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MOUNTAIN PARK FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
STONE MOUNTAIN ROAD
STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA 30087





Mountain Park First Baptist Church cordially invites you to Old Fashioned Day on Saturday the twenty eighth of July from ten in the morning to six in the evening. This event features the raising of a pre-Civil War log cabin to be used as a Prayer Chapel. Additional activities include a fashion show, multiple crafts and exhibits from yesteryear plus games, stories and rides for the children. Food and refreshments will be available at a nominal cost throughout the day.



Ladies, put on your long dresses and polk bonnets, gents put on your overalls and bring your friends for a once in a life time experience.



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Chamblee First church will host a commissioning service for Home Mission Board chaplains during its morning worship, May 22.

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Fred Cox was elected pastor-emeritus at Northwoods church in Chamblee.

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Mountain Park First church at Stone Mountain will dedicate its new buildings May 22 in services led by pastor Robert Woodall.

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Smoke Rise church in Stone Mountain will present Felix Mendelssohn's *Ellijah* May 22 at

7 p.m. and May 23 at 7:30 p.m. David Ford will sing the title role in the oratorio conducted by minister of music Steve Dean with direction by

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Mike Barbee will be summer youth worker at Stone Mountain First church. He is student at Southern seminary.

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Support of the work. *ST*
Mountain Park church in Stone Mountain was given two pianos by Bob and Charlene Sappington and Ray and Brenda Thomas. 6-9-1983

Smoke Rise church in Stone Mountain dedicated a new nursery suite.
Mrs. Carolyn [unclear]

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Mrs. Barbara Adair is organist at Brookhaven church in Atlanta.

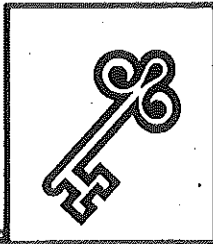
Tim Smith is summer youth director at Sardis church. He is from Tucker and a student at Mercer University. 6-9-1983
Pine Lake Music Company is sponsoring a "Christmas In August" music conference at Mt. Carmel Christian Church Aug. 26-27 for area ministers of music. Contact Wayne Haynes in Decatur at 404/981-8940 for information and registration. Registration deadline is A

Pastor and Mrs. Jim Chavis of Dunwoody church begin 10 weeks of study leave this week.
Gail Winkle resigned as director of kindergarten at Dunwoody church where she has served four years. *ST*

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TREVA TRASHUN FORD, a graduate of Avondale High School and daughter of Diane Ford of Decatur, entered Tennessee State University in Nashville in the fall of 1990 and has studied in the criminal justice field. She has maintained a 3.6-plus grade point average, after three semesters of fulltime study. She has earned and received three Dean's List Certificates from the university.

DR. AND MRS. ROBERT CHERRY of Stone Mountain had as their recent visitors their daughter Becky and husband Brian Frick and their three-year-old daughter Morgan of Texas.

RACHAEL AND TONY DELA GARZA of Stone Mountain announce the birth of a daughter, Rebecca/Annsey Lauren, Jan. 23 at Crawford Long Hospital. The baby weighed six pounds, 15 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Tony and Ruth DelaGarza of Stone Mountain and Mike and Kay Horn of Middleburg, Fla. Great-grandparents are Tony and Frances DelaGarza of San Antonio, Texas, and Cecil and Neva Howard of Warner Robins.

MINNIE C. FOSTER of Decatur was one of seven reading specialists inducted into the Georgia Reading Hall of Fame by the Georgia Council of the International Reading Association.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA students initiated into Sigma Phi Chapter of Kappa Delta sorority are: Brandy Amato, daughter of Anthony and Carolyn Amato; Jennifer Leah Hill, daughter of Ruth Ann and Bruce Hill; Beth Hill, daughter of Kitty and Bill Hill; Suellen Parker, daughter of Jack and Reed Parker, and Lynette Vallecillo, daughter of Luis and Annette Vallecillo. Miss Amato was graduated from Lakeside High School; Jennifer Hill and Miss Vallecillo, from Tucker; Beth Hill from Redan; and Miss Parker from Henderson.

GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION'S Administration Committee elected officers at its recent meeting: Robert Woodall, pastor of Mountain Park First Baptist Stone Mountain, chairman; William Tribble, pastor, Social Circle First Baptist, vice chairman; James N. Griffith, executive-director-treasurer of GBC Executive Committee; Cathy Humphrey, secretary for Executive Committee.

LLOYD FACKLER of Decatur recently retired after more than 40 years of service with the Atlanta Gas Light Co., where he was senior vice president-finance of the company.

JEFFREY L. KNIGHT of Decatur has been named to the fall Dean's List at Georgia Institute of Technology. He is a freshman.

ALLEN AND SUE DICKSON of Denver, Colo., are recent newcomers to the Stone Mountain area.

ALISON SHERRILL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sherrill, was elected registrar of her sorority, Epsilon Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Kappa at the University of Georgia. Sherrill is an early education major at the university. She is involved with the All Campus Homecoming Committee and is area coordinator for Communiversity.

THE 207TH ANNIVERSARY celebration of the founding of the University of Georgia will be held at the Athens Country Club, Thursday, Jan. 30. The keynote speaker for the banquet will be Gene Methvin, senior editor of *Reader's Digest*. He is a 1955 journalism graduate of the University. There will be a reception at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and the program beginning at 7. Tickets are available by calling Genie Snyder at 542-2251.

