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Essay and Poster Contest Winners

Justin McClary



1st place (Essay Contest)—9-12

Kennedy Cooper



1st place (Poster Contest) -K-5

TaeShon Robinson



1st place (Poster Contest) -6-8

Kelsey Marie McClary



2nd place (Poster Contest) K-5

Braylon Robinson



2nd place (Poster Contest) -K-5

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Essay and Poster Contest Winners continued

The Youth Ministry sponsored its second annual Youth Poster Contest in November 2020. The contest was designed to address the current issues facing African Americans and other minorities regarding racial disparities in America. Students in K-5 were invited to design posters depicting their understanding of several topics such as Black Lives Matter (BLM), Social Justice, Racial Inequality and COVID-19, and students in 6-12 were invited to write an essay or draw posters on the same topics.

Research shows that talking with young people about topics of race, inequality, and social justice can make big changes and leave lasting positive impacts. On the other hand, not talking about these issues leads to the development of implicit biases, which can create further problems relating to these extremely sensitive topics.

The contest was successful, and all participants received cash awards. Congratulations to all participants!

Essay Contest Winner



Justin McClary is a freshman at Ridgeview High School and a member of First Nazareth Baptist Church. He is a member of the W. H. Neal Youth Cho and Male Mentoring; he participates in activities with the Youth Ministry. He gets great joy from providing music entertainment for various events at the church. Justin plays a wide variety of music for different audiences, but his favorite music is gospel quartet. He is reinventing his business and is now creating the intro music for Virtual Bible Study on Wednesdays. He is also a percussionist on the Blazer Band. Justin is the son of Terrence and Jennifer and the big brother to Kelsey Marie.

Justin's essay was written on Black Lives Matter (BLM). An excerpt from his essay is as follows: "Sometimes, I sit back and wonder if I can walk the streets safely and not be concerned about being killed by a police officer." "We must learn how to stand up for what is right and protect against wrong, as reflected in Thomas Jefferson's words: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.'"

Poster Contest Winners



TaeShon Robinson is in 6th grade at Dent Middle School. His favorite subject is science, and he enjoys working with science projects. He is a member of First Nazareth Baptist Church. He attends 7:45 a.m. worship and participates in Vacation Bible School and the Easter and Christmas programs. TaeShon is the son of Shontae Wages and Charles Robinson. Last year he graduated from Forest Lake Elementary School; he received several awards, including honor roll and a member of the BETA Club.

TaeShon's poster was drawn to describe the Black Lives Matter Movement (BLM) and what it means to him. His poster depicted recent victims whose lives were taken by police brutality and racial profiling of overzealous law enforcement officers in several states in America. Sadly, these lives have been taken too soon by the main agency that is charged to protect and defend.

Poster Contest Winners Continued



Kennedy Cooper is a kindergartner at Bridge Creek Elementary School. She was selected to participate in ROAR which is an accelerated reading and math program at her school. Kennedy loves sports, music, First Nazareth, and all things WWE. She is a prankster

and she loves to make people laugh. Kennedy is the daughter of Mr. Deshawn Cooper and Dr. Kendria Cartledge. Kennedy's poster was drawn to depict recent victims lost and protesters whose "lives mattered." Her poster was clearly specific that her life matters, too. She knows that God does not make any junk.



Braylon Robinson was born in Columbia, South Carolina. He is the son of Shontae Wages and Charles Robinson. He is a five-year-old student in kindergarten at Forest Lake Elementary school. He was dedicated at First Nazareth Baptist Church and especially enjoys Vacation Bible School. He also enjoys building planes from wood.

Braylon's poster was drawn to emphasize the importance of safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. His poster depicted safety precautions such as wearing masks and maintaining clean hands often, not to mention socially distancing.



Kelsey Marie McClary is a second grader at Rice Creek Elementary. Kelsey loves to create art pieces from recycled materials and free hand drawings and watching YouTube videos. She enjoys being a Brownie Girl Scout. Also, Kelsey likes to create Tik Tok videos and play Roblox with her cousins and friends. Kelsey is ready to go back to Ms. JP's Bible Study Class and see her friends in First Place. Kel-

sey is the daughter of Terrence and Jennifer and the little sister of Justin McClary.

