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Christmas, the most wonderful time of the year

Christmas Stocking Giveaway



In celebration of the birth of Christ, the Youth Ministry continued its project to provide gifts and stockings to youth of all ages at the annual Christmas Stocking Giveaway. Fifty stockings and gifts were given to share the spirit of giving at Christmas time. This year was very unique, as a host of crafts were made that could be used as Christmas decorations and other craft items that could be used throughout the year. The Christmas Angel was a very special craft.

Christmas carols were sung by the youth and Christmas Jeopardy was a great attraction. It was a fun afternoon.

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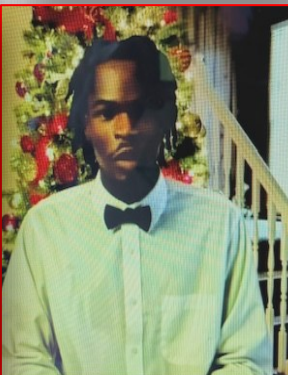
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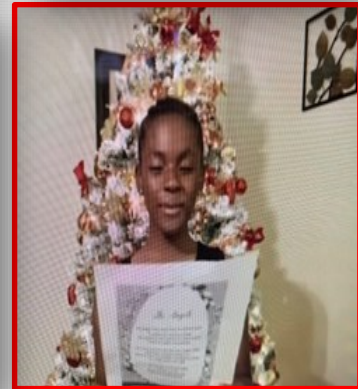


Christmas Program

From Surviving to Thriving Jesus Is The Reason



Christmas Program



Program Participants

Joel Amos

Kennedy Cooper

Aria Davis

Bryce Davis

Travis Dowdy

Brielle Fairley

Michelle Fairley

Caleb Gerrald

Alayja Hinton

M. Hinton

Brianna Johnson

Bryson Johnson

Kelsey McClary

Chandler Martino

Merry Christmas

Girl Scouts Assist with Christmas Project

December 25, 2023



First Nazareth Baptist Church Girl Scout Troops 1405, 1402 and 1359 participated in a lovely Christmas project on Christmas day. The Troops were invited by Ms. Carolyn Miller, a missionary and dedicated member of First Nazareth.

Ms. Miller has been a strong supporter of those who are residents in The Pruitt, a Nursing and Health facility on Forest Drive near the church. She strives to help those in need by bringing good cheer and distributing a host of Christmas gifts. Annually, she sponsors a special service to the residents at the facility. Ms. Miller devotes her time to help residents enjoy the Spirit of Christmas on the day that we celebrate the birth of Christ. Residents of the facility, many of whom have little or no visitation from family and friends, enjoyed the uplifting program and the beautiful gifts that were given with special Christmas cards.

The Girl Scouts sang carols and distributed gifts with Ms. Miller; Rev. Anthony Thompson delivered a powerful message; Deacon Thomas Scott prayed a strong prayer; Ms. Cora Mitchell read the Scripture; and Ms. Hattie Mackey provided the music. It was a lovely program.

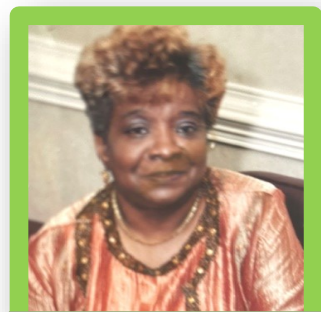
Program Participants



Ms. Carolyn Miller



Rev. Anthony Thompson



Trustee Cora Mitchell



Deacon Thomas Scott



Ms. Hattie Mackey

Village Initiative Camp



First Nazareth Baptist Church, the Village Initiative Academic Center, held day camps in January and February. The camps provided a safe space for youth in the Greater Waverly Community and beyond when schools were closed. The campers played MLK Jeopardy, created vision boards, attended the "It Starts with Me," etiquette class and ended the day with Kahoot and Quizzes.

The campers also participated in a canned food drive to support the Food Bank as their service project. During the February camp, Black Children Authors were highlighted. The campers were given books by the authors and from the Essie Strother Patterson Legacy Foundation. There were 33 campers and 18

volunteers, which including five Benedict College students.

In keeping with the church's current theme: "Going forward with optimistic expectations: Following God's lead," the following ministries: Youth Ministry, Male Mentoring and Women Mentoring Young Ladies, partnered with the Village Initiative Academic Center to provide a full day of activities. Prizes and gifts were given.

It was a lovely affair, and the youth enjoyed the food and fellowship as well.

Village Initiative Camp Continued



Special
Activities,
Crafts,
And Lots
Of
Fun



Caring,
Considerate
And
Community
Service Pro-
jects



Association,
Fellowship,
Unity,
And
Comradery



W.H. Neal Youth Choir



Happy Anniversary

The W. H. Neal Youth choir has been offering song-service for so long that the original members now have grandchildren. The choir is named after one of the most prolific Pastors and Teachers known in the state!

Currently, the choir is made up of children from ages 6-18. Previously, they offered songs during the 3rd and 5th Sunday services. They also celebrate an anniversary each year by leading the service in songs. The Youth Choir is the staple choir for Youth Day services.

