

Valentine

Sweetheart & Singles Banquet

Wednesday, February 11th
At 6:00 p.m.

In the Lower Level
Carriage Rides for Tips



Adults ~ \$8.00

Menu: Carved Roast Beef, Baked Potatoes,
Green Beans, Salad, Rolls
Gourmet Desserts & Drinks

Children ~ \$4.00

Kids will watch a video & eat.
Menu: Pizza, Dessert & Drinks

SUPER SERVICE

Sunday, February 1st at 10:30 a.m.

Come Celebrate Our Super God!

Super Sunday School, Super Praise, Super Sermon

Followed by a Super Carry-In Dinner!

Please bring a couple of your favorite dishes to share.

PowerHouse Youth

Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 1st

At the Youth Building ~ 6:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy food & "The Game"

Don't forget to wear your favorite jersey!

(Combined Morganton 1st COG/Drexel 1st Baptist)



PowerHouse Youth Night Skiing Trip

Friday, February 13th

Leave the church at 5:15 p.m.

& Return by 11:30 p.m.



Skiing (\$40) ~ Snow Boarding (\$26) ~ Tubing (\$20)
& money for food

Senior Citizens...Young at Heart

Breakfast for Supper

Friday Evening February 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Come Meet and Eat!



~ 3:16 ~



Presented by the Foothills Unity Choir's

Sunday night, February 22 at 7:00

(Area COG singers, along with many others from the community,
under the direction of Kyle Canerday).

It will be held at the COMMA and tickets are \$1 each.

Contact Pastor Kris ASAP if you would like to purchase tickets.

Soli Deo Gloria

KATIE BROWNING WATTS was born April 13, 1934 in Burke County to Cozie and William Smith Browning. There eventually were three girls and three boys in this family. (Three are still living.) Lovingly called Miss Katie, she had a life of joy mixed with deep sorrow. On Friday, March 13, 1954, she married Johnny Watts. These two 19-year olds (they would be 20 that year), without telling anyone, ran off and eloped to be married in Gaffney, SC. Katie and Johnny eventually had two sons, Johnny Carroll Jr. and Keith William. Both were active in sports, drama, and music in the Drexel schools.

Katie attended Mt. Home Baptist Church and Johnny Sr. did not attend any church. But then, on January 14, 1980, their son, Johnny Carroll, was killed in a tragic construction accident. The company he worked for built up the roadbeds for trains, fixed the crossties, etc. On this day he was working in Winston Salem, standing between the tracks examining a section of the roadbed between two separated sections of a train. He was very near to one section, with his back to the other section some distance away. Suddenly one car from that part of the train broke loose and was rolling down the track straight toward him. None of his co-workers were close-by. However, when they saw his eminent danger, they yelled for Johnny to jump. He never heard them nor the runaway train car because of the construction noise. He was pinned between the two cars and died instantly. He left behind his young wife and their tiny baby, Ashley, Katie's only granddaughter. Rev. Bill Wease, pastor of Pleasant View Baptist Church, also kept in touch with Johnny, and he was the one who led him to give his heart to the Lord.

In March, 1980, just three months after their son's death, the Watts family attended the Burke Memorial Park Easter Sunrise Service. This led to their regular attendance at MFCOG starting in November that same year. The church was celebrating a month-long Dedication of their new facility. Johnny and Katie both enjoyed the fellowship they felt there. However, 12 ½ -years later, on April 22, 1993, Katie experienced another very sad day. Her beloved husband, Johnny Sr., died. But she was comforted to know that he went to be with his Lord.

All during this time, Katie had worked at Shadowline (47 years altogether), making quality lingerie for women. She also started working part-time for Sossoman's Funeral Home, and became a "regular" there when her work at Shadowline ended. **Continued⇒**



Giving for November

Regular Offerings: \$32,308.53
 Budgeted Needs: \$30,682.12
 Over/Under Giving for Mo. \$1,626.41
 Building Fund Need: \$4,500.00
 Building Funds: \$4,885.50
 Building Fund Over/Under: \$385.50
 Designated Projects: \$1,831.80
 Total Giving for the Month \$39,025.83

Giving for December

Regular Offerings: \$30,640.70
 Budgeted Needs: \$41,311.76
 Over/Under Giving for Mo. -\$10,671.06
 Building Fund Need: \$4,500.00
 Building Funds: \$4,746.04
 Building Fund Over/Under: \$246.04
 Designated Projects: \$6,006.81
 Total Giving for the Month \$41,393.55

Year to Date Giving

Regular YTD Offerings: \$323,369.40
 YTD Budgeted Needs: \$328,084.53
 Over/Under YTD Giving: -\$4,715.13
 YTD Building Fund Need: \$49,500.00
 YTD Building Funds: \$49,202.35
 YTD Building Fund Over/Under: -\$297.65
 YTD Designated Projects: \$39,178.40
 Total YTD Giving: \$411,750.15

Year to Date Giving

Regular YTD Offerings: \$354,010.10
 YTD Budgeted Needs: \$368,446.29
 Over/Under YTD Giving: -\$14,436.19
 YTD Building Fund Need: \$54,000.00
 YTD Building Funds: \$53,948.39
 YTD Building Fund Over/Under: -\$51.61
 YTD Designated Projects: \$44,825.21
 Total YTD Giving: \$452,783.70



PowerHouse Youth Ministry

Greetings and hello from *PowerHouse Youth Ministry*! Our new year has begun with many exciting ministry experiences and other activities scheduled.

