

Partnership the key to summer camp's success

The Davidson Association (The DA) and Mt. Zion Baptist Church partnered to bring the YMCA Summer Camp to the Davidson Community as a one-week trial. The idea was proposed by Kevin Osborne, VP of Operations, Sr. Executive Director at the Y to Katherine Pendergrass, President of The Davidson Association

Mr. Osborne and the YMCA are very much interested in outreach to various communities within our community, the YMCA is more than a building, it's a place of belonging. Mrs. Pendergrass shared the idea with the Davidson Alumni Resource Center Board Members who agreed to move forward.

Mr. Osborne then presented the community outreach project to Renata Wingo, Family Program Director at the Y, to plan the camp. The one-week Y Camp trial was a huge success. Twenty-one children, ages 5 to 13, were in attendance. Their impactful week



The YMCA Summer Camp, hosted by The Davidson Association (The DA) and Mt. Zion Baptist Church, partnered with the Y to make this event a reality.

Photo by Katherine Pendergrass

included devotions, games, songs, arts and crafts, STEAM, various activities, and a day at the Y's swimming pool.

The campers enjoyed snacks and lunch and received an "official" YMCA

t-shirt. The Kings Mountain Family YMCA staff assigned to the specialty camp were Keshawn Strong, Zoey Self, and Desiree Rodriguez. We are better together! Davidson Board members include Randy Miller, Chair;

Valerie Boyd, vice-chair; Melvin White, treasurer; Tamra Moody, assistant treasurer, and Geraldine Dye, secretary. Rev. Les Davis, Pastor, and Henry Gilmore III, Deacon Chair, Mt. Zion.