



Photos by Tori P. Haynesworth

People representing various churches attend the meeting.

# Help youth through Boy Scouts, former coach says

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A meeting was held at the Old Hickory Council on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 6600 Silas Creek Parkway. The mission: urge more Cub Scout and Boy Scout recruits from churches in the black community.

Bill Hayes, former football coach of Winston-Salem State and N.C. Agricultural and Technical State universities, made the message very clear about more churches forming Boy Scout groups.

"Every black man seems to be waiting on the next black man to make the play. I wonder whose responsibility it is for us to save our kids? Whose responsibility it is for us to reach back and save our own kids in our own communities?" said Hayes.

Hayes' passion is to better the youth in the black communities through Boy Scouts and mentoring young men.

Through research, only five churches have Cub and Boy Scout groups in the Winston-Salem area: Galilee Missionary Baptist, Mt. Zion Baptist, Union Baptist, St. Stephens Missionary Baptist and United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist. A few people who represented those churches attended the meeting, while there were a couple of people from Grace Presbyterian Church and Goler Memorial A.M.E. Church that came out.

"How many churches are here in Winston-Salem?"



Wilburn



Hayes

Three hundred. How many in our community? Well over a hundred. Five scout troops? Come on, we are better than that," said Hayes.

Steve Wilburn, scout executive of Old Hickory Council, gave tips, and said assistance and resources will be provided to help get a Scout group on its way.

"There was a time when African-American churches in this community had Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, but it's been since the 1970s," said Wilburn. "There's a whole missing generation in there that has no point in reference with Scouting."

There were several testimonies of how the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts have made an impact on young boys and

young men's lives.

There were others who expressed how important Scouting is, and how it helps the youth in the long run. It was also noted that women could very well be involved with the Scouts program and that this could be a way of having parents being heavily involved in their child's life.

"You have to have parental support throughout Cub Scout and Boy Scout. And that's what made the difference in our sons' lives," said Reginald Brown, alongside his wife, Joyce Brown, of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church. Reginald Brown is Scout Master.

During the meeting, Camp Raven Knob, located in Mt. Airy, was brought up of how a lot of youth have never been there. There are plans of possibly having a trip to witness the rewards of the camp and all that it entails, to promote a good time and to produce Scout growth.

"Scouting is for everybody. It's for all kids. They've got to have the opportunity, so let's fight for it to make it grow," said Hayes.

For more information, visit [www.oldhickorycouncil.org](http://www.oldhickorycouncil.org). To learn more about how to get involved with forming a Cub Scout and Boy Scout group through church, contact Steven Simpson at 336-760-2900, extension 216 or email [steven.simpson@scouting.org](mailto:steven.simpson@scouting.org). You can also contact Steve Wilburn at [swilburn@bsaemail.org](mailto:swilburn@bsaemail.org).



## Winston-Salem featured in Where to Retire magazine

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

HOUSTON, Texas – Winston-Salem, NC, has been selected as a top retirement destination by Where to Retire, which helps people with retirement relocation decisions.

The city is profiled in the November/December issue, available nationwide on Oct. 13.

Where to Retire Editor Annette Fuller said Winston-Salem possesses qualities important to today's retirees.

"Founded by Moravians who had impeccable talents in music, architecture and landscaping, Winston-Salem honored that history by establishing the first locally created arts council in the United States in 1949," Fuller said.

"Today, its continued support of the arts is outstanding, and retirees enjoy the opera, symphony, theater, museums and festivals, and take continuing-education classes at one of the local universities or art schools.

"The walkable downtown has coffee

shops, restaurants and bars, and nearby state parks allow for outdoor adventure – hiking, biking and kayaking," Fuller said.

Each year, 700,000 Americans relocate to new towns to retire. Generally, relocating retirees are healthier, better educated and more affluent than those who choose to not relocate. They bring significant economic benefits to their new states and hometowns. Nationally, two dozen states and hundreds of towns seek to attract retirees as a source of economic development.

Where to Retire magazine, launched in 1992 with the goal of helping its readers find the ideal place to retire, is published six times a year. The magazine covers the best retirement regions, towns and master-planned communities, and has a national circulation of 200,000.

The magazine is sold on various newsstands and at Barnes & Noble bookstores.

For a magazine subscription or to purchase a back issue, visit [WhereToRetire.com](http://WhereToRetire.com).

## Prepare to dial 10 numbers for local calls

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Phone numbers in the Triad are dwindling. This has led the North Carolina Utilities Commission to order a 743 Area Code Overlay for the area currently assigned to the 336 area code to ensure a continuing supply of telephone numbers.

The new 743 area code will be "overlaid" over the same geographical area as the current 336 area code so that two area codes, 743 and 336, will be assigned to the area, generally covering the Piedmont, including the cities of Greensboro, Winston-Salem, High Point, Kernersville, Burlington, North Wilkesboro, Roxboro and Asheboro.

Residential and business customers assigned to the existing 336 area code should prepare for the introduction of the new 743 area code by being prepared to dial 10 digits (area code + seven-digit local telephone number) to complete local calls within their area code calling area.

To help customers prepare for this change and ensure a smooth transition, customers may begin placing local calls by using the new 10-digit local dialing pattern starting on Saturday, Oct. 24. Customers may continue to use seven-digit local dialing until April 22, 2016, when that option will end.

Effective April 23, 2016, all local calls

must be placed using the 10-digit telephone number (336 or 743 plus the seven-digit local telephone number).

Beginning May 23, 2016, customers in the 336 area code region requesting new service, adding an additional line, or in some cases moving their service, may be assigned new numbers using either 336 or the new 743 area code.

The most important facts that consumers and businesses need to know about the upcoming 743 area code overlay are:

\*Your telephone number, including current area code, will not change, but may if you move your service.

\*You will need to dial the area code + seven-digit local telephone number for all local calls.

\*For billing purposes, what is a local call now will remain a local call regardless of the number of digits dialed.

\*You will continue to dial 1+ area code + seven-digit local telephone number for all long distance calls.

\*The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change due to the overlay.

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**Forsyth County Department of Public Health encourages everyone to always place sleeping babies—**

**Alone, on their Back, in a Crib at nap time and at night.**

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