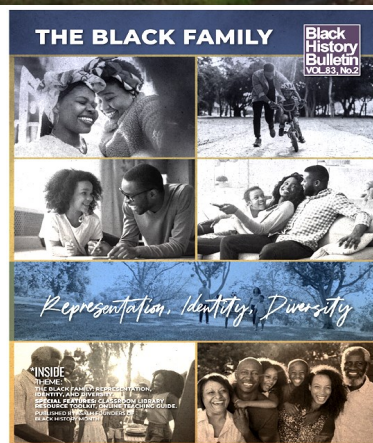


Titusian



2021 BLACK HISTORY THEME: THE BLACK FAMILY: Representation, Identity, and Diversity

There are hundreds of remarkable stories of persons who have served the Episcopal Church with love, with persistence, with energy and with creativity. National African American History Month in February celebrates the contributions that African Americans have made to American history in their struggles for freedom and equality and deepens our understanding of our Nation's history. The 2021 History Theme provides an opportunity for the **Titusian Family** to share some largely unknown contributions of those of African descent and to celebrate the essence of a history that is as integral to the narrative of America as apple pie.



Absalom Jones

The Episcopal Church launches 2021 Absalom Jones Fund Campaign to assist Episcopal Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites Episcopalians to deepen their participation in Christ's ministry of reconciliation by dedicating offerings at observances of the Feast of Absalom Jones (**February 13**) and making individual donations to support St. Augustine's University in Raleigh, NC, and Voorhees College in Denmark, SC, two historically black Episcopal institutions of higher education. To donate online, go to stitusdurham.org, and click the **DONATE** button and complete the form. You may also send a check to St. Titus' Episcopal Church (indicate Absalom Jones—the institution). Mail your donation to St. Titus' Episcopal Church—400 Moline Steet—Durham NC 27707.

Feb. 13: [Diocesan celebration](#) of Blessed Absalom Jones on Zoom, FaceBook, and YouTube. The service will be followed by a virtual lunch that will include story-telling.



From Our Rector

It was one year ago, during Lent, that we first heard of the coronavirus that quickly forced us to close our doors. We learned to call the disease COVID19. And we learned that even with our doors closed, we are still the church. We learned that wherever we are, whatever our circumstances, God is listening for our voices. We were reminded that we always have access to prayer.

Today, one year later, as we prepare to enter Lent again, I write to remind you of the ancient monastic practice of praying the Daily Office, Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. While we miss gathering around God's table to receive Holy Communion, Morning and Evening Prayer are just as valid ways to acknowledge and give thanks for God's presence in our lives. We have been offering online Morning Prayer on Sundays and Evening Prayer on Wednesday ever since we were forced to close our doors. During Lent we will add virtual Morning Prayer via Zoom on Tues-

day and Thursday mornings at 8:00 am. The service itself will only take about 15 minutes. It will be recorded and available on our Facebook page so that you can listen or watch at a time that's convenient for you. Once a week we will ask a member of the congregation to include a five-minute meditation based on one of the scripture readings for the day. If you would be willing to lead a meditation, please let me know.

We will hold an online service on Ash Wednesday, with an opportunity for you to drive by the church to receive ashes. Also, during Lent there will be a Bible study on the Ten Commandments, led by our curate, Philip. More information is available elsewhere in this newsletter. Keep an eye on our announcements, emailed to subscribers on Thursdays, and our website: sttitusdurham.org, for information on accessing our worship and learning opportunities.

I will be praying for you this Lent, dear friends, as I do all year long. It

is a privilege to serve alongside you. I see Jesus in you. This Lent, and always, may we see Jesus in each other.

Faithfully,
Stephanie +



Schedule for Lent 2021

February 17 Ash Wednesday

12-Noon – Ash Wednesday Liturgy

6:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Sundays

10:00 am Service of Ante-communion

3:00 pm - Bible Study: The Ten Commandments

Tuesdays and Thursdays

8:00 am Morning Prayer

Wednesdays

6:00 pm Evening Prayer

Bishop's Visit and Confirmation



Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple will make an official Bishop's Visitation to St. Titus' on Sunday, March 7. We expect that she will officiate and preach for our 10:00 am online service that day. Following the service, there will be a Zoom coffee hour when you can have a conversation

with the bishop. We will also arrange a time when Bishop Anne can meet online with the vestry.

Confirmations are usually scheduled for the time of the bishop's visit. Unfortunately, that won't be possible this year because of the coronavirus. The good news is that regional confirmations will be scheduled for later in the year. The Youth Department of the diocese is offering Diocesan-wide Youth Confirmation classes beginning March 1. This 12-week offering will begin on Monday, March 1 at 7p.m., and will continue

to meet every other Monday at 7p.m. via Zoom. Candidates for Confirmation must be baptized members of an Episcopal congregation within the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. There will be a mix of videos to watch, online meetings to attend and one-on-one sessions with an adult mentor. Participants must attend 5 of the 6 Zoom meetings and complete any missed information on their own. The sessions will be led by Leah Dail, assistant youth missionary and Amy Campbell, children's and family missionary. Congregational clergy, youth leaders and youth mentors will be included in this hybrid confirmation offering. If you or a young person you know is interested, please let Rev. Stephanie know as soon as possible.

If you are an adult and are considering confirmation or reception (transferring your membership from another denomination if you have already been confirmed) Rev. Stephanie would be happy to talk with you and arrange for any needed classes.

Vestry Zoom Meeting Highlights - December, 2020

Attendance via Zoom :

Members Present: Althea Alton, Diane Hundley, Lorie-Ann Lee-Carter, Preston Edwards, Marguerite Peebles, Charles Thompson, Rev. Stephanie Yancy, ,

Absent: Meisha Davis

Others present: Rev. Philip Zoutendam, Curate, Deborah Debourg-Brown, Treasurer, Lew Myers, Chair of Finance Committee, Rev. Sarah Woodard, Deacon

Opening Prayer - Rev. Stephanie Yancy-at 11:30 A.M.

Bible Study- Althea Alton-Luke 1:26-38.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:26-38, NRSV)

Questions for Reflection-

1. How is God calling St. Titus' to dream what might seem to be impossible?
2. Are there ways that we, as the St. Titus' Vestry, are being called to step out of our comfort zone and step out in faith?
3. How will we respond?

Accepted Minutes- Lorie-Ann Lee-Carter

Correction to the November minutes: Add Deborah Deborg Brown and Lew Meyers to the attendance for the November meeting. Preston Edwards moved acceptance; Charles Thompson seconded and the minutes were accepted.

