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The older kids make a mad dash for candy and prize eggs.

Hunt

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Little Ja'Meria took her daddy's advice. In addition to her candy, she snatched up one of the prize eggs. Her prize: a large Easter basket filled with toys and more candy.

Vanessa Vinson's two daughters, seven-year-old Dymond and two-year-old Makyah, also left with more than their share of sweets. The gym was divided into three sections so that younger kids didn't have to vie for treats against older kids.

"I like the way (it is broken) down in sections, age groups, that makes it easier for everyone to enjoy the hunt and not get trampled over by the big kids," said Vinson.

The divisions meant that Dymond, who was attending her second egg hunt of the day, could make a mad dash for candy with the older kids, while her younger sister was free to leisurely roam around in the section for the littlest kids.

"It was real exciting watching her pick up candy for the first time," Vinson said of Makyah, who took part in her very first Easter hunt.

Both sisters left with a



Ben Piggott with some of the prizes given out last week.

bounty of goodies and prizes, including a summer-long swim pass, a stuffed Easter basket and tube of candy.

Prizes, which also included chocolate bunnies and bags of candy, were donated by the Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Department, Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship Inc. and local members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

All of the donating groups also supplied volunteers to help with the event.

Russell Center Director Ben Piggott said he's glad to be able to provide a safe, fun holiday activity for the kids.

"It's fun," said Piggott. "What this does is it gives the community a chance to see love given back at the community centers."

St. Paul's to host Amendment One talk

Gay marriage measure will be on May 8 ballot

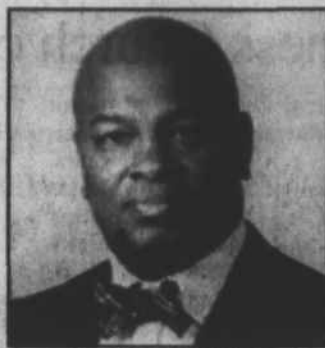
CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 520 Summit St., will host a discussion of the controversial Amendment One on Sunday, April 15.

The conversation, which is free and open to the public, will take place in the church's Colhoun Room from 3:30 - 5 p.m.

State voters will decide the fate of the amendment on Primary Election Day - May 8. A vote for the amendment is essentially a vote against same-sex marriage in North Carolina, but critics of the amendment say if it passes it will have negative ramifications for same-sex couples and the state's economy.

Discussion panelists will include City Council Member Dan Besse, St. Paul's Priest Dr. Chantal McKinney and Deacon Rev. Mike Bradshaw, School Board Member Elisabeth Motsinger, Dr. Corey Miller, director of Development at Crisis Control Ministry, Wake Forest Law Professor Suzanne Reynolds and Dr. Derek Hicks, Henry Luce Diversity Fellow and professor of Religion and Culture in America, African-American Religion, Race, & Ethnicity and Theology at Wake Forest School of Divinity, which is co-sponsoring the event along with St. Paul's. Childcare will be provided at the event.



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