyton.

He praised Mrs. Key for her 32 years of dedicated commitment to Jesus Christ and her love for deaf persons, said a news release.

The Wilkes Deafness Center is a United Way organization.

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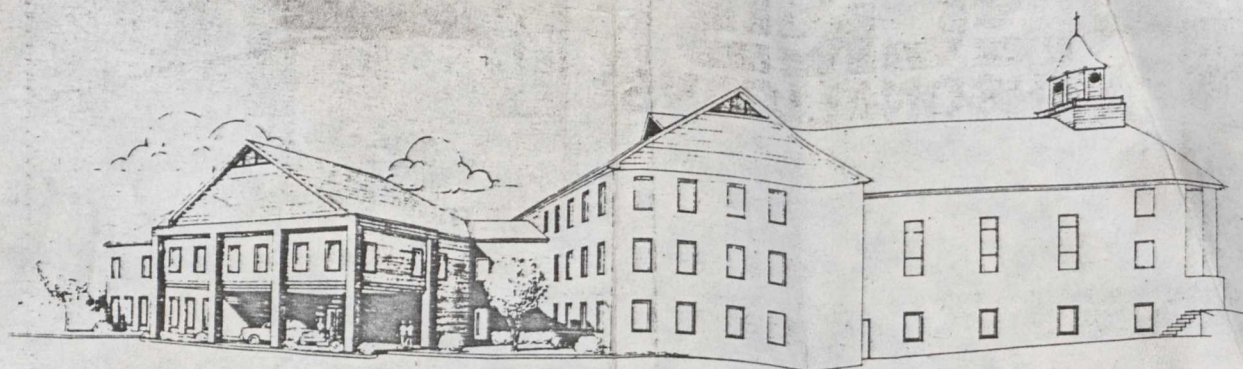
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NEW CONSTRUCTION is planned at Baptist Home Church on Highway 18 North in Mulberry and will provide a new education building (left, above) and renovate the old education building.

Baptist Home To Raise \$320,000

Baptist Home Baptist Church will spend \$490,000 for a new education building and renovations on the present building and will raise \$320,000 of that by selling bonds, beginning with a rally this weekend and followed by a 2-week bond sale.

Members of the church, located on Highway 18 North in Mulberry, North Wilkesboro, Route 1, will begin the fund-raising bond sale with a rally at the church Sunday, July 20, from 6 to 9 p.m. The bond sales will then continue through Aug. 1, or until sold.

Ron McGrady, chairman of the

church's building committee, believes the bonds will sell quickly and may be completely sold within the first week.

McGrady said the balance of the project cost will be paid from funds already on hand, some \$170,000.

Bonds of \$250, \$500, and \$1,000 will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis to church members and the general public. The bonds will pay interest rates ranging from 8 percent to 10.5 percent and may be redeemed over different time periods ranging from six months to

14 years.

Simple interest bonds will be up to three years and compound interest bonds from four to 14 years.

The new education building is to be a brick 2-story structure attached to the present educational building. It will be approximately 80x60 feet with a total of 9,500 square feet.

The first floor will include a covered drive-through, a fellowship hall that will seat approximately 225 people, and a large kitchen area.

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The fellowship hall is also designed so it can be used for Sunday school classes by dividing the room with folding partitions. The second floor will include a children's department, pre-school department, church offices and a pastor's study.

Renovations of the present educational building will be made to provide needed service areas for the church.

Baptist Home Church was organized in 1880 with 10 charter members and has grown to a present membership of over 600.

The church is about five miles from North Wilkesboro in Mulberry. The Rev. Mike Wilkinson is pastor.



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Dedication Set At Baptist Home

The congregation of Baptist Home Church, located on N.C. 18 North in the Mulberry Community, will dedicate its newly renovated sanctuary this Sunday at 11 a.m. The service will be the consummation of a three-month extensive renovation of the facility by the Sherrill Faw Construction Company. The Colonial design of the original building, built in 1948, has been followed in the renovation program.

Pastor J. Harvey Clark will deliver the sermon on the subject "For God's Glory", and the choir, under the direction of Wayne Hayes, will provide the special music.

John W. Peterson's latest Christmas Cantata, "Down from His Glory", will be

presented by the 35-voice adult choir at 7:30 p.m.