Accepted Finance Committee Report: 2020 Budget - Lew Myers

The 2021 budget total revenue of \$232,300 increased from 2020. There was discussion of pledged and un-pledged revenue.

A motion to pay a \$500 bonus for Susan Stedmon (organist) from the 2020 budget was offered by Charles Thompson and seconded by Althea Alton passed.

Preston Edwards' motion to approve the 2021 budget from the Finance Committee was seconded and approved.

Deacon's Activities Report- Rev. Sarah Woodard

Share your Christmas – Many St. Titus' parishioners participated in Sharing Christmas with five families from C.C. Spaulding Elementary School, the community and St. Joseph's Episcopal Church. Seeks to organize a diaper ministry for the family from St. Joseph's and others who are in need or give to the Diaper Bank of North Carolina.

NCCU Campus Ministry – The students have gone home for the semester. Transformation Tuesdays will resume in 2021.

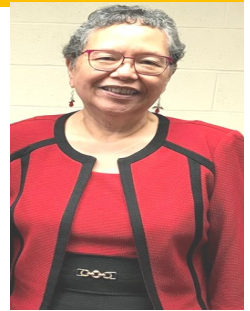
El Buen Pastor Food Ministry – Titusians continue to engage in this ministry on the first Saturday of the month with members of St. Michael's and St. Luke's. We prepared boxes of food for 300 people this month. Our next food drive will be held on Saturday, January 2, 2021, from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Volunteers needed.

Good News Garden – We harvested greens on December 5 and distributed food from the El Buen Pastor Food ministry to our neighbors. We planted mushrooms in the logs found in Delany Park. This ministry, a collaborative effort with St. Luke's has provided enjoyment and harvest for many. We will resume our gardening duties in February 2021.

Diane Hundley moved to accept the report; Preston Edwards seconded; the report was accepted.

Rector's Report- Rev. Stephanie Yancy Services-

We continue to try to keep members involved and feeling connected. During Advent we had families with children light the candles on the Advent wreath. On Christmas Day we will do a live service on Zoom. We continue to include St. Titus' members reading the lessons in the recorded services. Last week I added a Zoom coffee hour at the end of the 10:00 am service. It was well received. It was clear that people wanted to see each other and to hear how everyone was doing.



Vestry Zoom Meeting Highlights - November, 2020

We are going to begin sending Lay Eucharistic Visitors to take communion to people who are shut in at home. They will follow guidelines issued by the Diocese for these visits. Masks will be worn, social distancing maintained, and the visits will not last longer than 15 minutes. If possible, the visits will happen outside.

After Christmas we will look at livestreaming a service on Zoom every Sunday. This would be in addition to, not in place of, the recorded services we are currently offering. I am always open to thoughts from the vestry on how we can enhance the sense of connection.

Expiring Vestry Terms-

As explained at the last meeting, legally we cannot hold a virtual annual meeting or a virtual election to choose new vestry members. The annual meeting and/or an election must be held in person. The three vestry members whose terms are due to expire this month, Lorie-Ann, Charles, and Preston, have agreed to continue to serve until April, when the Diocese has indicated we should know more about holding annual meetings and elections. We expect to be able to hold a meeting in March 2021, based on what we're hearing from the Diocese. Lorie-Ann has let me know that although she will stay on the vestry, she will not be able to continue as clerk, so we will need to select a new clerk at the December meeting.

Fraudulent Texts- The online member directory was compromised. Fraudulent texts, purporting to be from me, were sent to many of the people in the directory last week. To protect our members, we have shut down the directory for the foreseeable future. The company reports that it is working on a security fix.

Financial Matters-

We need to create a Curate's Discretionary Account. Philip will be the signer through June 2021, when he will end his time with us. When Mawethu arrives, he will be added to the account as the new signer.

In addition, we need to update the signers on the church operating account. On behalf of the treasurer, I am asking permission to remove Lionell Parker from the operating account. Add Preston Edwards and Althea Alton if necessary.

Diane Hundley moved and Marguerite Peebles seconded that we create a discretionary account for the curate and the motion passed.

The vestry voted affirmatively by email to apply for forgiveness for the PPP loan and to submit the grant application. The church received a check of approximately \$2300 from the grant and will make the purchases of equipment for use in live streaming/recording worship services.

Marguerite Peebles moved to accept the report; Diane Hundley seconded the motion and the report was accepted.

Sr. Warden's Report - Althea Alton

Every Member Canvass Committee-

Attended a stewardship check-in with other churches in the Diocese; grateful that St. Titus' had such an excellent response to our Stewardship Campaign as other churches are having stewardship campaign challenges.

Wrote a thank you note and update from the Every Member Canvass Committee for the Titusian.

Communication with Congregation

Continue to strive for effective communication with the congregation by writing monthly summaries of our vestry meetings for the newsletter, by serving on the Communications Committee, updating the St. Titus' Face Book page, and by checking in with those in my "Buddy Group".

Communication with Diocese

Continue to join the weekly Zoom meetings with the Bishops, the Bi-Weekly Diocesan Lay Leader Support Group and the monthly meeting of the Durham Convocation Senior Wardens' Support Group.

Charles Thompson moved to accept the report; Preston Edwards seconded the motion and the report was accepted.

Junior Warden's Report- Preston Edwards

Brown Brothers Plumbing came out to the church and Lew Myers met with them. The line going out by the kitchen is not functioning correctly. The quote to fix is \$25K and there would be additional expense to fix the floor. There is also some uncertainty about what may be found. The issues have been noted when we have large groups in all day long, however problems are not expected for regular church services. This is for informational purposes only currently.

Lew met with Lee Air Conditioners and they completed the quarterly maintenance. A Zoom call is planned to review the air quality report once it has been received.

Marguerite Peebles moved to accept the report. Diane seconded the motion, and the report was accepted.

Vision and Mission Committee- Marguerite Peebles **VISION STATEMENT DRAFT**

God dreams for St. Titus' to be sacred ground where all of God's children experience the unconditional love of Jesus. In faithful response, we will offer Spirit-filled worship where people from diverse backgrounds will encounter God. Across all ages, we will deepen our faith through sharing scripture, Christian tradition and our own experience. We will be open and authentic with one another and respond to the needs of our neighbors with compassion and creativity.

Vestry Zoom Meeting Highlights - November, 2020

Our passion for God's justice and peace will compel us to become agents for social, political, and economic transformation. St. Titus' will be Beloved Community.

