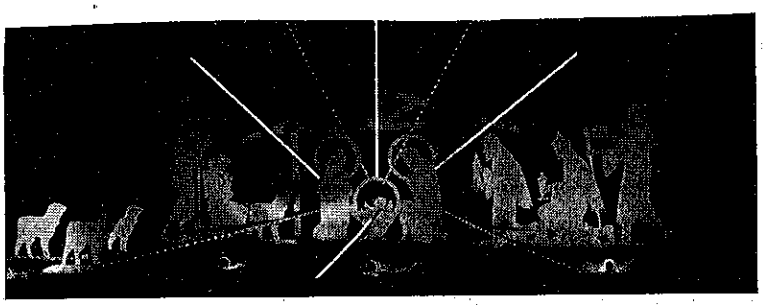


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WALHALLA — Those planning to observe the second annual Walhalla Lights Spectacular, presented by Faith Baptist Church, will have until Sunday evening to do so.

The event, which began last week, takes place on a designated path throughout the church's 55-acre campus on S.C. Highway 28 starting at 5:30 p.m. each day and continuing until 9 p.m.

Senior pastor Graeme Enright said the best time to attend is 6 p.m. or later — when it is fully dark.

"Last year's initial light display was so well received by the community that we expanded it further this year," Enright said.

Enright said the "12 Nights of Lights" feature various holiday cutouts and biblical scenes, presenting the traditional story of Christmas with scenes depicting the coming of the Christ child based on the account in Luke's gospel.

"These are made up of timber cutouts and lighting and placed in sequence around the drive-through," he said. "As a local church, we want to make a clear statement about Christmas to reinforce the traditional American values that built this country. This light display depicts the earthly arrival of the God in whom we trust."

Several thousand lights, with selected seasonal music, will be featured throughout the 20-minute drive-through. Though there is no official charge for the event, a $5 per car donation is suggested. Enright said the donations would enable the church to continue the annual event.

"We hope that, for many years to come, Faith Center Church will be able to provide this story in lights to remind us of that first Christmas," Enright said. "The comments we have received from viewers have been very complimentary, with many stopping on their exit to thank us and some giving special donations.

The public is encouraged to bring family and make it part of their Christmas holiday season. Anyone looking for more information is asked to call (864) 638-3476.

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