Kelsey's poster was drawn to heighten awareness of COVID-19 and the anxiety that many persons are experiencing during the pandemic. The poster indicated that many are feeling unsafe and unsure of what is to come. It revealed that 2019 was the worst year ever.

NOTE:: Black Lives Matter is a social movement dedicated to fighting racism and police brutality against Black people. The name Black Lives Matter signals condemnation of the unjust killings of Black people by police and the demand that society values the lives of Black people as much as it values the lives of white people.

Christmas—Fruit Give Away

Prompted by the spirit of good will and gift giving in the Christmas season, the Youth Ministry of First Nazareth distributed bags of fresh fruits including bananas, apples, tangerines, grapes, kiwi, and strawberries to the youth on December 12, 2020. Seasonal sweet treats were also given as participants drove through the portico of the church. The bags also contained small personal gifts with handouts on nutritional values of various fruits and vegetables.

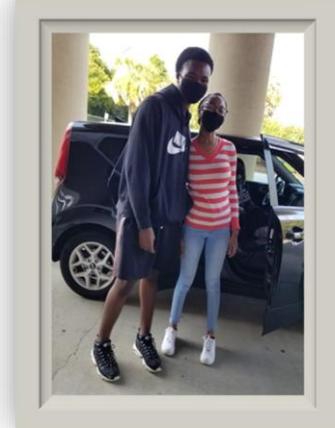
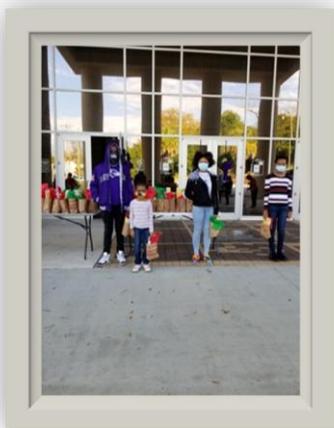
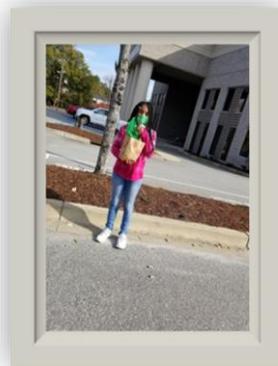
This activity was designed to stimulate young people's awareness of eating more fresh fruit and vegetables and the benefit they provide for eliminating medical issues and conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity. Approximately 45 bags of fresh fruits were given to the youth and five bags were given to seniors who were shut-in.

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Christmas



Zoom Party



The Party

On Saturday, December 19, 2020, the First Nazareth Youth Ministry hosted its first Zoom Christmas Celebration to continue engaging the youth in wholesome activities, while our country and the world are under the siege of COVID-19. The novel coronavirus first appeared in the United States in January 2020 and was declared a global health emergency. Gatherings of all kinds ceased as we were told to stay home and wear masks when traveling anywhere to help protect ourselves and others from this virulent infection that has rapidly spread across this country. Thanks to technology, the ZOOMING began.

Approximately 15 students from elementary to high school, visible in their cubicles, along with adult members of the ministry and parents were also participants.

Games

1. **Christmas Jeopardy:** This game is identical to the Jeopardy game on television except this game gave the questions and the answers had to be provided. The categories were all Christmas related in areas such as songs, food, traditions, flowers, desserts and fruits.
2. **Name that Tune:** Christmas music was played and participants were asked to identify its title.
3. **Hunt and Find:** Participants were asked to find three items: something with eyes, something red, and something with Christmas cheer such as a card or greeting; and
4. **Five for five:** Participants were asked five questions, and they had to respond quickly via CHAT to receive a prize.

The party was extremely successful and most enjoyable by those in attendance. Thanks to all participants!