MISSION STATEMENT DRAFT

St. Titus' is a diverse and growing community committed to walking with Christ by serving others, pursuing justice and extending radical welcome to all.

DRAFT VALUES STATEMENTS

Love

We find joy and fulfillment in our relationships with God, ourselves and one another, patiently persisting through adversity, despair, conflict, and suffering. When confronted by anger and resentment, we practice forgiveness and reconciliation. We love unconditionally.

Justice

"Justice is what love looks like in public" (Cornel West). Our society must be set up in such a way that everyone has what they need to flourish and be in right relationship with one another. We engage our institutions and communities in the spirit of Ubuntu: "I am because we are". We

ourselves cannot be whole until all are made whole.

Service

Following the example of Jesus, we prayerfully discern and minister to the needs of others both within St. Titus' and beyond with compassionate presence, providing spiritual, emotional and financial support.

Welcome

We welcome others because we know how it feels to be made unwelcome. We affirm the worth and dignity of every human being, celebrating individual diversity and embracing the common ties that bind us together.

Members of the vestry read and discussed the mission, vision, and values statements.

The plan is to have a separate meeting for a more thorough discussion of the statements and to share thoughts via email prior to the discussion.

Closing Prayer by Rev. Sarah Woodard. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

The Rev. Philip Zoutendam Ordained to the Priesthood



The Rev. Philip Zoutendam, St. Titus' curate, was ordained to the priesthood on Friday, January 15, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan - his sending parish.

Although the number of people attending the service in person was limited, many of us were able to watch a live-stream of the service. As part of the ordination service, each new priest is vested in a chasuble, the cape-like vestment priests wear when celebrating the Eucharist. The picture shows Philip wearing the red chasuble he borrowed from St. Titus' and took with him to Grand Rapids for the service. Congratulations, Philip!

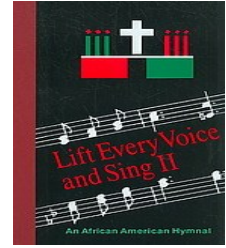
[Click here for the livestreamed service.](#)

[Click here for a photo album from the event.](#)



Clarence Boyer, African-American Gospel Scholar and Editor of *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*

Susan Stedman , Music Director



Our beloved hymnal, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, became available to Episcopal churches in 1993 as an enhanced version of its predecessor, *Lift Every Voice and Sing I*. The contents were drawn from LEVAS I and other black hymnals, and the hymnal's compilation was overseen by Dr. Horace Clarence Boyer, one of the foremost scholars in African-American gospel music. Dr. Boyer served as General Editor for the hymnal's Editorial Committee.

Clarence Boyer grew up in Winter Park, Florida and began singing in his church choir in the 3rd grade. As teenagers, he and his brother James began a career as singers under the name "The Famous Boyer Brothers." They appeared with such artists as [Mahalia Jackson](#), [James Cleveland](#), and Clara Ward. Boyer used the money he earned from these appearances to fund his college education. He received his B.A. from [Bethune-Cookman College](#), and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the [Eastman School of Music](#).

Dr. Boyer taught at several universities, including the [University of Massachusetts Amherst](#), [Albany State College](#) (GA), the [University of Central Florida at Orlando](#) and [Brooklyn College Conservatory of Music](#). He was a Distinguished Scholar-at-Large at [Fisk University](#) and served as guest curator of musical history at the [Smithsonian Institution](#).



Instrumental in introducing African-American gospel music to many communities beyond the African-American church, Dr. Boyer directed many choirs, including the famous Fisk Jubilee Singers at Fisk University, and held gospel workshops throughout the world. Boyer authored the book, *How Sweet the Sound: The Golden Age of Gospel Music*, was an advisor on gospel music to the [New Grove Dictionary of American Music](#) and published over 40 articles on gospel music which appeared in various professional journals.

In 2009, Dr. Boyer received the [Lifetime Achievement Award](#) from The [Society for American Music](#), an award whose past recipients include [Eileen Southern](#), [Billy Taylor](#), [H. Wiley Hitchcock](#), [Vivian Perlis](#), [Charles Hamm](#) and other important musicologists, historians and educators. Stating that "if people don't know why and how they're doing something, it's never going to sound right," Dr. Boyer provides some performance notes for the spirituals and gospel songs found within *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*. These notes not only explain the musical mechanics of rhythm, harmony, melody, and tempo, but also provide a cultural context for the creation and performance of the treasures within the hymnal.

The Episcopal Church was fortunate to have Dr. Boyer serve as Editor on the Hymnal Committee. He was a frequent dynamic workshop leader about African American hymnody. A few St. Titus' parishioners even had the joy of attending a workshop Dr. Boyer led introducing *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* to Episcopal congregations in North Carolina. Dr. Boyer died in 2009 after a long illness.



Quilter ex-tra-or-di-naire!

ANNETTE ANDERSON BAILEY

MEMBER, AFRICAN AMERICAN QUILT CIRCLE OF DURHAM

For Annette Bailey, quilting is an expression of her love of and fascination with fabric, texture, and color.

She especially enjoys the freedom that quilting allows for the use of color in a totally irreverent manner. Annette enjoys using traditional quilting patterns while interpreting them in bold and to-tally unexpected ways through her choice of fabrics and color. When Annette first became interested in quilting she read about one world renowned quilter who placed African fabrics in the ugly fabric category. Annette thought that African fabrics, i.e., Dutch Wax prints, were beautiful and she was very curious about how to use them. Her research led her to understand that African fabrics could be used like any other fabrics so she tried it and it worked for her.

The more often she used African fabrics, the more comfortable she became using them, noting the excitement and beauty they added to her projects. She eventually decided that she would look for patterns where she might substitute African fabrics for the commercial cottons usually displayed in the designs. Annette has enjoyed success with this and shares that she is very happy and excited when working on various projects where she is able to use her collection of Dutch Wax prints.

Annette has taught garment making, window treatment construction, quilting, and interior design classes at various venues to include Durham Technical Community College, Durham Public Schools Community Education Program, AAQC events, as well as at several quilt retreats and at a local quilt shop. She has taken classes with a number of well known quilt artists to include Rachel Clark, Donna Chambers, Juanita Yeager, Scott Murkin, and Jane Hall, just to name a few. Several members of AAQC have joined the organization after taking one of Annette's classes at Durham Technical Community College.

Annette is most proud of her contributions to the quilts made to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of North Carolina Central University and the 150th Anniversary of White Rock Baptist Church. She served as a consultant as well as one of the contributing artists for both of these projects.