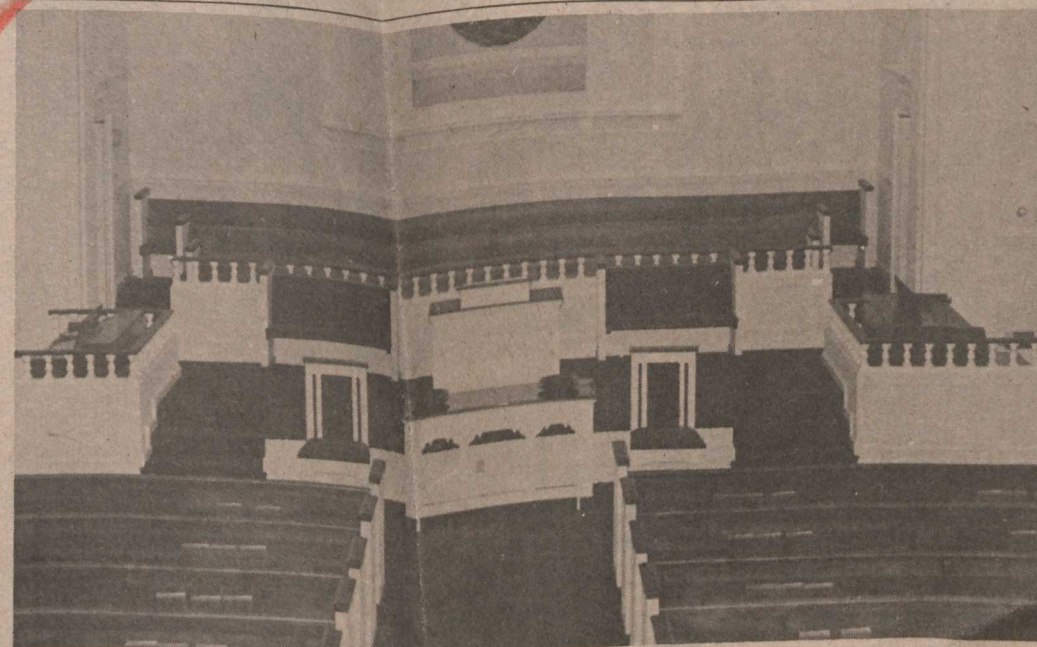
The public, especially former members, is invited to attend these services.

Substantial Work

Substantial work has been done on the sanctuary, including the installation of a new pulpit and pews. The platform has been re-arranged, and the windows and doors have been trimmed in keeping with the colonial design.

The small vestibule has been enlarged to a full-width foyer, therefore making the balcony stairs more accessible. New pews have also been added to the balcony.

The choir has also received new robes to match the wall-to-wall carpeting in the sanctuary.



DEDICATION SERVICES will be held Sunday in the renovated sanctuary at the

Baptist Home Baptist Church. (Staff Photo)

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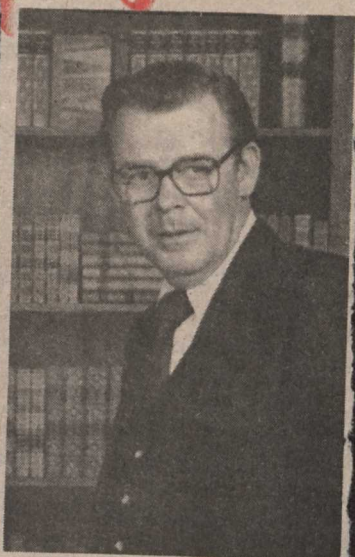
In 1964 a four-bedroom colonial style pastorium was erected across the highway from the church.

The following ministers have been ordained by Baptist Home: the Rev. J. E. Hayes, the Rev. C. M. Caudill, the Rev. C. W. Bryant, the Rev. Carl Elledge and the Rev. Tom Privette.

Throughout its history the church has been interested not only in its own community, but in people around the world. Out of the total gifts of \$97,050 last year, \$20,904 went for missions. Currently, the completely departmentalized Sunday School has an enrollment of 355 with an average attendance per Sunday of 245. The church training program averages 95 weekly. The Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood are very active. The musical program has a graded-choir set-up.

During these 100 years Baptist Home has grown from ten charter members to the present membership of 550, from a one-room structure to property valued at \$500,000.

Rev. J. Harvey Clark, who has served as pastor for the past 3½ years, says concerning the centennial milestone, "We at Baptist Home have a rich heritage and are grateful!