Our youth welcomed in the New Year with a, New Year Eve's all night lock-in that included many of our students and college students that were home for their Christmas break. We began this night with a scavenger hunt, between three teams, that led us to the home of James and LaDonna Earwood, for a time of refreshments and counting up points for each team. We then picked up another part of the scavenger hunt, which brought us to the youth building for a time to assemble together and watch the ball drop and then pray for the new upcoming year. We didn't stop there; we joined together around a fire and sang worship songs that led us to a devotion shared by Seth Powell. We enjoyed grilling hotdogs and making s'mores over the open fire. As the night continued on, we spent the rest of the evening playing games, some of us resting our eyes when we could, taking funny pictures, laughing, and most of all being together!

Our youth had the opportunity following one of our Sunday services to go to the Charlotte Bobcat arena to watch, worship, and listen to Winter Jam '09'. While at the concert the students got to hear a variety of Christian artists and listen to Tony Nolan give a powerful testimony entitled, "What are you afraid of?"

The students at *PowerHouse Youth* are amazing and they are blessed with many talents, gifts, and abilities. We have had our youth praise band lead us in worship and song on both Wednesday night and Sunday morning services. A couple of the students have led during our S.L.M. (Student led ministry) and many others have volunteered their time to the Outreach Center. The next time you see one of our youth, take time to encourage them and share with them how much they are appreciated, or ask them how they are doing? You may be blessed as well.

February: We have many more opportunities for you to be here!

- Sun. Feb 1st Super Bowl Game and fellowship with the Drexel 1st Baptist youth group. We will begin @ 6 p.m. It will be held in our Youth Building. We will watch the game, have some awesome foods, a halftime devotion, and enjoy the evening together.
- Wed. Feb 18th Birthday Recognition and games! You're invited to come out and join us.
- Sun. Feb 22nd D.U. Come and try to figure out where we are going??

On our Wednesday night services we began at 7 p.m.; our Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m., with Sunday night activities starting at 6 p.m. We would be honored to have you as a guest and would encourage you to be at *PowerHouse Youth Ministry*.

PowerHouse Youth Ministry,
Pastor Kevin Wyatt

Katie Watts continued ⇒ She served with the Sossomans for 27 years, and was perfectly fitted for that job. Johnny and Katie's son, Keith had also become a regular member at MFCOG before going to college. Later, Keith married and had four sons: David, Christopher, Tyler, and Ezekiel (Zeke). They now live in Weaverville, NC except David, who lives in Katie's house on Windy Hill Drive near MFCOG. He attends Western Piedmont Community College, and does everything needed to keep up the house.

During her lifetime Katie directed hundreds of weddings over a 35-year period. Often all she received for her work was a Thank You. Keith remembers his dad having to cook Friday and Saturday night "dinners" for the family while their mother was directing weddings. Usually it was bacon and eggs, and Keith can still picture his father in a long-sleeved sweater standing tall by the stove. He would first roll up his sleeves. This would show arms with an unusual amount of black hair, which looked as though it had been carefully combed. Keith was always afraid that the hair would get into the bacon and eggs, but it never did.

In 1993, Pastor Tim Kufeldt came to be Associate Pastor at MFCOG. He and his wife, Beth, asked Katie to be a surrogate Grandmother for their two boys, James and Joshua. When Jenna and Jesse were born she also was their "grandmother." Katie served her church well as a faithful prayer warrior, a greeter, and in the summer a Bible School teacher. She also had a good sense of humor. One day when talking to Katie, Ruth said that she knew if she preceded Pastor Smith in death, ladies would be lined up at his door with casseroles, etc., Katie said, "And, Ruth, I'll be the first in line." They both had a good laugh about that. Ruth has often told this story and it always gets a laugh.

Our dear Katie passed away on Saturday, Dec. 27, at 1:40 p.m. at Shytle House on Enon Road. Her body died, but we know her soul went to be with the Lord.

Soli Deo Gloria – Ruth

Information on Children's Ministries...

The first Sunday of each month the children will stay in the sanctuary and the remaining Sundays of the month the children will be participating in Children's Church in the lower level. The children will be going to the lower level during the service around the offering time. If anyone would still like to volunteer to help with any of the children's ministries, **please sign-up on one of the posters available in the lower level during our Super Carry-in Dinner this Sunday, February 1st.** If you have any questions or need additional info, you can contact Linda Betancourt about Children's Church at 874-2757 or Rhonda Farris about any other Children's Ministries at 874-4759.