Most recently Annette served as curator for AAQC's exhibits [Take Note](#) held in 2015 and [Sew Much Life...Threads Connecting Lives](#) held in 2017.

Annette is available for quilt consultation, teaching, and commissions.

<https://youtu.be/jV2xFA8FdQQ>



Watch "Go Tell It at the Quilt Show! interview with Annette Anderson Bailey" on YouTube

Content excerpted from

*African American Quilt Circle
20 Years of Harmony: Stitches of a
QUILTessential Sisterhood*



Quilter ex-tra-or-di-naire



In the 1980s, Marjorie Freeman, a New Jersey native, purchased a farm journal craft book entitled: "Let's Make a Patchwork Quilt" determined to complete a queen-size bed quilt completely by hand though she had never made a quilt in her life! She had made clothes most of her life and drapes for the house and thought that hand-stitching the multiple little fabric pieces into blocks would provide the relaxation she needed after a strenuous day as principal of an elementary school. She began the quilt in 1983, making every stitch by hand, and finally finished it in 1988!!



Lesson learned, her purist ideas died and the sewing machine used henceforth and forever more.



In 1991 she arrived in Durham and became a member of the newly-formed African American Quilt Circle (AAQC) in 1998. Her quilts have appeared in every AAQC exhibit and in multiple exhibits in the local area, across the state of North Carolina and throughout United States.

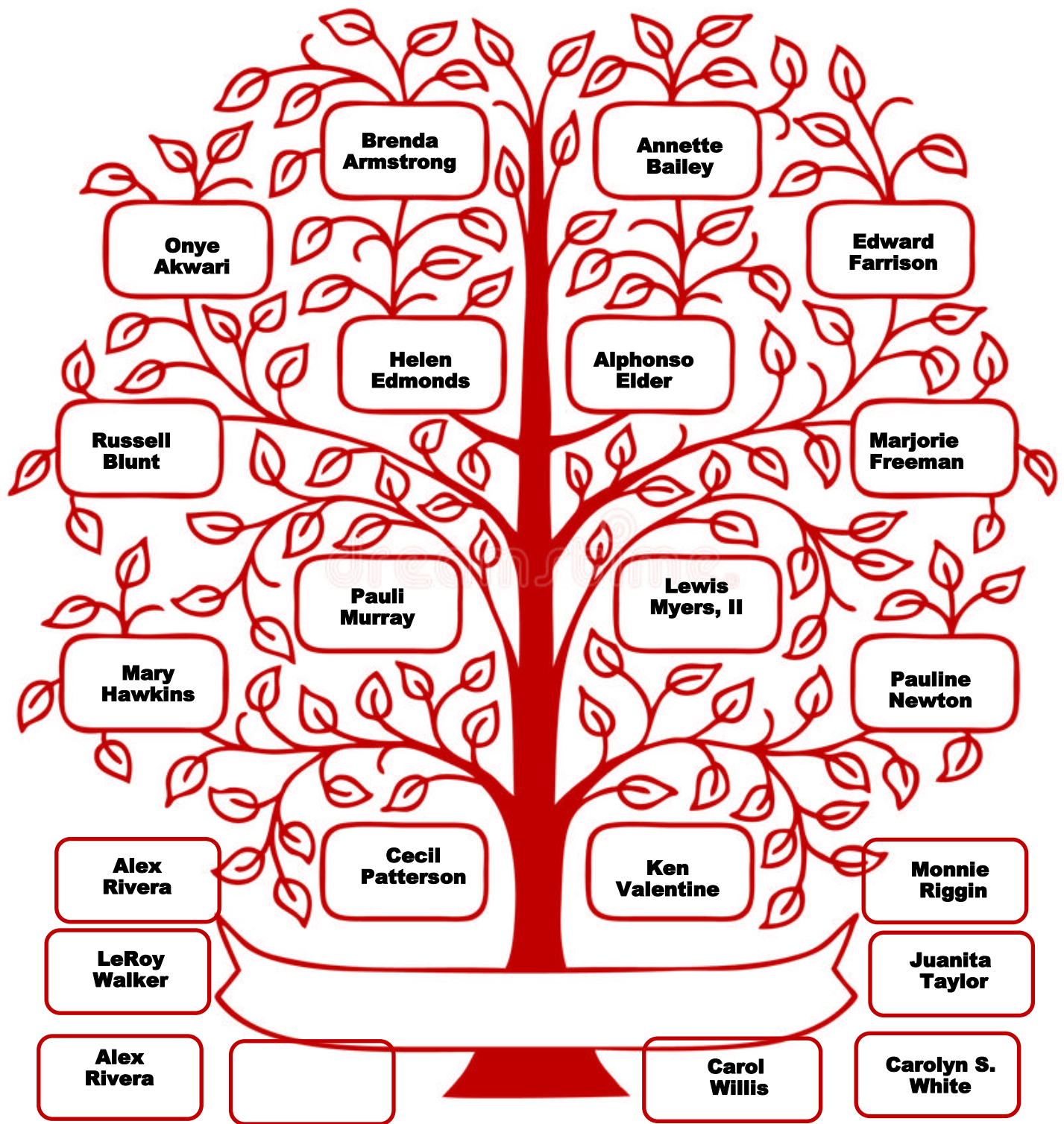
She is most proud of having her quilts exhibited in:

- 2007 International Quilt Festival in Houston, Texas
- 2009 Quilts for Obama: Celebrating the Inauguration of Our 44th President in Washington, DC,
- 2009 Honoring The Life of Nelson Mandela in Johannesburg, South Africa (2009);
- 2011 International Textile Exhibit in Costa Rica
- 2011 The First President's House: Slaves Untold Stories in Quilts in Philadelphia, PA
- 2012-2020 And Still We Rise (her two quilts: Amistad and Freedom Riders) toured the United States for eight years



Her quilts have also been exhibited in the states of Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, Virginia, Minnesota, Indiana, California, Massachusetts, Florida, Georgia and Connecticut.