REV. MAX REECE

Rev. Max Reece Revival Speaker At Baptist Home

A series of evangelistic services will begin Monday, Oct. 15, and continue through Sunday morning, Oct. 21 at the Baptist Home Church located on Highway 18 in the Mulberry Community.

The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Max Reece, pastor of the Hillcrest Baptist Church, Greensboro. In addition to his present pastorate, Mr. Reece has served churches in Siler City and High Point. He has been used in the field of evangelism throughout much of North Carolina.

Wayne Hayes, minister of music at the church, will be directing the music. Special music by the revival choir and other groups will be featured at each service. Nursery facilities will be provided for small children.

The Rev. J. Harvey Clark, pastor, invites the people of Wilkes County to attend these services scheduled for 7:30 each evening.

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REV. J. HARVEY CLARK

Revival To Open

Rev. J. Harvey Clark, pastor of the Baptist Home Baptist Church in North Wilkesboro, will be the guest speaker for revival services at Hebron Baptist Church beginning Monday and continuing through Saturday.

Services will begin each evening at 7:45 o'clock and will be held under the arbor. The church is located off US 21 North.

The Hebron choir led by Mrs. Barry Sloan will be singing each night as well as other groups.

Rev. Clyde Hawkins, a former pastor of the church, will speak at the homecoming service to be held Sunday at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall after the worship hour, and at 2 p.m. the Burke Family of Maiden will sing.

Mr. Clark has conducted revivals in several southern states. He is a former pastor of Diamond Hill Baptist Church.

Rev. William Wease, pastor, invites the public to attend.

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LOWELL LEISTNER

Lowell Leistner Sets Performance At Baptist Home

Lowell Leistner, an internationally known gospel singer, will present a concert at the Baptist Home Church, N. C. 18 North, Sunday at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be on the final night of a week-long series of revival services.

Leistner, a baritone, has performed across the United States, Canada, and Central and South America in city-wide, area-wide and church crusades. He has been associated over the past two decades with such evangelists as Dr. E J. Daniels, Dr. C. E. Autrey, and many of Billy Graham's associates.

The public is invited to attend the services.

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Records Required

someone in the present clinic and review what shots the child has received.

The reason the law requires school officials to accept only health care-provider records of immunization rather than a parent's word is that many parents simply do not know which shots their children have received. To many individuals "measles" means both measles and rubella ("German measles"), two entirely different diseases caused by two different viruses and prevented by two different vaccines. "Baby shots" is another unclear term with different meanings to different people. To place school officials in the position of having to sort out a child's immunization record from a parent's recollection is simply an unfair imposition of a medical task upon an educator.

the immunizations were administered.

Sometimes, however, there are real problems such as a physician having died or retired or a clinic or physician-particularly those out-of-state-wishing to be bothered with

