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gram, domestic infant adoption, international adoption, special needs adoption, the home-study process, adoption law, adoption costs and assistance and adoptive panel discussion.

The seminar is sponsored by Southeastern Fertility Center and Adoption Advocacy. To reserve a free seminar packet call (843) 714-2216.

SIGN UP FOR ACTIVITIES

The Bluffton Family YMCA is taking registrations for the following fall programs: youth soccer for ages 2 to 10; gymnastics for ages 24 months to high school; adult dodge ball; and healthy kids after school program for ages 4 and older.

For more information, call (843) 757-9622.

STORY TIME FOR CHILDREN

The Hilton Head Island branch of the Beaufort County Public Library, 11 Beach City Road, will begin registration for the Fall Story Time program today.

The program will begin the week of Aug. 23.

Programs offered will be Caterpillar Lapsit for 12 to 24 months; Mother Goose for 2- and 3-year-olds; Bookworm for 4- and 5-year-olds; and the educational Home School program for elementary school-aged children.

Day care providers and preschools are invited to schedule story time visits to the library on a first-come basis.

There are informational brochures available in the library's Children's Room.

For more information, call the Youth Services staff at (843) 342-9200.

Dance

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moving tableau depicting scenes from the event. In contrast, on Easter morning colorful ribbons and flowers arced over heads, full white skirts swirled and tambourines shook to the beat of conga drums and voices of the choir as they danced down the aisles in joyous celebration.

"Dance was developed as a form of praise," Lawanda Tillman said. Tillman is co-director with Keisha Cohen of First African Baptist Church's two liturgical dance ensembles. She believes that liturgical dance addresses the more physical needs of youth to move while adding something different to the worship experience.

"Dance is another element of praise and worship. It is another

area in which I can express my love and admiration for Christ," she said.

It is also a way in which she hopes to direct people's focus to the inner rather than the outer appearance. During a recent performance to a Kirk Franklin song, half of the dancers were dressed in traditional floor-length liturgical dresses, while the other half wore a hip-hop style.

"God is not necessarily looking at the outside, but rather the inside. For all of God's people - black, white, old, young, men, women - the focus should be on praise and worship, not the outer appearance," Tillman said.

Overcoming by Faith Ministries has taken it to another level by the creation of its Highest Praise School of the Arts. Not only does the church include dance during the praise and worship portion of each service, but they have devel-

oped a dance program to address the technical component by enhancing technique. The program is so popular that there are five ministries divided by age group spanning third graders to senior women.

Nancy Sprauve, director of the school, sees liturgical dance as an opportunity to reach youth on their level. "Youth see that they are relevant," she said.

Dance has become a power-

ful outreach ministry for the church, with invitations to perform at community centers, youth conferences, Gospel Fest, and the Civic Center.

"Not only do we reach out, but we call the community in," Sprauve said. On Friday nights anywhere from 200-300 youth can be found at what the church calls a "Christ Party" where youth celebrate God through liturgical dance.

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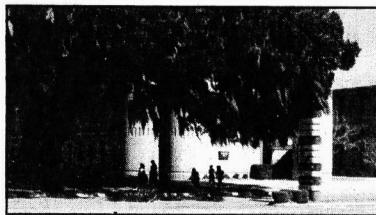


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