The youth are amazing children who wholeheartedly participate in rehearsals by reading Scripture and praying! They bring enthusiasm and joy to rehearsals with fun warm-ups and opportunities for solo singing.

Children are welcome to join. The rehearsals are at 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays before the 5th Sundays. Please join!!

Chandra Davis Sadler, Director



Girl Scout Cookies



The First Nazareth Girl Scouts are deeply grateful to Pastor Scott, Mrs. Scott and the First Nazareth family for the continued support and love shown during the cookie season.

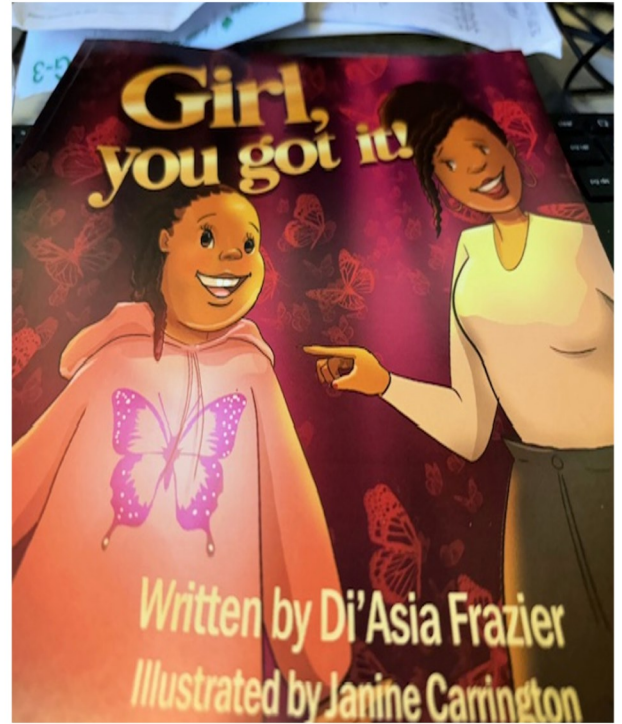
Thanks to you, the troops: Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors sold over 450 cases of cookies. This year far exceeds the 2023 sale.

The girls will have sufficient funds to attend seminars, earn additional badges, participate in camp activities, and enjoy many travel events and outdoor activities. The funds also support the Council and will assist with greater services to the girls, some of whom may not have financial resources for registration and other notable sponsored events.

Thank You!



Girl Scout Seminar—Improving Self-Esteem



Di'Asia Frazier —Author, Girl, you got it!

Ms. Di'Asia Frazier is the author of the new book "Girl, you got it." The book was written for her daughter, pictured above, and other girls between the ages of 4-8 to develop, strengthen and encourage strong self-esteem.

She outlines a mechanism for younger girls to enhance their self-esteem. She demonstrates how self-esteem builds confidence and character for young girls to excel and be all that they can become.

She recommends three main strategies for developing and improving greater self-esteem: 1) Girl, you are smart; 2) Girl you are talented; and 3) Girl you are beautiful.

Led by Troop 1359, the Girl Scouts were privy to have Ms. Frazier as the speaker for the seminar.

Ms. Frazier is a South Carolina native and no stranger to adventure. She is a graduate of Coastal Carolina University with her Bachelors in Psychology.

She is a positive influence on her daughter, and many others whom she comes in contact with at many of her seminars.

The book was donated to the Girl Scouts, and it will be placed in the CDC library, which the Cadettes Scouts designed as their Silver Award project.

Girl Scouts

Black History Month was **created to focus attention on the contributions of African Americans to the United States**. It honors all Black people from all periods of U.S. history, from the enslaved people first brought over from Africa in the early 17th century to African Americans living in the United States today.

The Cadettes, Troop 1402, presented a different perspective of Black History Month by sharing with the other troops the basic information on the systemic process that went from slavery to Jim Crow. It was a long period, and many of the slaves and freed African American persons made it through, but many did not make it. The Girls talked briefly about three of the situations the African Americans experienced: 1) Slavery; 2) Emancipation Proclamation; and 3) Jim Crow and Segregation.

Girl Scouts also encountered forms of discrimination. Although the Girl Scout Program was begun in America in 1912, African American Troops were not recognized until 1917. However, some were accepted in a third party Troop in 1913.

The Cadettes designed a Jeopardy board with five category of African American studies for the program. The Scouts were divided into three teams. Many of the questions were written to reflect information of First Nazareth Baptist Church and the city of Columbia.

Prizes and snacks were given to the winners of each team. The Scouts were eager to learn the history of African Americans. Additional sessions will be scheduled by the Troops in the future to study the history of African American.

Black and Proud!!



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



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High School Graduation	May 2024
Fifteenth Edition of Newsletter	May 2024
Youth Convention	June 2024
Youth Conference	July 2024

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Future Events

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- Youth Convention
- Fifteenth Edition Newsletter
- Youth Conference