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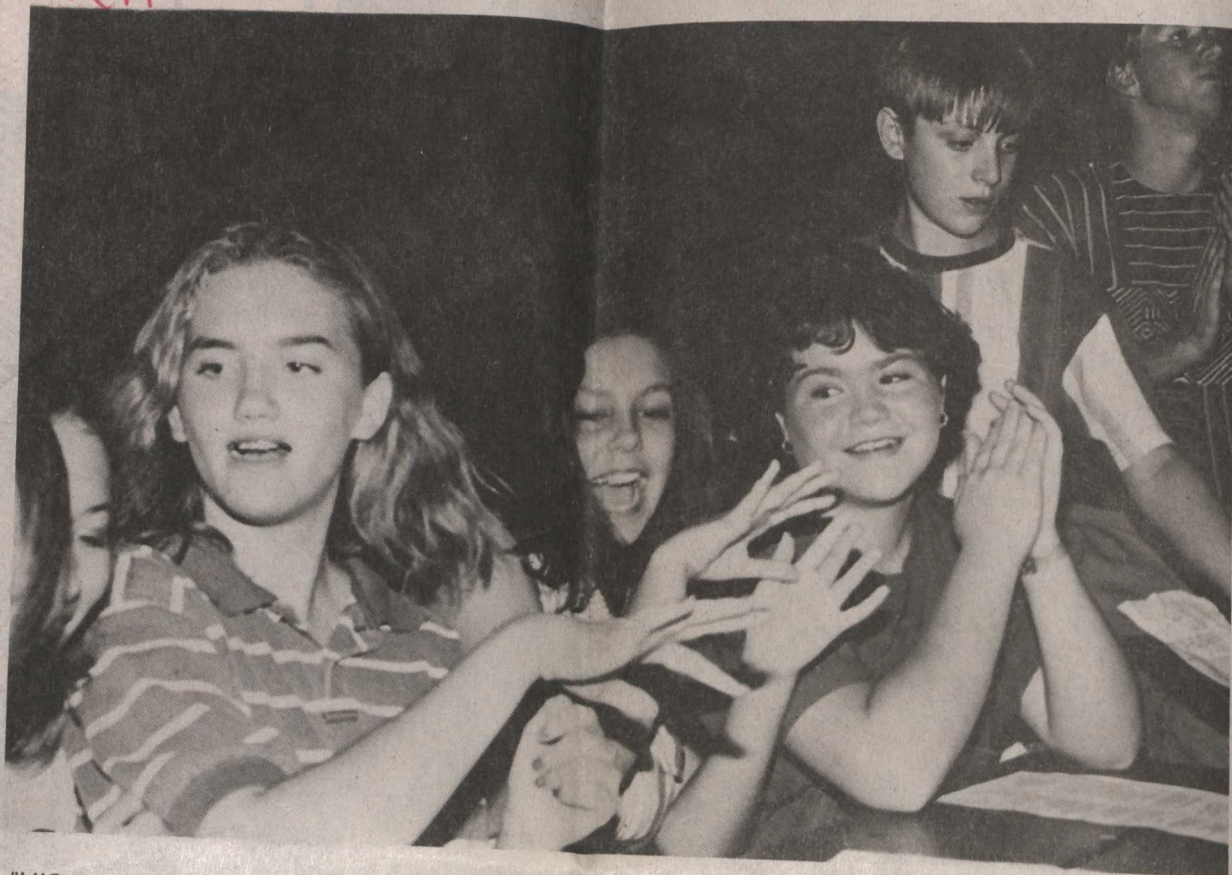
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"HIS OWN" performs Christian music during Youth In The Park After Church, held every Sunday in July at Smoot Park. These 13-year-old girls from Millers Creek Baptist enjoy the music.



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(staff photos-Frances Mathis)

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REV. KENNETH HYDE

Revival Services Are Scheduled At Baptist Home

The Rev. Kenneth Hyde, Pastor of the Cleveland Baptist Church, Cleveland, N.C., will be the visiting evangelist during revival services to be conducted at the Baptist Home Church located in Mulberry the week of Oct. 17-23. Services are scheduled to begin each evening at 7:30.

Wayne Hayes, minister of music at the church will be directing the congregational singing as well as the revival choir. Special music will be featured at each service. Nursery facilities will be available.

The pastor, the Rev. J. Harvey Clark, invites the public to attend.

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Van Hugh Lankford was ordained as a minister Aug. 2 at a 4 p.m. service held at the Baptist Home Baptist Church on N.C. 18 North in Mulberry community. Following the service, a reception was held in the church fellowship hall.

The Rev. Mr. Lankford was born Dec. 11, 1961, to John and Betty Jennings Lankford of Route 1, North Wilkesboro. He is a 1980 graduate of North Wilkes High School and received his associate in arts degree from Wilkes Community College in 1982. In 1984, he graduated from Gardner-Webb College with a bachelor of arts degree, majoring in religion, and he graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, with a

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about during the day.

Parents will also be given information on what the children have discussed and information on what to expect in the grief process.

Camp Evergreen is not a therapy session, said Mrs. Wheeler. "It is designed to help them cope with their loss and also provide more education on the grief process.

"Participants will learn what normal grief is and find some coping skills," she said. "Generally the grief process takes around two years especially if it is a profound loss.

Anger, self-absorption, and extreme sensitivity are common among children in the grief process, but coping skills can make them find better ways to handle their feelings, she said.

There is space for 30 participants. The camp is free and lunch and snacks are provided.

For information call 903-7700. Registration is needed.

The camp is supported by United Way and donations from Pizza Hut, Bojangles, North Wilkesboro Junior Woman's Club, Dermox, Mirian and Gus Newton, FlavorRich and Blevins Nursery.

It is staffed by trained volunteers, the staff of Hospice of Wilkes and counselors from New River Mental Health Center and Children's Services.

