Phi Omega hosts annual holiday party for kids

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The Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. entertained the children at Bethlehem Community Center on Tuesday, Dec. 11 during the chapter's annual Christmas party.

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They had fun as they sat on Santa's lap and whispered to him what they wanted for Christmas. The children were served a variety of sandwiches prepared by Alpha Kappa Alpha elves and given candy canes and oranges to take home. In addition to Davenport, who has coordinated the program for the last 31 years, the other sorority participates were Iman Moore, Irma Richardson, Andrea Jenkins, Margaret Nelson, Malinda Jowers, Ida Bailey, Jeannette Lewis, Maxine Whitney, Lorraine Mortis, LaRue Cunningham, Viola Sharpe, Carolyn Parker and Catharine Lowe. Candice Brown is the president of Phi Omega Chapter.



With "Santa" are AKAs (from left) Lowe, Catharine LaRue Cunningham, Ida Bailey, Jeannette Malinda Lewis, Margeret Jowers, Nelson, Viola Sharpe and Lorraine Mortis. **Bernice** Davenport is seated at the piano and Maxine Whitney is seated on the floor.

Grant will enhance STEM programs at Salem Academy



From left: Academy math teacher Kris Sorrells, the Foundation's Roger Berrier, Salem Academy leader Karl Sjolund and math teacher Amanda Malatlian.

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Salem Academy recently received a grant from the Mebane Foundation to enhance the curriculum in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) with a new robotics program.

Founded in 1772, Salem Academy is a college preparatory boarding and day school for girls in grades 9-12. The Academy shares a campus with Salem College.

The new program, which is open to all Academy students, will challenge the girls to work in teams to build and program robots for competition in the First Tech Challenge (FTC) using TETRIX building systems.

"The science and math portions of our STEM curriculum are already outstanding at the Academy. This grant from the Mebane Foundation will give us an opportunity to zero in on some of the technology and engineering elements as well," says Salem Academy Head of School Karl Sjolund. "We're so grateful to the Mebane Foundation for making this robotics program possible."

The Mocksville-based Mebane Foundation works as a catalyst for innovation and excellence in education by providing grants to qualifying schools for a number of educational enrichment initiatives.

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important, but if they are not practiced in life, what good are they? To glorify God by living according to His standard is the aim. Now, because we are the body of Christ, His adopted sisters and brothers, we are held to the standards that He lived by.

When Jesus was 12, it became apparent even to the elders that He was different. He was humble, obedient to His mission, and loved humanity with everything within Him. His humility was rooted in His identity. He was there before the beginning. He knew who He was. He didn't look down on anyone; that included the Jewish hierarchy. He was stern with them because of their hardened hearts! Jesus never lost sight of His purpose no matter what was in front of Him. See Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; and Luke 22: 39-44. Finally, He loved us so much that He died an excruciating death to save all humanity! That is the standard (the light)! We can only follow this pattern by the aid of the Holy Spirit! Today's lesson begins here.

Lesson: Ephesians 4 reminds the church that they are different yet they operate as one. The talents are exhausting, but the aim is the same. Like the body of Christ, the family and other relationships in society are to recognize the many roles while working towards unity. There is strength in unity, so Paul focuses on the family. Let me say now that these Scriptures have been misused and abused by many. Verses 21-24 are really about submission. Submission means to respect highly. Some modern scholars also think that the phrase "means functional submission, giving in to the most qualified person for that scenario" (Echoes Adult Teacher Commentary). In order to submit, one has to be humble and always focused on the goal. I'm sure that examples of this will flood your mind. Submission works two ways! Just as Christ is the head of the church, the husband is the head of the family. According to many cultures, there is always a male head somewhere in the family. Obviously, if no man is present, the female becomes the head. Being the head is a great responsibility without a vacation! Close examination of the passage reveals that Paul spends more time on the husband's role than the others. Real love is self sacrificing and patient. The apostle also points out that husbands are to leave their family to become one new family. Is this not unity? Yes, wives, you too must leave to cleave! Therefore husbands and wives are you humble, obedient and loving? When trying to lord over the wife, the husband forgets that he is to love his wife like Christ loved the church. Marriage is a mystery that most of us can attest to. Paul goes on to explain the roles of parents and chil-dren in the household. Children are to be nurtured and guided, not abused. Children are to be obedient, respectful and appreciative. "If the family is dysfunc-tional, the parent or child should seek help and always be open to forgiveness" (Mildred's spin).



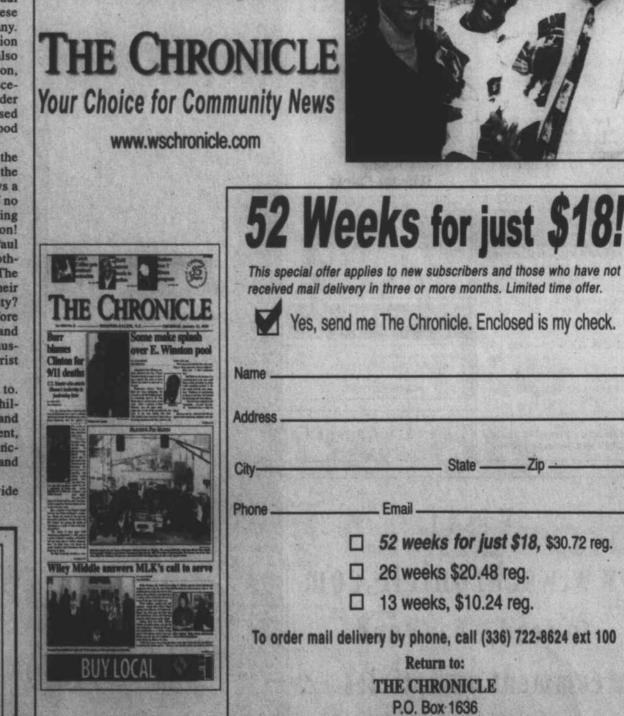
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