LORI AND BRIAN BURNHAM had adopted a baby boy, Zachary David, born Jan. 13 and weighing six pounds, 10 ounces. The maternal grandparents are Ermine and Carl Davis of Avondale Estates and paternal grandparents are Sally and Jerry Burnham of Mawnee, Ohio.

THE MT. CARMEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH group going to India is scheduled for Feb. 10-26. Alec and Patti Ward, Dalton and Zelda Scott, Tracy Adams, J.D. Smith and Bruce Barfield are included in the group. They plan to join Brewster McLeod, already there, in visiting the church's 18 congregations.

NELA WILLIAMS returned to Zurich on her way home to Zagreb, Yugoslavia. She is a Southern Baptist foreign missionary, her husband Jim died in a car accident in Yugoslavia in 1978. Her three children, Tanja, 20, Kresimir, 18, and Ian, 13 remained in the United States attending school with their paternal grandparents in Gray. Nela is the daughter of Josip Horak, former president of the Baptist Union of Yugoslavia. She furloughed two weeks here with her children at Christmas time.

BILL AND ANDREANN PHILIPS of Kansas City, Mo., were recent holiday visitors of relatives in the Decatur area.

MUSIC AUDITIONS for Martha Settle Scholarship for Youth Music Camps will be held Saturday Feb. 1 at Wicou Rd. Baptist Church. Vocalists, keyboardists, and instrumentalists are eligible. No taped accompaniment is permitted.

IOTA THETA CHAPTER of Zeta Tau Alpha of the Georgia Institute of Technology congratulates Lynn Kawaminami for making Dean's List for fall quarter. Lynn, daughter of Charles and Carolyn Romines, is a sophomore, majoring in industrial engineering.

KATHY MERRITT was chosen the 1991-92 Teacher of the Year at St. Thomas More Catholic School in Decatur. Mrs. Merritt teaches music to the 300 plus kindergarten through eighth grade students.

FIRST SPANISH BAPTIST CHURCH of Metro Atlanta celebrated the inauguration of its new \$1 million building on Nov. 24. The church is located on Covington Highway in Decatur. This is recognized as the first Hispanic Baptist Church in the State of Georgia. Bob Sena is pastor. Truett Gannon, president of the Georgia Baptist Convention and Nancy Schaefer attended the services.

WILLIAM CRAWFORD OF TUCKER received his Master of Divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. In the same services, Jonathan Tucker of Atlanta received his Master of Church Music, and George Edward Robertson, Jr., of Atlanta received a Master of Religious Education degree.

UP FRONT

*An inside look
at people,
places, and
things*

Old Log Cabin Answers Prayer

IN THE shadow of Stone Mountain, at Mountain Park Baptist Church a 150-year-old log cabin is an answer to prayer. "When the Lord put it on my heart that we needed a prayer chapel," said Dawn Johnson, "a man in the congregation, Stan Martin, suggested a log cabin. He had moved and restored several cabins and offered to do over one as the church chapel if I'd find it and if the men helped. That would be cheaper, he said, than a new building."

Mrs. Johnson, chairman of the church's Women's Missionary Union, wrote "log cabin" on her prayer list the way other people put "bananas and cake mix" on a grocery list. "If there's one available, Lord, you must know where it is," she prayed. "So please show me." Two weeks later, driving along Highway 29, she saw a little dirt road and felt strongly compelled to go down it. The road ended smack-dab at a small, abandoned two-story house with shingled siding. She noticed that some shingles had blown off, exposing a log wall underneath. Dawn Johnson had found her log cabin.

Mereley coincidence? ESP? A seek-

and-ye-shall-find thing? Dawn Johnson has always been turned off by "the pink-Cadillac praying of gimme Christians," but she believes God showed her that road as surely as a mine detector locates metal. "God put it on the heart of the owner to give the house away," she says, and she firmly feels that God had a hand in everything else about the chapel.

As soon as Stan Martin told her what all had to be done, her prayer list included such worldly requests as "somebody to remove shingled siding and inside paneling; crane operator with truck to unstack logs and move to churchyard; old pine flooring to replace ruined floor boards; somebody to hand-split white oak shingles for new roof; reset rock corner posts, clean chimney bricks, and chink logs...." As if the Lord called church members on the telephone and asked for volunteers, it all happened, she said.

The Lord only knows where one can find old hewn logs twenty-eight feet long these days, but after "logs to replace deteriorated ones" went on Dawn Johnson's list, it occurred to her to phone the Georgia Agrirama at Tifton. The man who answered said his father up in Cartersville had some.

The chapel, which historians think may have been built by Cherokee Indians, will be finished by the end of April. It has cost only \$1,400.

Mrs. Johnson admits that what she calls answers to prayer would be shrugged off by some people. Regardless, she feels the old log house "will always speak sermons to those who pray there. As one woman testified, its message is that God can remove the shingles of sin, hate, and guilt and help us start over in a new time and place. Or as another put it, the transformation of this ruined old house that nobody wanted can be equated to a wasted human life after it has been taken apart, moved, and restored by the Master Carpenter."

— Olive Ann Burns



Dawn Johnson is sure the Master Carpenter had a hand in the log chapel.