Hospice of Wilkes is a special way of caring for a dying patient and the patient's family. It allows the patient to remain at home as long as possible while continuing to receive care. It is a United Way Agency.

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Camp Evergreen set for Sept. 12 at Baptist Home

Sponsored by Hospice of Wilkes

By FRANCES HAYES

Hospice of Wilkes will sponsor Camp Evergreen, a one and a half day camp for children and youth, ages 6-17, who have experienced loss through death.

It's at Baptist Home Baptist Church on N.C. 18 North Sunday afternoon, Sept. 12 and all day Saturday, Sept. 18.

For adults, the death of a loved one is a perplexing, painful part of living that is not easily discussed or dealt with.

The process could be even more difficult for children and adolescents who are usually less familiar with the steps in grieving and are sometimes uncommunicative with the feelings created by grieving.

The Sept. 12 session is an introduction. Participants will be

divided into age groups under a trained counselor and they will begin to get to know each other.

The second day of camp will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. Parents will participate the first 30 minutes and the last 45 minutes of the day.

Activities are designed to be both fun and serious. They include physical and musical activities, arts and crafts and group discussions.

"Sometimes children feel overwhelmed by grief," said Julie Smit, Hospice volunteer coordinator. The activities are designed to help them cope with those feelings without feeling overwhelmed.

This is the third year the camp has been held in Wilkes. The goal is to help participants cope with the death of a loved one, no matter who it is or when the death occurred.

"It doesn't have to be a relative

who has died, but someone who is very close and has passed away," said Margo Wheeler, one of the organizers of the camp and Hospice bereavement counselor.

"We also don't put a time restraint on when the death occurred. It takes awhile for it to sink in and then children must rework the loss at every cognitive level as they grow up," said Mrs. Wheeler.

"They think about what they have lost at every significant milestone in their life."

However, Mrs. Wheeler said the sooner intervention is presented to children who are dealing with the death of a loved one, the more effective it tends to be.

"We are more able to influence the way they deal with loss. The camp can give youth the tools to deal with their feelings," she said.

Camp Evergreen also makes participants realize they are not alone in their feelings.

The camp on Sept. 18 will include an obstacle course and age appropriate arts and crafts. The arts and crafts is often a time when children talk about their feelings and also gives them a way to express those feelings with the craft.

The Time of Remembrance section of the day is when participants tell who they have lost. This is followed by a music and dance exercise.

Around the middle part of the day the different age groups will meet separately and talk about what they have done during the day, followed by a dance exercise.

The parents are brought back into the group during the last 45 minutes and their children discuss what they have talked



CAMP EVERGREEN will be held Sunday afternoon, Sept. 12 and all day Saturday, Sept. 18. Margo Wheeler, Hospice bereavement coordinator, left and Julie Smith, Hospice volunteer coordinator, right, are organizers for the camp, designed for children who have experienced loss through death.

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Summer activities set at Baptist Home

Baptist Home Baptist Church on N.C. 18 North recently concluded a week of vacation Bible school, with a total of 194 attending, according to Rev. Larry Trivette, the church's youth and outreach minister.

Trivette said Baptist Home is following this up with a full schedule of summer activities for the community's young people.

Each age group is given a dif-

ferent name. "Messiah's Messengers," for children in grades K-4, meets Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon; "Light Force," for rising fifth and sixth graders, meets Mondays from 1-4 p.m.; "Mountain Movers," for seventh through 12th graders, meets Tuesdays from 6 to 10 p.m.

For more information or to request transportation call 670-2213.

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Baptist Home Baptist Church Expands Program

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Baptist Home Baptist Church
has announced the start of a
separate children's worship on
Sunday mornings starting Feb.
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The separate service will be
open to all children ages 4 years
through the third grade while
their parents attend the youth-
adult worship service.

Led by associate pastor,
Andrew Payne, the children's
worship service has three goals:
1) to teach children what worship
is; 2) to teach children how to
worship; and 3) to lead children
in worship.

For more information, contact
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REV. LARRY TRIVETTE, shown here with his wife, Kay, and their 18-month-old daughter, Faith, was installed earlier this month at Baptist Home Baptist Church as minister of youth and outreach. They've come to Wilkes County from Harpers Ferry Baptist Church in Pembroke, where the Rev. Trivette was minister of youth, music and education. Trivette, previously was a minister with Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Elkin, said he is already leading Baptist Home's children and young people in weekly mission and ministry activities. "I'm so glad God has led us back home to Wilkes County and to Baptist Home Church," he commented. "We look forward to many great years together."