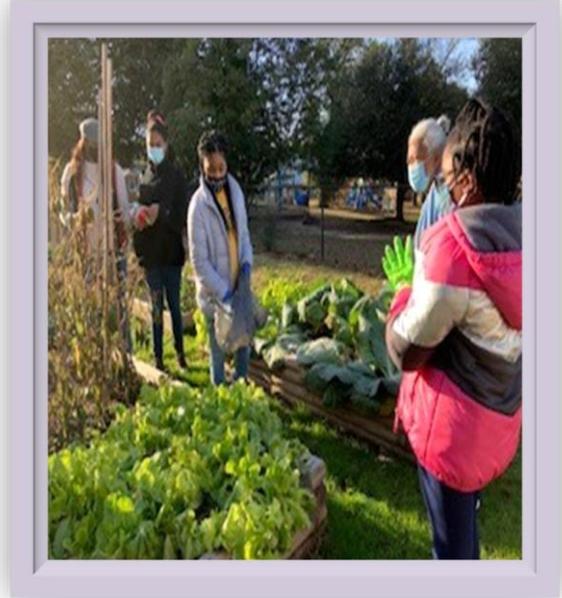
Community Service



Bryce Alexandria Davis

On December 11, 2020, Bryce and other young people from the area picked vegetables from the community garden at Reid Chapel A.M.E. Church. The vegetables were included in food baskets for Richland One and Richland Two school districts families for the holiday season.

Bryce is in 6th grade at Blythewood Middle School. She is a



Volunteering

member of First Nazareth Baptist Church. At First Nazareth, she attends Sunday School, and she is a Cadette Girl Scout in Troop 1402.

Bryce is the daughter of Walter and Tara Davis. She enjoys gaming, drawing, playing the flute and her favorite subject is social studies.



Girl Scout Cookies



Girl Scout Cookie entrepreneurs are always on a mission. Whether it's through an exciting new adventure, a service project to improve their communities, an amazing summer at camp, or an eye-opening STEM activity, the goal is always to power amazing experiences for themselves and their troops all year long, while helping others too!

First Nazareth has five troops with over 50 girls registered. The troops all participated in selling cookies. The sales for this year exceeded 600 cases. Proceeds from these sales will defray the cost of badges, planned trips, camping and outdoor adventures.

The troops are grateful to Pastor Scott and the First Nazareth family for strong support of Girl Scouting.

Tutoring—Grades 3-12

The GWF Virtual Village
A COMMUNITY OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT
FREE WEEKLY
Virtual Tutoring Sessions
Grades 3-12



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The Village Initiative Tutoring Program began during the 2019/2020 school year as an enterprise of the Greater Waverly Foundation. One-on-one tutoring and snacks were provided for students in grades 5 through 12 in all subjects bi-weekly in the First Nazareth Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The pandemic forced the early recess of the program prior to the end of the school year.

Determined not to let the pandemic end the program, a planning team met during the summer and began planning for tutoring for the 2020/2021 academic year, using Zoom as the platform. The tutoring program became what is now the Virtual Village, a group dedicated to working with students in grades 3 through 12, providing tutoring in all subjects. The Greater Waverly Foundation has secured partners that provide aid and or funding for the work of the foundation. These partners include the First Nazareth Baptist Church, the

Gamma Nu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Central Carolina Community Foundation, The American Education Research Association, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. Grants have been awarded allowing for the purchase of needed technology.

In October tutors were paired with students. The planning team, now administrators of the program, continues to recruit additional tutors and students. Future goals include increasing services for high school students as well as assisting students in completing college and scholarship applications.

Additional information about the program, including how to become a tutor or receive tutoring, can be found on The Greater Waverly Foundation website.

Contact Us

The Youth Ministry solicits information from all youth and youth groups on any accomplishments and interesting articles for the third edition of the newsletter. Please send all information to the church.

Future Events

- African American History Bowl—March 6, 2021
- Easter Basket Give Away—April 3, 2021
- Easter Zoom Party
- Newsletter -Third Edition—May 2021

