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Charm Class Popular At Vacation Bible School

A charm class for 12-year-old girls was featured at Vacation Bible School at Rainbow Park Baptist Church in South DeKalb County. Instructed by Dutchess Wagner and Dell Biggers, the girls learned about posture, how to enter a room, and how to sit like a lady, as well as how to care for their teeth, hair, nails and clothing. Pictured, left

to right, are, front row, Tika Strickland, Erica Buney, and Syrecta Edgerton; second row, Leanne German, Gretchen Jones, Tammy Stewart and Brandy Hutcheson; back row, Mrs. Biggers, Rashida Darius, Crystal Smith, Lornnun Turner and Mrs. Wagner



Celia Nash (c) was recently honored during homecoming services at Rainbow Park Church in Decatur. She was a school principal in DeKalb County for many years and her late husband, Fred Nash, served as the county's tax commissioner for 24 years. Mrs. Nash was Church Training director for 13 years when Rainbow Park (then known as Kirkwood Church) was breaking attendance records within the Southern Baptist Convention. Paying tribute to her were (l/r) pastor Randy Mullis; former pastor Gene Tyre; current Church Training director, Jackie Withers; and Clarence Cole, associate in the GBC Church Training Department, who grew up in the church.

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Rainbow Park church in
Decatur dedicated its sanctuary
grand piano with a concert by
Florida pianist Howard Hill.

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STONE MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB held its June luncheon Monday at Jo-Lin Banquet Hall, Tucker. Pat Carson spoke on "Getting Control of Our Lives." Toni Anderson from Atlanta University sang, and Martha Wilson shared an interesting story.

NELSON AND SHARILYN GRANADE announce the birth of their first child, James Douglas, April 22 at DeKalb Medical Center. The grandparents are Doug and Kay Owens of Vancouver, British Columbia, and Natt and Sarah Granade of Warner Robins, Ga. The paternal great-grandparents are Alethea Bates of Warner Robins, and Kermit Bates of Bainbridge, Ga. The maternal great-grandparents are Edna Bell of Mobile, Ala., Verta Hue Owens, Theodore Owens and Beryl Robinson, all of Atmore, Ala. The maternal great-great-grandmother is "Granny Owens" of Atmore, Ala. The father is the pastor of Emory Baptist Church.

BOB AND NANCY CALVERT announce the birth of a son, Zachary Andrew, May 11 in Nairobi where they serve as Baptist Foreign Missionaries. The mother is the former Nancy Felt of Atlanta.

KIMBERLY AND RICKY COWART of Clarkston announce the birth of a second son, Jean Justin Brice, on May 13 at DeKalb Medical Center. The grandparents are Louise and Frank Burton of Shreveport, La., and Edith Cowart of New Orleans, La., and the late Clemmie Cowart. The other son is Marlin, 13 months old.

FIFTY-FOUR STUDENTS from across Georgia were selected to serve as 1992 Baptist Student Union Summer Missionaries. Their length of service is between 10 days to 10 weeks. Ministries range from church starting in Metro Atlanta to building houses in Savannah. From this area are: Georgia Tech, Cindy Burel in Oregon; Georgia State Univ., Jennifer Miller in Oregon; Emory University, Ro Serino in Nebraska; Georgia Baptist School of Nursing, Stephanie Harden in Connecticut; Emory University, Karen Jackson and Russell Gibson, Germany.

JACK AND LORRAINE HENDERSON and family of Philadelphia, Pa. are recent newcomers to the Doraville area.

BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF CHANGES include: Kay Dreyer, director of childhood education at First Avondale Estates; Ed Galbreath, new pastor of Bouldercrest; William J. Ireland, Jr., pastor of Briarcliff; Jerry Daniel, associate pastor/church growth and worship at Clairmont Hills; Micki Ivey, secretary at Rainbow Park; John W. Wyatt, pastor of Tucker First; Traci Johnson, summer program intern at Chamblee First.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN ABBOTT and family are recent newcomers to the Stone Mountain area from Phoenix, Ariz. She has relatives living in this area.

CLIFTON AND ANNE SWANSON recently toured in Mexico, where they photographed old ruins, preparatory to writing a book.

LOUISE WAGGONER is a patient at DeKalb Medical Center.

JOHN HARRELL, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harrell of Atlanta, has been inducted into OKU Honorary Professional Dental Society and will graduate with honors from the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry, Augusta, on June 8. John will enter a two year periodontic specialty program also at MCG beginning July 1.

JOYCE AND FRED KUHSTOSS OF Stone Mountain announce the birth of a son, Christopher Michael, on May 12 at DeKalb Medical Center. He weighed six pounds, six ounces.

STEPHANIE AND MYRON SIMMONS of Decatur announce the birth of Konyatta Shun'te on April 6 at Northside Hospital. He weighed nine pounds, five ounces.

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Stokes' Mission Is DDM Training

by Richard C. Davis, Director
Developmental Disabilities Ministry

Georgia Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries

Since July, 1983, Frances Stokes has been employed as training coordinator for the Developmental Disabilities Ministry program, at Georgia Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries.

As a member of Rainbow Park church of Decatur, Mrs. Stokes was approached in



Mrs. Stokes

1978 by her then pastor Eugene Tyre to assist in establishing a group home for four ladies who are mentally retarded. She responded positively.

A second home was soon opened by Rainbow Park. Eight ladies were now being provided a ministry of opportunity.

IN MAY of 1983, the Georgia Baptist Children's Home and Rainbow Park entered into a partnership agreement. The Georgia Baptist Children's Home Developmental Disabilities Ministry would administratively manage and operate the two homes. Rainbow Park would continue its in-depth ministry to the ladies.

A year later, another home was opened, this one for men. Mrs. Stokes' relationship with the group homes and the ladies has led to many recognitions and honors.

As DDM training coordinator,

Mrs. Stokes has responsibility for the supervision and monitoring of staff and resident training programs in five group homes. A sixth and seventh group home will open sometime in early 1986 at Forsyth and Calhoun.

Mrs. Stokes received the Citizens Advocate of the year award in 1981, from the Atlanta Association for Retarded Citizens. The DeKalb Community Relations commission recognized her for Outstanding Contribution in the Area of Human Relations.

In 1981, a resolution was presented to Mrs. Stokes by the Georgia House of Represent-

tatives and presented by Gov. George Busbee, for recognition for services dedicated to the work with mentally retarded persons.

In 1982, Mrs. Stokes was the Citizen of the Year for Outstanding Community Service, presented by the South DeKalb Civitan. In 1982, 1983 and 1984, she was recognized by the DeKalb County Board of Health for her volunteer services in the area of mental retardation.

In 1983, the Atlanta Association for Retarded Citizens recognized her with the Vital Service Award for Outstanding Service on Behalf of Atlanta's Mentally Retarded Citizens.

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