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"WITNESS," a music group and youth evangelism team will perform at Baptist Home Baptist Church on Saturday, July 23 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, July 24 at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The members are (seated left to right) David Moffitt, Pfafftown; Susan Bryan, Garner; Mitch Fuller, Charlotte; Richard Everett, director; (standing left to right) Jeff Barlow, Kinston; Michael Wynns, Columbia; Missy McNeill, Clinton; Joby Bell, Statesville; and Kay Watkins, Westminster, S. C.

(Baptist Church photo)

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'Witness' To Be In Wilkes

"Witness," eight college students touring North Carolina this summer, will perform at Baptist Home Baptist Church on Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24. They will sing contemporary Christian music at concerts each night beginning at 7:30 and Sunday at the 11 a.m. worship service. There will be no charge.

The group, sponsored by the Baptist State Convention evangelism department and Baptist Children's Homes, will train church youth in personal evangelism in the afternoons prior to concerts. Training will consist of a 30-minute workshop on sharing faith and then practical application of these principles. Baptist Children's Homes has worked in 17 locations across North Carolina and helps more than 1,000 troubled children and their families each year. Baptist Children's Homes Hickory area director Donna Lail will attend a concert to explain the work and answer questions.

Members of this fourth edition of "Witness" are Susan Bryan, Garner; Missy McNeill, Clinton; Mitch Fuller, Charlotte; Kay Watkins, Westminster, S. C. and David Moffitt, Pfafftown, vocalists. Band members are Michael Wynns, Columbia; Joby Bell, Statesville and Jeff Barlow, Kinston.

Members of "Witness" are selected from among students attending North Carolina colleges on the basis of personal commitment to evangelism and musical talent.

Richard Everett, director of personal evangelism in the Baptist State Convention, directs "Witness" as he has from its beginning in 1984. The department has sponsored special evangelism teams during the summer for 13 years. Joe Estes, a professional music evangelist, supervises the group's music.

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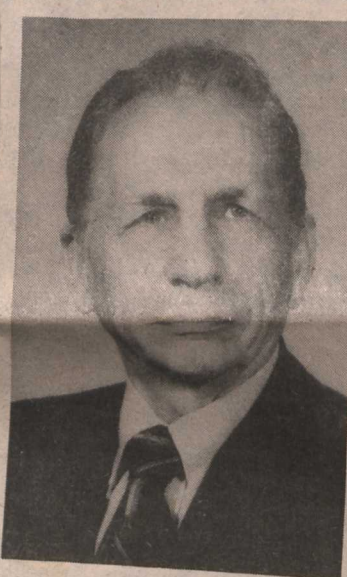
REV. ERNEST HOLT

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THE REV. MARK ROBERTS

WILKESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH will hold a revival April 25-29 at 11 a.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. each night except Wednesday, which will be at 7 p.m., with the Rev. Mark Roberts of Fayetteville as guest evangelist. A Dutch lunch is planned at Don's Seafood and Steak House Restaurant on Monday at 12 noon for men, on Tuesday for women, and on Thursday for everyone. A nursery is provided for all evening services.



DR. WARREN T. CARR

First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro, will have special renewal and revival services beginning Sunday, April 25, and continue through Wednesday, April 28.

Dr. Warren T. Carr, pastor of the Wake Forest Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, will be the worship leader. Dr. Carr is a graduate of Transylvania College in Kentucky, and he holds the master of theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the doctor of divinity degree from Wake Forest University.

The schedule of services and sermon topics for the four-day period are as follows:

Sunday, April 25, 11 a.m.: "The Sins of Missing Church," 7 p.m.: "From the Bottom of the Barrel";

Monday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.: "Pride That Goes After the Falls";

Tuesday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.: "Character";

Wednesday, April 28, 7 p.m.: "Christian Comforts."

BOILING SPRINGS Baptist Church of Purler will begin a revival Sunday, April 25, and continue through May 1, with services beginning at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Bill Ballou.

OAK RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH offers revival services Sunday night, April 25, through May 1, at 7:30 p.m., with the Rev. Cecil Hooper of Elkin as evangelist. There will be special singing.

