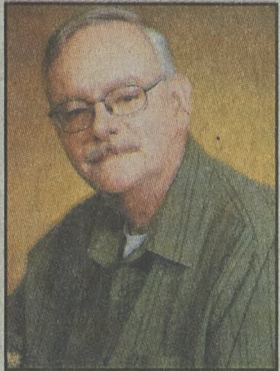


Eagles Among Us

(Ed. note: This the fourth in a series of articles on men in the area who have attained the Eagle rank. Jim Ferebee has interviewed and is continuing to interview many Eagle Scouts for this series of stories. We thought we would introduce our readers to Jim.)



Jim Ferebee

Jim was born in July 1943 in Portsmouth, VA but grew up in the rural farming community of Birdsnest on the Eastern Shore (ES) of Virginia. He was a Cub Scout for three years and then joined Boy Scout Troop 311 sponsored by Franktown Methodist church. This troop was part of the Delmarva council (ES of VA, ES of MD and state of Del.). At the age of sixteen, he received his Eagle. His troop was an active troop with good adult leaders. He served as a patrol leader and as senior patrol leader. In working toward his Eagle He earned 27 Merit badges. His most significant memories of his years as a scout were the camping trips and attending summer camp. In 1961 he had the honor of representing the Delmarva council in presenting scouting's annual report to the governor of VA.

Jim attended Virginia Tech earning a BS and MS in Metallurgical Engineering. His first job was as a research engineer with Combustion Engineering in Chattanooga,

TN. After seven years in the lab, he became a Quality Engineer in QA department. In 1984, he moved to Kings Mountain as QA Manager when Combustion opened a facility here. 2000 marked the end of his full time employment since the plant closed and he was retired. Since then, he has had the opportunity to do contract QA work all over the world.

Besides family, education and scouting, being a Christian has been a major part of his life. He was saved and baptized at the age of nine in Red Bank Baptist Church in Marienville, VA, where he attended until going away to college. In Chattanooga, TN, he was active in the churches attended, serving as a RA Leader, SS teacher, SS Dept. Director, Deacon, Chairman of Finance Committee, and Chair of two furnishing committees. Since coming to Kings Mountain, his family has been active members of First Baptist Church (FBC). He has the opportunity to serve here as a Deacon and Chair of Finance and Personnel committees and went on a mission trip to Honduras. He looks at his service as his primary service to the church and his Lord. His Troop has awarded him the "Good Shepherd" adult religious award.

He married his wife Jane in 1963 while in college. Fifty one years later they have three children and ten grandchildren. Two of the children are in full time Christian service and his son is an Eagle Scout.

In his community, he has served many years on the United Way Board of Directors serving two terms as Chairman of the Allocations Committee. At his plant, he headed up the annual United Way fund drive. Again, as with



Eagle Scout Jim Ferebee (right) with Governor of VA 1961

church, he considers his work with Scouts as his place of service.

In 1979, after having been out of Scouting for nearly 20 years, Jim got the opportunity to become the Scoutmaster of Troop 309 chartered by Hixson First Baptist Church in Chattanooga, TN (Cherokee Council). In 1984, when he moved to Kings Mountain, FBC was seeking to reactivate Troop 92 and Jim again became a Scoutmaster. In 1992, the troop was designated as the Troop of the Year in Battleground District (Cleveland County). He continued as SM until 1996 when he stepped down to the less physically demanding role of Assistant Scoutmaster. He has found this supporting role to be every bit as fulfilling as that of Scoutmaster.

During his tenure as an adult leader, he has been selected for OA (Brotherhood Member), attended and completed Woodbadge training, attended a week of training at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, and done a week of sailing at BSA

Sea Base in Florida. The Battleground District has awarded him the District Award of Merit, KM Friends Of Scouting has awarded him the Rev. Dr. Charles Bell Award, and he have been awarded the Scoutmaster Award of Merit. He have served as an instructor in "Basic Scout Leader Training", been on staff of Council Junior Leader Training, and served on the District Eagle Board of Review. His 35 years as an adult scout leader has been most rewarding.

Scouting, and its principles, have been a guide to his life from 11 years age until now. He finds his actions, values, and thoughts reflect them. Things he learned as a scout are still in use whether it is tying a knot, cooking a cobbler in a dutch oven, finding the North Star, identifying a tree or just carrying and using a pocket knife. At summer camp with his troop (his main camping activity now) he finds himself singing old scout songs and rejoicing in watching our scouts enjoy the same experiences that he did as a scout.

East Elementary school Second nine week awards

Second Nine week awards at East Elementary School were presented on Jan. 30 at the school to Kindergarten and First Grade students. The honor roll students were also recognized.