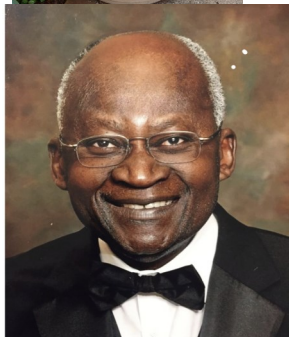




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April 14, 2019

Onye E. Akwari, a 40+ year member of St. Titus', was the first African American surgeon at Duke University. The Duke Department of Surgery is in the planning phase for several programs honoring Dr. Akwari and directed at increasing the number of African Americans in surgery at Duke. The most ambitious of these would provide research funds to assist a newly trained surgeon in beginning her or his academic career. Fundraising is underway. As we apply for grant funding, it would be helpful to show that support has come from a wide variety of donors, not just from those able to make large gifts. Donations from members of Onye's church community would be especially meaningful. If you are able, please consider donating to the Onye E. Akwari, M.D. Fund at Duke University. Giving online is easy at gifts.duke.edu/akwari. Checks can be sent to Alumni and Development Records, Duke University, Box 90581, Durham, NC 27708-0581. Please put Onye E. Akwari, M.D. Fund on the check memo.



Dr. Eugene Washington, chancellor of the health system, and Dr. Mary Klotman, dean of the School of Medicine, unveiled a portrait of **Dr. Brenda Armstrong**, a Duke pioneer who was among the first African-American undergraduates at Duke and who went on to help be one of the most influential contributors in expanding the diversity of the American physician workforce. Armstrong died in 2018.

A professor of pediatrics, Armstrong was associate dean for admissions and senior associate dean for student diversity, recruitment and retention in the Duke School of Medicine for more than two decades. In September, she was posthumously awarded the University Medal, Duke's highest honor.

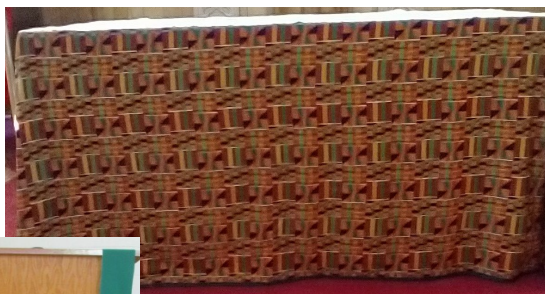
The portrait will be soon placed in the Trent-Semans Center for Health Education.



Annette Bailey
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TITUSIAN QUILTERS EX.TRA.OR. DI. NAIRE.
See their stories elsewhere in this newsletter.



The Altar Paraments are a gift designed and presented by Marjorie Freeman. Not shown is a complete set of liturgical vestments also used during Black History Month.



Marjorie Freeman



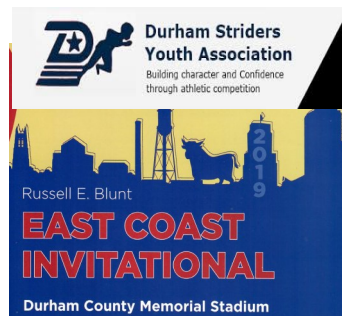


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Russell Blunt coached high school basketball at Hillside- his best known players were future college All-Americans and NBA players John Lucas, and Rodney Rogers. In the 1990s, USA Today published an article that stated Coach Blunt was the oldest h.s. basketball coach in America.

Dr. Blunt was inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame in 1995 and the [North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame](#) in 1996.^[1] He was a close friend of legendary University of North Carolina men's basketball Coach Dean Smith, and most other prominent local college coaches. Duke University's Russell E. Blunt East Coast Invitational is named for the coach.

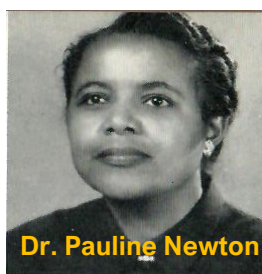


Helen Grey Edmonds (December 3, 1911 – May 9, 1995) was an American historian, scholar, and civic leader. She was the first [African-American](#) woman to earn a doctorate from [Ohio State University](#),^[1] the first to become a graduate school dean,^{[2][3]} and the first to second the nomination of a United States presidential candidate.^[1] **The Edmonds Classroom Building at NCCU** is named in honor of Helen Edmonds, longtime professor, chair of the Department of History and Social Sciences, and dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

She was also a member of the interim committee that ran the University for 16 months in 1966-67 between the presidents of Samuel P. Massey and Albert P. Whiting.



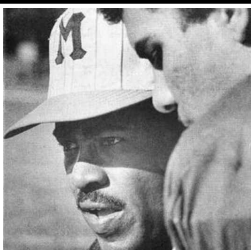
Alfonso Elder was the second president of North Carolina Central University. On January 20, 1948, Elder was elected President of North Carolina College at Durham. Elder was the president of North Carolina Central University during part of the civil rights movement. During this time, he helped supervise racial integration at the school. Elder retired September 1, 1963. **Alfonso Elder Student Union** is named for the university president who oversaw integration at North Carolina College for Negroes, now [#NCCU](#), during the Civil Rights Era.



Named for Dr. William E. Farrison and **Dr. Pauline F. Newton**. Dr. Farrison was professor of English and chairman of the English Department from 1938 to 1962. Dr. Newton, assistant professor, Department of English, 1924-1963, served 39 years on the faculty. She was the recipient of the university's honorary doctor of humanities degree.



Brandon Williams,
grandson



Donald Edward Hudson (November 20, 1929 – September 30, 2018) was an American football player and coach. He served as the head football coach at Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minnesota from 1972 to 1975, and at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri from 1976 to 1979 (he also played quarterback while a student at the historically Black school during the late 1940s and early 1950s). When he was hired at Macalester, Hudson became the first African American head football coach at a predominantly white college in the modern era (you can read more about this achievement in the 2008 ESPN article, "Macalester's Hudson: The First but Forgotten Until Now," by Jay Weiner).



Mary Hawkins, great, great, great niece

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George Henry White (December 18, 1852 – December 28, 1918) was an American attorney and politician, elected as a [Republican U.S. Congressman](#) from [North Carolina's 2nd congressional district](#) between 1897 and 1901. He later became a banker in [Philadelphia, Pennsylvania](#) and in [Whitesboro, New Jersey](#), an African-American community he co-founded. White is the last [African-American](#)

Congressman during the beginning of the [Jim Crow](#) era and the only African American to serve in Congress during his tenure. After White left office, no other African American served in Congress until 1929. No African American was elected to Congress again from a former [Confederate](#) state until [Barbara Jordan's](#) election in 1972. No African American was elected to Congress from North Carolina until 1992.



Some Past Recognitions/Memorials ▪ Whitesboro Post Office ▪ Cheatham-White Scholarship at A&T and NCCU ▪ Headstone Dedication to Honor Congressman George Henry White ▪ George Henry White Memorial Center Renovation ▪ Historic Marker Honoring George Henry White at the 25th Annual Whitesboro Reunion Festival

On-Going ▪ **Congressman Butterfield introduced the George Henry White Commemorative Stamp Act to Honor George Henry White**



Julia W. Harris



Sr. Citizens Program at St. Titus'

The present Center for Senior Living was a direct outgrowth of the program offered by Mrs. Harris at St. Titus' Church, especially in the African American Community.

