



Children from Winston-Salem attended services at the Friendship Community Church of God in Greensboro.

Bless the Children/Family Outreach Program joins the G'boro church

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When Johnell and Debra Hunter were called into the ministry of helping, teaching and evangelizing, they knew that it would require traveling and crossing the borders beyond their native towns of Winston-Salem and Statesville.

For over 24 years they have covered just about every community and society in Forsyth County. Only by and through the grace of God, supporters and friends, the Bless the Children Program/Family Outreach Ministries has been a blessing to many people.

The Hunters say that the Bible tells us to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature!" That means for every Christian and minister to share the good news of God's love with every man or woman across the world, whether they be young or old, rich or poor.

Winston-Salem was very receptive of their ministry. The Hunters loved the city, whether ministering on the streets, radio or TV. But the time came for them to venture out.

During 2005, the Hunters had an opportunity to meet a young couple and their family in High Point, while on a family picnic. They shared their ideas about praise and worship and evangelism with them and were invited to attend their church. The Hunters visited the church for six months and then joined.

Since then, the Lord has truly blessed the Bless the Children Program/Family Outreach Ministries with outreach helpers. The church has also purchased a passenger bus to pick up worshippers from Winston-Salem to Greensboro.

Friendship Community Center of God has been very active in the Piedmont Triad area. They have joined forces with Bless the Children Program Family Outreach Ministries to train future generations.

Each Sunday the members and visitors share a fulfilling, nutritious and delicious meal after service. They are very grateful to have the pastor and his wife to give good biblical teaching to everyone. The church has a lot to offer the youth, such as biblical teaching, mission trips, community service, give-a-ways, award certificates, mentoring and Christian activities.

Adults and families find the church a good word church, with a diverse and multicultural environment with classes from many ethnic groups.

Debra and Johnell and their family and friends say thank you to Pastor Sheldon and Deborah Southerland and the church family of Friendship Community Church of God. For information about the church, call 336-292-3410 or visit at 201 College Road, Greensboro.

The website is <http://www.friendship.com>. You can also call the Hunters

in Winston-Salem at 336-788-0974 or visit their base headquarters at 1001 S. Marshall St. at the Hewitt Business Center.

Local students perform well at Raleigh conference

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Twelve students from Carver (High School) and Jacket Integrated Academy participated in the annual Youth and Government Conference in Raleigh in February.

In all, more than 900 students from across the state converged on the state's capital for the conference, which was sponsored by the YMCA. Youth and Government is an organization for high school students that introduces and prepares students for civic involvement. Over the four-day conference, students participated in mock government activities.

On the last day of the conference, awards were given to students who had exemplary performance during the conference. Two students from Carver received awards. Kyle Penn won the Model Attorney

Member Award and Charlois Fletcher received the Erica Wolfe Best First Time Participant Award. Fletcher was also one of 20 conference participants selected to represent North Carolina at the Conference on National Affairs in July at the Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain. Approximately 20 students from every state are selected to attend the national conference.

The following local students served as attorneys, judges, legislature, senators, lobbyists and members of the press at the Youth and Government Conference: Monique Boston, Walter Braxton, Vincent Brinkley, Blake Coleman, Richard Daniels, Jr., Terron Epps, Charlois Fletcher, DaShonda Jowers, Evelyn Monroe, Kyle Penn, Bernard Ross, Conisha Solomon, RhyMia Slade and Arthur Vang.

The Carver and Jacket Integrated Academy delegates were a part of the Winston Lake Family YMCA Delegation. As such, their delegation was one of 15 YMCAs to win the Model Club Award, one of five YMCAs to win the Governor's Circle Award and the only YMCA delegation in North Carolina to win the Director's Award, which is awarded to "the delegation that is distinguished above all other delegations."

The sponsor of the Carver/Jacket Integrated Academy Youth and Government Club is Garnet O. Balwah, a Carver Civics & Economics Teacher; the YMCA sponsor from the Winston Lake Family YMCA is Spencer McCall. Balwah and Nicole Piggott, principal of the Academy, accompanied the students at the conference.

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