

The Catawba Valley Church of Christ  
invites you to  
join us for our first

Worship Service and Fellowship

on  
Sunday, March 14, 2004  
beginning at  
3:00 p.m.  
at our place of assembly

748 Fourth Street SW  
Hickory, NC 28602

**DIRECTIONS FROM I-40 (East or West)**

**Take exit 123 toward US-70/HICKORY/US-321/LENOIR.  
Merge onto US-321 N. Take the US-70 exit toward  
NC-127 N/HICKORY. Turn right onto US-70 E.  
Turn left onto 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW. The building is in the  
Southgate Center on the left.**

# Liledoun Road ANCHOR

March 7, 2004

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**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday**

Bible Classes – 10:00 am  
AM Worship – 11:00 am  
PM Worship – 6:00 pm

**Wednesday**

Bible Classes – 7:30 pm

**Elders**

Fred Watkins  
632-5542  
Ralph Lowtharpe  
632-6145

**Preacher**

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## JUST SAY IT By Kirk Tooley

Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace.  
(Acts 18:9)

We are inundated everyday, sometimes every second with advertisements to try this, buy that, go here, visit there and on and on. Sometimes the phrases used to promote a product stick in the minds of that generation and that saying actually becomes a signifying character of that generation. Some examples, "It's the real thing." "Where's the beef?" and "Just do it."

I suppose the "Just do it" ad was to encourage people to buy a certain shoe and to begin working out to improve their physical well-being. In other words, do not let excuses get in your way, do not let friends stand in your path to obtain good health, "Just do it." Do you remember when you cut or scraped yourself and you needed a band-aid especially before the days of "ouchless" band-aids? Do you remember the process of removing the bandage from your skin where there was hair? Remember your first attempts - Nice and slow and easy. A little bit at a

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## News and Notes

### To Our Visitors

It is always a joy to welcome visitors to our services. We are thankful for each one who has chosen to be present. A number of tracts and other materials are available in the lobby of the building. There is no charge for any of this material. If you would like to enroll in a free Bible Correspondence Course or an in home Bible study please mark that on your visitors card. We hope you will return and be with us at your every opportunity.



### Remember In Prayer

 Alvin Bullington, Ethel Watson, Dena Bishop, Sandra Dixon, Philip Bullington, Alex White, Loretta Philips, Kris Koko, Hubert Keys, Ken Koko, Michelle Eggers, Don Heaston, Van Walls, James Walker, Dorsey Finn, Tom Miller, Darrel Broking, and Josh Phillips.

### Upcoming Events

The **6th Annual Carolina Men's Fellowship** is scheduled for Saturday March 13, 2004. The theme is "A Way that Is Right and Cannot Be Wrong." It will be held at the Charlotte Avenue building. See bulletin board for details. We encourage all the men of the

congregation to plan ahead to attend this event. It is always a wonderful period of instruction and fellowship.

**Gospel Meeting** at the South Stokes church of Christ in King, NC March 14-18, 2004 with Jeff Trotter preaching.

**Gospel Meeting** at the Wilkesboro church of Christ March 21-24, 2004. James Watkins from Lewisburg, TN will be the speaker.

The **Sixtieth Annual Carolina Lectures** are scheduled for April 4-8, 2004 at the Warner's Chapel church of Christ in Clemmons, NC.

**Our Spring Gospel Meeting** has been scheduled for June 6-11, 2004 with Nelson Brockenborough preaching. Please mark this date and plan other events around it.

See the bulletin board for details concerning these events.

### **Catawba Valley church of Christ**

The Catawba Valley church of Christ will be meeting next Sunday at 3:00 pm for their first worship service. The building is located 748 Fourth Street SW in the Southgate Center in Hickory. See the last page of this bulletin for additional information and directions.

***"It is hard to walk with God when you run with the crowd."***

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time. I can still remember that hair pulling out one at a time. (No, I did not use a lot of bandages on my head when I was younger.) Now, my parents would say "Just rip it off." I would think, "Are you crazy? That will hurt." As if each pulling hair wasn't killing me. Later I learned that "Just rip it off" was good advice.

How does this all apply? I believe that many times fear defeats us when we should speak about Christianity to others. What is it that holds us back? Some are fearful because they lack knowledge. They might say, "I don't know enough to discuss things with others." However, there is an easy solution to this problem. Study! 2 Timothy 2:15 says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." We can know and must try to know all we can about the word of God. Nobody understands quantum physics overnight. It takes years, decades of study. We must expect the same time frame for bible study. Is it possible to know everything? No, we are not required to know everything. But, do you know who Jesus is? What his life was about? That he was sinless, was crucified, and rose again? Do you know that He has a plan for all people everywhere which includes faith, repentance, baptism, and faithful living?

Some may fear rejection or persecution. Turn your minds toward the holy scriptures. Matthew 5:10-12 says that we

are blessed when we are persecuted, rejected or made fun of because of our conviction to the Lord. One of our great American statesman, Theodore Roosevelt said, "we have nothing to fear but fear itself." Better yet, The Bible says that we need only fear God who can destroy both body and soul in Hell (Matthew 10:28). Think about where civilization would be if we let fears determine our path. Would we have gone to the moon? Would we have this great America? Would there have been so many great advances in science and medicine?

Jesus wants us to confess Him before men (Matthew 10:32). Paul exhorted Timothy to "Preach the word..." (2 Timothy 4:2). We are commanded, exhorted, encouraged throughout God's word to make His wonderful works known to people. Therefore we cannot let a lack of knowledge or fear of hurt stand in our way of proclaiming the good news. In other words, "Just say it!" Whether by words or by actions we send a message about ourselves and who we are and what we represent. Seize the opportunities that arise during your daily life to express your thankfulness to God. Share with someone how you go to worship and how you worship. Tell them of Jesus love and sacrifice. Share His will with others. Be not afraid, but speak and hold not thy peace - JUST SAY IT!