There will be a revival at **PINEY RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH** April 25 - May 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m. each night. Guest speaker is the Rev. Leon Mickel.

DAVIS MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH will have a revival April 25 to May 1 with the Rev. Larry Broome, pastor of Goshen Baptist Church, as visiting evangelist. Prayer room is each night at 7:15 p.m. and services start at 7:30 p.m.

A **REVIVAL** will start Sunday night April 25 through April 30. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Danner's Chapel Holiness Church. The speaker is the Rev. A. J. Rollinson from Gastonia.

CLOSER WALK BAPTIST CHURCH will conduct revival services through Sunday night. Services began Wednesday and begin each evening at 7:30. Special singing will be offered during the services and the Rev. Burl Faw is evangelist for the revival. Pastor Hobert Absher said the public is invited.

Revival services will begin April 25 and continue through May 1 at 7:30 p.m. nightly at **CHESTNUT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH** on Mertie Road. Visiting minister is the Rev. Alfred Absher from Rockwell. The Rev. Absher has been in the ministry for 45 years and is a former pastor of Chestnut Grove Church. The Rev. Floyd Minton is the pastor.

THE ROARING GAP BAPTIST CHURCH of Thurmond will hold revival services April 25 through May 1 at 7:30 p.m. each evening. The Rev. David Brasher, pastor of Bellview Baptist Church of Paducah, Ky., will be the evangelist. There will be special singing and a nursery will be provided. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. The Rev. Paul Coffey is pastor.

There will be a revival at **ROCK SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH** at McGrady April 26-May 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker is the Rev. Don Wooten of Sparta.

CRICKET BAPTIST CHURCH will hold a revival April 25 through May 1 with prayer room open at 7 p.m. and services at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Jack Osborne of Oak Level Baptist Church will be evangelist.

There will be a revival at **CHRISTIAN HOME BAPTIST CHURCH** April 25 - May 1 beginning at 7:30 p.m.; prayer room opens at 7:15. The guest speaker is the Rev. Sherrill Wellborn. There will be a special singing throughout the week of service.

There will be a revival at **NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**, Purler, Sunday through Saturday with services at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Speaking will be Scott Church and the John T. Vannoy III.

Church Activities

There will be a singing April 24 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at **OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH** at Millers Creek featuring the Canaan Land Singers. Pastor is the Rev. Glenn Caudill.

GOSPEL SINGING will be Friday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Highway 18 Mobil, featuring the Stanley Brothers from Surry County and Van Teague from Alexander County. Bring your lawn chairs.

VISION BAPTIST CHURCH will have its fourth Saturday night singing April 24 at 7 p.m. Jay and Joyce Johnson and the Happy Travelers Gospel Singers will be guest singers.

LEWIS FORK BAPTIST CHURCH

421 West - 11 Miles On The Left
The Pastor, Sherrill Wellborn and Congregation Invite
Everyone To Come Hear

Dr. Karlis Leyasmeyer
Sunday, April 25, 1982
At 11:00 A.M.

Dr. Leyasmeyer a European author, educator and editor, commentator, professor and chairman of a college department in America is a first hand authority on international affairs, communism, soviet system and world problems.

He has lectured on present international affairs throughout Europe, United States, Canada and South America to over one-and-a-half million people. He has addressed conventions such as the Southern Baptist Convention, conferences, students and faculties in more than 500 colleges and universities, assemblies in over 900 high schools, over 4,700 other audiences, civic organizations, clubs and churches. He has been commentator with ABS network and has given talks, lectures and interviews over the ABC, CBS and NBC radio and television networks, on national networks in Europe and Latin America and more than 1,600 local stations in the United States, Canada, Asia and Africa.

Dr. Leyasmeyer has also known by personal experience communism and Nazis persecution, was arrested by the communists tortured and sentenced to die and faced their firing squad, but escaped death under the Nazis. He was in forced labor and was liberated by the Americans and in 1949 he came with his family to America and since 1954 has been a citizen of the United States. He now lives in Boone and is a member of Greenway Baptist Church.

Our revival is continuing at Lewis Fork Baptist Church throughout the week with services starting at 7:30 p.m. nightly. A different preacher will conduct services each evening. On Saturday afternoon there will be a special service beginning at 1:00 p.m. with a fellowship supper following at 5:30 p.m. and our evening service at 7:30 p.m. with the visiting minister, W. M. Rowe.