



*Recognizes
Union Baptist Church
as a Community
Service Award recipient*



The church's First Friday programs have become popular by offering a variety of programs and services.



Having More Than Church

The work that Union Baptist Church does, does not just happen on Sunday and within the walls of the church. The church has become a hub for important community activities and has provided various kinds of support for those in need.

The church's pastor, the Rev. Sir Walter Mack Jr., has led his flock in its many missions.

Although the church is large, with more than 2,000 members, the congregation is a close-knit bunch. Members unselfishly volunteer their time to keep more than 60 ministries afloat. Among them are a nursing home, food and clothing and AIDS ministries. While many black churches have been criticized for ignoring the AIDS crisis, this church has tackled the issue head-on. Members regularly volunteer with local AIDS programs, providing support to those living with the disease.

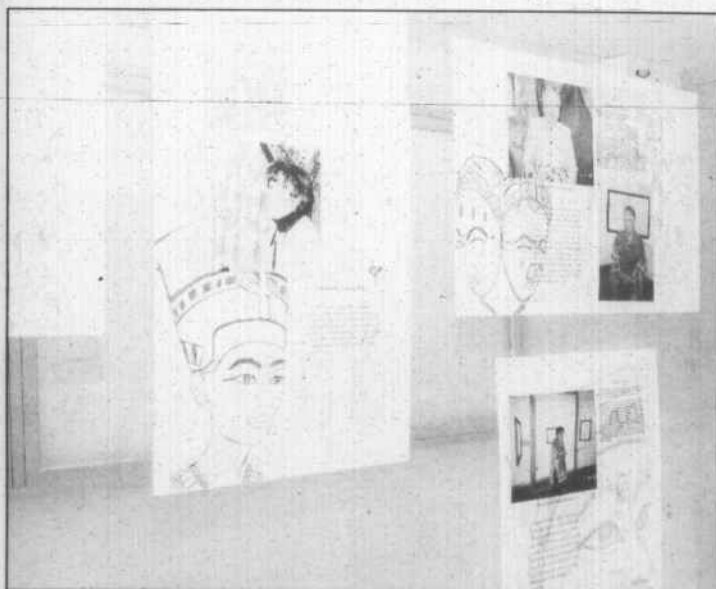
The church also has partnerships with Winston-Salem State University and Forsyth Technical Community College aimed at providing local peo-

ple with relevant educational skills. The Winston-Salem Teen Center was formed through a partnership between Union and the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem. The center provides tutoring and leadership development for young people.

Union has opened its doors, providing a number of groups space to hold meetings and events. Organizations such as Leadership Winston-Salem, Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods, Today's Woman and Sigma Theta Sorority have all taken advantage of the church's generosity.

Through its popular Shekinah Glory Revival series and First Friday events Union has brought to the city popular musicians and guest speakers, making their appearances free of charge to the public.

The theme for Union is "A Church Determined to Live for Christ." Mack and members say they will continue to reach higher and try to touch as many people as they can through the church's multi-faceted outreach efforts.



The Daughters of Eve exhibit at Union, which celebrates accomplishments of local women.



The church pastor, Sir Walter Mack Jr.