By Rachel Young

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“There is no selection process in order to be a part of this group. You just have to love to sing and love God and you’re welcome to come. We don’t discriminate,” Bridges said.

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Bridges said that flers are placed around campus each semester letting individuals know that the gospel choir exists.

There is also an interest meeting to meet the members and executive board to learn about the group. All of the group’s rehearsals are open for the public to stop in to listen and enjoy.

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The group prayed at the BSU house, Lumbee Hall, University Center, between the residence halls and at the water features.

Sanders told the group to pray in particular for the administration, faculty, students, for the education that the students are receiving and the ministry at the BSU.

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This was Hollifield’s first Prayer Walk that he has been a part of and feels that it was very successful.

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