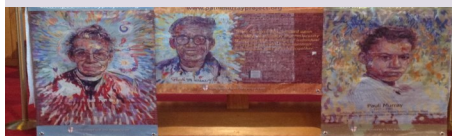


The Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray

Poet, priest, lawyer, inspirer an inspiration to Martin Luther King, Jr., Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Thurgood Marshall, and a pen pal to Eleanor Roosevelt – and as of 2012, a saint in the Episcopal Church; July 1 is the Reverend Dr. Pauli Murray's feast day, it recognizes her contributions to civil rights, women's rights, law and the Church.

Pauli Murray's childhood home, at 906 Carroll St., Durham, built in 1898 by her Fitzgerald grandparents, anchors historic site and was designated a National Treasure in 2015 and a National Historic Landmark in 2016.

St. Titus' donated special Pauli Murray Banners.



The Rev. Monnie Riggins displays a special Pauli Murray icon she designed and presented to St. Titus'.



Lewis Myers, (center) is Director of Operations for Congresswoman Stacey Plaskett of the US Virgin Islands. She is one of the prosecutors in Trump's second impeachment trial.



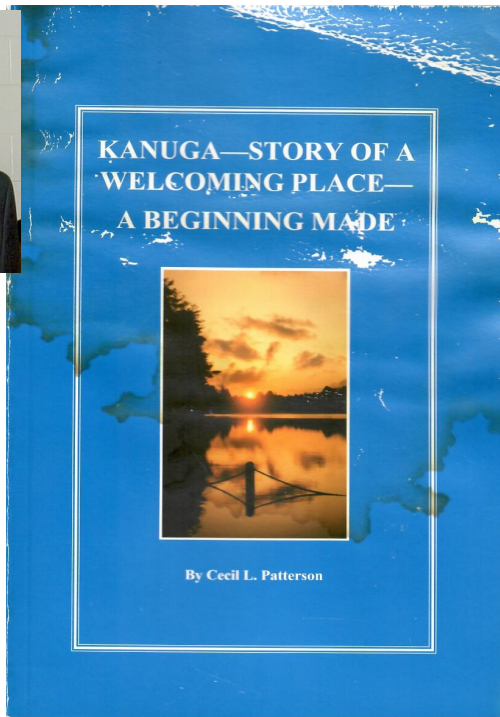
Cecil Patterson



“Cecil Patterson has presented a thoughtful and detailed documentation of where Kanuga has been and where we are now in our journey toward racial acceptance and inclusion. Cecil Patterson tells us what we did and how well we have been doing it. Cecil and his wife Vivian, a former member of Kanuga’s Board of Directors share a devotion to this

special place. He has recorded in considerable detail how Kanuga came to acknowledge the nature of our exclusion practices and the planned and purposeful activities pursued by so many over almost a decade toward a resolution compatible with the purpose Kanuga claims for itself”. *Jack Reak, Historiographer in the introduction of the book.*

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It is exciting to see documentation of continuing efforts through the years to weave into the fabric of Kanuga the talents and energy of our black brothers and sisters. Pat Patterson through his research tells us that the journey to wholeness is well begun but we have not yet arrived at our goal.

—Kathleen Lees, co-chairman, Kanuga Diversity Development Committee

This book not only documents the evolving participatory presence of African-Americans but adds historical balance to Kanuga's story. Dr. Patterson's meticulous and scholarly work has added another facet to the ongoing Kanuga evolution.

—Dolores B. Ward, member, Kanuga Board of Directors and Diversity Development Committee

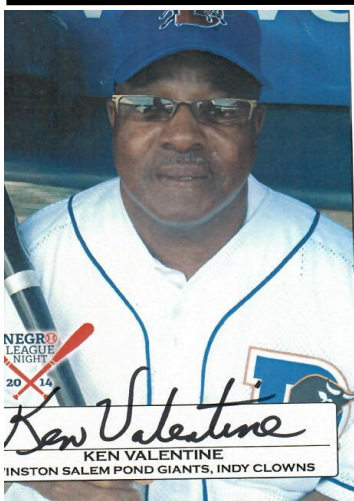


This book shows in part the working out of Kanuga's mission statement: To provide for God's people in this broken world a glimpse of the Kingdom through hearing the gospel, experiencing Christian community and being empowered for strength, growth and service, in both our individual communities and the rest of God's creation. It chronicles the many struggles, advances, missteps, ups and downs of bringing Kanuga further on its journey. Well done, Cecil!

—Lee Marston, first chairman, Kanuga Minority Affairs Committee

We must rise up and call Pat blessed for this balanced labor of love: a factual, frank documentation of moving from timidity and exclusion, a graceful tracing of Kanuga's becoming inclusive and welcoming to African-Americans, baby steps at first but then giant steps.

—The Rev. Dr. John Carleton Hayden, Kanuga Diversity Development Committee



Assistant Baseball Coach Ken Valentine joined the NCCU program in 2007 as the hitting coach and was also in charge of the infield. Valentine brought professional baseball experience to the program, as the native of Asheville, N.C. was selected in the 20th round of the Major League Baseball Draft by the Chicago White Sox in 1967. Drafted as a shortstop, Valentine spent four years with both the White Sox and Red Sox organizations, making it as high as the Double-A ranks, playing for the Pawtucket Red Sox.

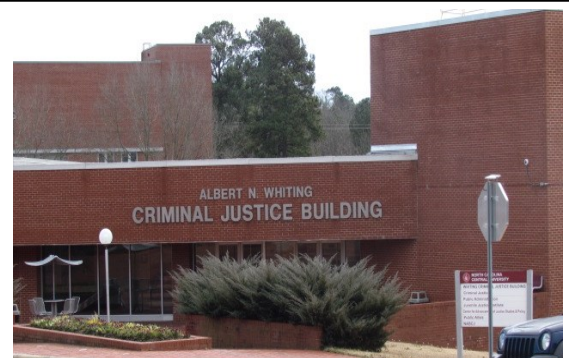
When one thinks about baseball in the Durham area, Ken Valentine is a name that always pops up. His years of knowledge and dedicated service to the Bull City have paid huge dividends for the baseball program.

The Pond giants are one of the oldest semiprofessional baseball teams in the country, first organized in 1914. The team name came from an area along the Northwest Boulevard and North Cherry Street that flooded after a reservoir broke in 1904.