KIWANIS TERRIFIC KIDS:
(K) Brayden Biggerstaff, Tia Jordan, Lilly Parker, Daeshawn Camp, Layla Breakfield, Cameron Henderson,

(1) Taylor Wilson, Chase Abernathy, Lucy McDaniel, Cyndie McCurry, Phylcia Eubanks,

PRINCIPAL PALS: (HOMEWORK AWARD) KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS:

Ja'Mari Bess, Curtis Campbell, Chesney Cutler, Ian Hall, Zi Hughes, Ariel Humphries, Tia Jordan, D. J. McFadden, Haylie Morrow, Joseph Rowland, Matthew Simpson, Franklin Smith, Jayden Snyder, Noah Jones, Sophie Arrowood, Alana Goode, Alyssa Goode, Kaylee Clary, Ayven Ingram, Greysen Miller, Kenna Myers, Lilly Parker, Daniel Ramsey, Aliceon Simpson, Kevin Walker, Wyatt Wooten, Daeshawn Camp, Blane Nations, Layla Putnam, Hunter Black, Layla Breakfield, Karsyn Criswell, Kayla Goode, Cameron Henderson, Madyson Martin, Elijah Perry, Ericka Stewart, Caleb Watts, Abbey Smith, Shiloh Hemphill.

FIRST GRADE:
Chase Abernathy, Ke'Ja Baker-Parker, Conner Black, Janyah Crawford,

Olivia Coplen, Jordayn Gantt, Brayden Harvey, Autumn Heffran, Alona Noblett, Braxton Powell, Emari Pressley, Aiden Smith, Trayton Teal, Taylor Wilson, Madilyn Walker, Sierra Abernathy, Natalie Brown, Phoenix Calhoun, Justin Curry, Dominic Davis, Landyn Howell, Kensen Martin, Cyndie McCurry, Lucy McDaniel, Coley Peters, O'Ryan Seright, Caleb Smith, Omari Wilson,

Anna Reece Wooten, Karmen Rodgers, Trinity Arwood, Lillie Bolin, Kinsley Byrd, Abby Cody, Laila Degreee, Lucas Davis, Phylcia Eubanks, Gabriel Lubas, Thomas Phillips, Alex Stevens, Alyssa Biggerstaff.

A HONOR ROLL
First Grade: Conner Black, Brayden Harvey, Dominic Davis, Kensen Martin, Lucy McDaniel, Coley Peters, Caleb Smith, Anna Reece Wooten, Kinsley Byrd, Lucas Davis, Phylcia Eubanks,

AB HONOR ROLL
First Grade: Chase Abernathy, Ke'Ja Baker-Parker,

Olivia Coplen, Jordayn Gantt, Alona Noblett, Trayton Teal, Natalie Brown, Justin Curry, Landyn Howell, Abby Cody, Gabriel Lubas.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR 9 WEEKS

Kindergarten: Brayden Biggerstaff, Jamariana Currence, Ariel Humphries, DJ McFadden, Jayden Snyder, Sophie Arrowood, Karsyn Criswell, Kayla Goode.

FIRST GRADE:
Ke'Ja Baker-Parker, Conner Black, Ja'Nyah Crawford, Emari Pressley,

Phoenix Calhoun, Dominic Davis, Alyssa Biggerstaff, Gabriel Lubas, Allie Powers.

SCIENCE AWARD
Emily Walker, Blane Nations, Aden Jones, Jordayn Gantt, Phoenix Calhoun, Alex Stevens.

MATH AWARD
Ian Hall, Alyssa Goode, Kayla Goode, Brayden Harvey, Justin Curry, Lillie Bolin.

SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD
Zi Hughes, Alana Goode, Marie Morrow, Autumn Heffran, Nathan Jackson, Gabriel Lubas.

READING AWARD
Joseph Rowland, Layla Putnam, Shiloh Hemphill, Madilyn Walker, Anna Reese Wooten, Caleb Watts, Kinsley Byrd.

HANDWRITING AWARD:
DJ McFadden, Sophie Arrowood, Heaven Fite, Conner Black, Landyn Howell, Laila Degreee.

PHONICS AWARD:
Jamariana Currence, Kaylee Clary, Christian Hill, Olivia Coplen, Dominic Davis,

SPELLING AWARD:
Elijah Perry, Janyah Crawford, Caleb Smith, Lucas Davis.

MUSIC AWARD:
Jayden Snyder, Emily Walker, Alyssa Goode, Kaylee Clary, Heaven Fite, Hunter Black, Ke'Ja Baker-Parker, Madilyn Walker, Natalie Brown, Omari Wilson, Kinsley Byrd, Thomas Phillips.

ART AWARD:
Zi Hughes, Chesney Cutler, Greysen Miller, Alyssa Goode, Hunter Black, Madyson Martin, Ke'Ja Baker-Parker, Ja'Hyah Crawford, Sierra Abernathy, O'Ryan Seright, Lucas Davis, Phylcia Eubanks.

PE AWARD:
Chesney Cutler, Greysen Miller, Caleb Watts, Ke'Ja Baker-Parker, Kensen Martin, Lucas Davis.

See next week's Herald for 2-4th grade honor rolls.

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