Before the team integrated in 1956, the Pond Giants were a Negro team of men, who held full time jobs and played in their spare time. The players were not salaried, but paid from gate receipts.



Chancellor Emeritus Whiting has been referred to as a “builder” of the institution. As president and chancellor, he oversaw substantial growth of the physical plant that included 12 buildings. **Whiting Criminal Justice Building Named** in honor of Dr. Albert N. Whiting, president/chancellor of the university from 1967-1983.

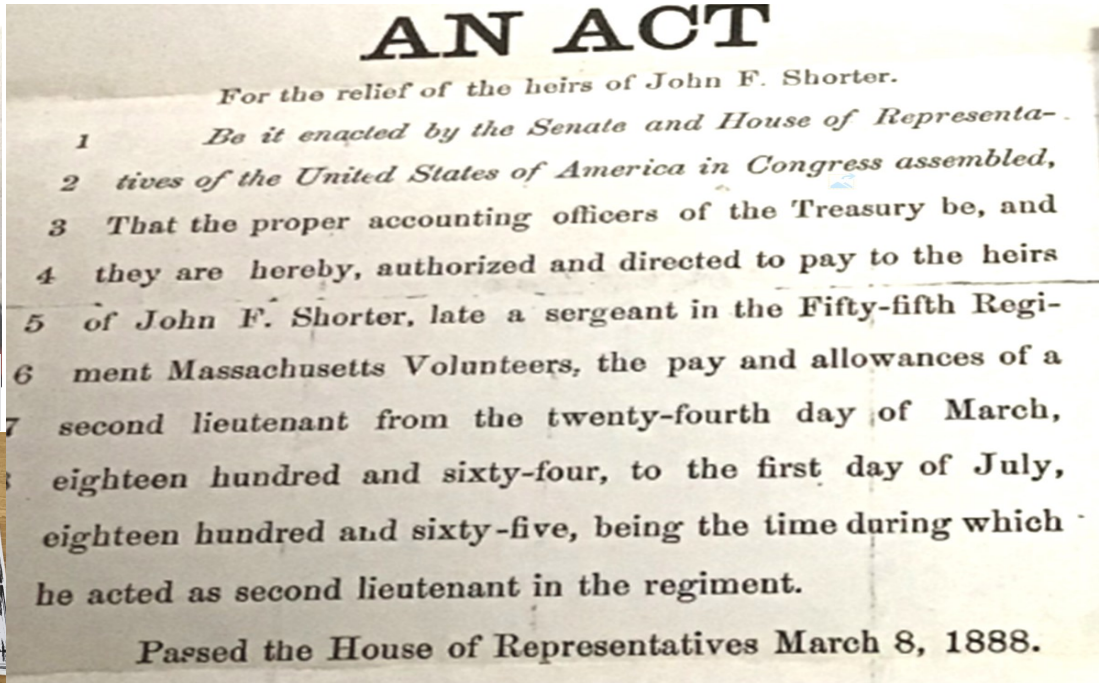
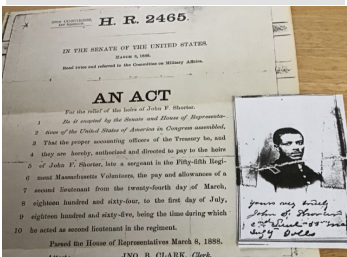




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Carolyn White –Her great grandfather's brother



LeRoy T. Walker (1918-2012): Track coach and interim chancellor and chancellor at North Carolina Central University, Walker became the first African American Olympic head coach in 1976 and was appointed the first black president of the United States Olympic Committee in 1992.



He was president of the US delegation to the 1996 Olympic Summer Games in Atlanta. He was the first African-American to lead the U.S. Olympic Committee and the first black man to coach an American Olympic team. The LeRoy T. Walker Physical Education and Recreation Complex was named in his honor. Walker was a professor and chairman of the Department of Physical Education and Recreation; internationally famous coach of track and field. In 1976, he was head coach of the US Olympic team; the first commissioner of MEAC; and Chancellor of NCCU 1983-1986



Juanita Taylor daughter of F. D and Annie Warton, poses at entrance to the Wharton Apartments at Penick Village, Southern Pines.



Wharton Apartments, named in honor of F. D. and Annie Wharton, first African residents at Penick Village



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Rheaya Willis helps cut the ribbon (in 1967) at the dedication of the NCCU **Willis Commerce Building** named in honor of C. T Willis. He was instrumental in the development of the Commerce Program. The memory of the man who more than any one else can be called the father of business education at North Carolina College was honored Friday, November 3, 1967 when the school's Commerce Building was dedicated in his name.



	De- cembe r 2020 Actual	YTD De- cember 2020 Actual	2020 An- nual Budg- et	2020 Re- maining Budget
Contributions	30,671	200,550	199,000	(1,550)
Non-Operating Income	5,966	20,370	24,300	3,930
Total Income	36,638	220,921	223,300	2,379
Total Expenses	18,921	203,973	223,300	19,327
Net Income	17,716	16,947	-	(16,947)

Temporary Restricted Accounts	Ending Balance
Rector's Discretionary Fund	7,235
Columbarium Fund	11,854
St Titus Men's Ministry Fund	1,339
ECW Fund	5,911
New Construction Fund	47,612
Deacon Discretionary Fund	4,391
Scholarship Fund	629
Benevolent Fund	1,500
Altar Guild Fund	1,598
Flower Fund	1,275
Memorial Fund	1,461
Designated Offerings	17,872
Total	102,676

We ended the year 2020 with total income which exceeded expenses by 16,947



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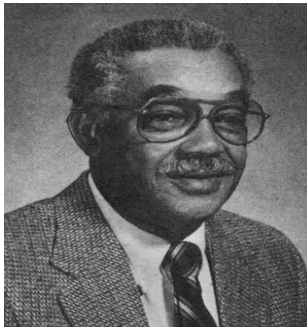
ALEX M. RIVERA ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME MEMBERS



After coaches William Burghardt and John McLendon began to create powerful teams at North Carolina College, Dr. James E. Shepard went looking for someone to tell the story of the Eagles. He found Alex Rivera in the newsroom of the Washington (DC) Tribune. He persuaded Rivera to complete his baccalaureate at NCC, and to assume publicity duties as a photographer and writer. Rivera, who graduated in 1941, also won that year the Associated Negro Press Award for the best publicized College Sports Program in the United States. He also directed publicity for the CIAA Basketball Tournament in its early years, and in 1949 and 1950 he served as Sports Information Director for both North Carolina A&T College and North Carolina College.



Rivera wrote a series of articles - spending two months sampling public attitudes in the Brown decision in ten states - to win the 1955 Global Syndicate Award for reporting. In 1957, Rivera was honored by an invitation to cover Vice President Richard Nixon's tour of Africa and Europe.



Edward B. Boyd Floyd



Floyd Brown



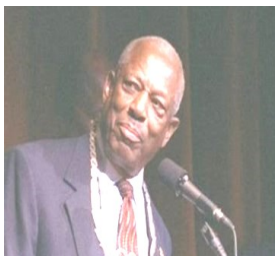
Harry "Choker" Edwards



William P.
Malone



George Quiett



LeRoy T. Walker

Editor's Note

Visit the Alex Rivera Athletic Hall of Fame located in the McDougle-McLendon Arena on Lawson Street. You may view the the accomplishments of each Titusian featured here.

St. Titus' Episcopal Church
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February 1 , 2021

Dear St. Titusian,

Traditionally during this time of the year, St. Titus' would be preparing for Shrove Tuesday. However, this is a unique year as we deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. To keep our tradition and remain safe, the Vestry and Episcopal Church Women are hosting a **Virtual Pancake Dinner on February 16, 2021.**

Interested in Participating? Join Us:

- Register to participate by completing the survey :

<https://forms.gle/YW2wL1BQSH3v2Pus6>

- Complete the survey to let us know if you will need ingredients.
- If you plan to participate and want ingredients, we will reserve a decorative bag of pancake mix, syrup, and other items necessary for preparing a Shrove Tuesday Dinner.
- Bags of ingredients will be available, following safety regulations, on Saturday, February 13th from 1-3:00 p.m. in St. Titus' upper parking lot. Everyone **MUST WEAR A MASK** when picking up items. In case of rain, bag distribution will be on Sunday, February 14 from 1-2:00 p.m. at the same location.

How the Virtual Pancake Dinner Will Work

- Prepare dinner and connect to Zoom using your computer or cell phone. The Zoom number will be sent prior to the event.
- Dinner begins at 5:30 pm and ends until 7:30 p.m. Join us as long as you'd like.
 - The first dinner session will begin at 5:30 and end at 6:30 p.m.
 - The second dinner session will begin at 6:35 and end at 7:30 p.m.
- During the dinner, the congregation will share informal conversations and qualify for door prizes.
- You can prepare a different menu instead of pancakes; that is okay. We want you join us for an exciting evening.

New to Zoom Gatherings? We are here to help! If you want to know how to use Zoom, share your interest when you complete the survey.

If you have questions, feel free to contact:

Lorie-Ann Lee-Carter (919) 627-2273, Meisha Davis (786) 253-3781 or Marguerite D. Peebles (919) 316-9779

2021 Lenten Calendar

Pray · Fast · Give

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21 What are you most grateful for?	22 Pray for the poor	23 Pray for those that work for justice	17 – Ash Wednesday Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return	18 Write 10 things you are grateful for and carry it with you this lent.	19 Fast from meat	20 Donate money for hygiene items for the homeless
28 Pray for those who have died in the past year	March 1 Pray for the sick Send someone a card or flowers	2 Pray for the homeless Give \$ to them.	3 Pray for clean water Don't use any disposable plastic	4 Pray for those struggling with addiction	5 Be gluten, nut, and shellfish free today Pray for those with severe allergies	6 Fast from email and text messages
7 Get up early and spend 15 minutes in prayer and silence	8 Contemplate what it means for you to be content. What is stopping you?	9 Think about how the holy spirit manifests in your life	10 Pray on the thought "how can I help?"	11 Pray for peace among nations	12 Fast from breakfast and lunch	13 Go through your closet and find items to donate
14 Think about a part of today's service that made your heart swell	15 Pray for new members of your congregation	16 Pray for the children and youth of your parish	17 Notice yourself being in judgment of others and stop	18 Pray for those in power	19 Fast from gossip	20 Video chat with someone who has been alone in the pandemic
21 What does it mean for Jesus to be "the King?"	22 Pray for help and the willingness to receive it	23 Fast from news Enjoy the silence	24 Donate to a food bank and those that serve the poor	25 Pray for forgiveness	26 Fast from political debate	27 Abstain from spending money on this day what do you notice?
28 – Palm Sunday Apologize to someone you have hurt Make amends	29 Pay attention to someone you are tempted to brush aside.	30 Fast from social media	31 Pray for the choir and the staff of your congregation	1 – Maundy Thurs Watch the service Wash a member of your household's feet	2 – Good Friday Fast	3 – Holy Saturday Think of Mary after Jesus' death

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Good News Garden-

Gardening begins again on Friday, February 5th, 2021, at 12 noon. No experience is necessary. Please continue to pray that the mushrooms we planted are growing!

El Buen Pastor Food Drive –

First Saturdays – again on Saturday, February 6th, 2021, 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m. *(come according to your schedule; bring a friend).*

New Ministry:

Diaper Collection – The need for diapers is ongoing! You can help by donating to St. Titus' and referencing this ministry or contacting me to meet you at the church for pick-up. Diapers will

be distributed to families with young children or to the Diaper Bank of North Carolina.

For families in need, something as small as a diaper can have a significant impact. (Sizes 4, 5, 6, 4T-5T)



The Board of the ECW of the Diocese of North Carolina wants to let you know about funding opportunities. Applications for a Lex Mathews Scholarship for women are due on March 15th. Criteria for the scholarship as well as supporting documentation is located on the diocesan ECW website, www.ecw-nc.org, in the Lex Mathews section. Barbara Longmire is co-

ordinating this program for the 2021-22 academic year.

Birthdays	14 James F. Davis	22 Spike Yancy
07 Alexandria Horne	15 Trevor Miller	23 Luis Horne
08 Stephanie Exum	19 Annette A. Bailey	24 Ilana Marie Harris
08 Lanita Parker-Robinson	20 J. Michael Woodard	24 Khristy Horne
10 Cheryl Myers	21 Dresden Davis	24 Mary E. Hawkins
11 Marlynn Jones	21 Kehlo' Chavis	
12 Alrinez Jenkins	22 Denise Davis	Anniversary
12 David West	22 O. Ray Lipscomb, IV	29 Darryl & Robin Furges

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PLEASE NOTE: REV. YANCY IS OFF ON FRIDAYS. REV. ZOUTENDAM IS OFF ON MONDAYS.