

August, 2026

Titusian



Titusians visit historic Asheville Church-Former Parish of Ken and Pat Valentine-Note the elaborate ceiling appointments.



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

News We Received

SAGE MILAN BAILEY: This year, Sage performed in her first two recitals, taking the stage in both dance and piano. Sage began piano lessons this year at age four and was recognized with the "young student of the year" award for showing up excited, focused and ready to learn each day. In dance, she took the stage at the Ferst Performing Arts Center in Atlanta, GA - confidently performing before an audience of several hundred. She graduated from pre-k this year and will be headed to kindergarten in the fall.

SKYLAR ALEXANDER BAILEY: This year, Skylar has gone from a champion crawler to the fastest mover in the house, running at impressive speeds and often outpacing her parents! At nearly two years old, Skylar has been making tremendous strides in both speaking and sign language. She was an enthusiastic star in her weekly music class and she will begin "big girl school" (preschool) in the fall.

Sage and Skylar are the grand-nieces of Dr. Sheila Bridges-Bond and Kenny Bond and the great-grand-nieces of Juanita Taylor.

MARC WHARTON: Marc Wharton, is a recent graduate of Florida Atlantic University (FAU), in Boca Raton FL, where he received his Ph.D. in Higher Education Leadership. Dr. Wharton is the Ph.D Programs Coordinator for the College of Business at FAU and is responsible for overseeing the academic services for the college's traditional and executive Ph.D. students. Prior to his 12 years in higher education Dr. Wharton was owner and principal consultant for Wharton Brand Management where he advised companies on marketing and business development strategies. Earlier in his career he led sales and marketing for divisions of Tommy Hilfiger, Reebok, and Phillip Van-Heusen.

Marc is the cousin of Sheila Bridges-Bond and Kenny Bond and the nephew of Juanita Taylor.

ALEXANDRIA GIADA TAYLOR: Alex had an outstanding 7th grade year, earning the Golden Eagle Academic Award for maintaining a GPA above 4.0. She was also a member of her chapter cohort for the Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Jr. Teen Leadership Symposium, where she further developed her leadership and personal growth skills. In addition to her academic and leadership accomplishments, she is off to a strong start in tennis this year, finishing as runner-up in two USTA Level 6 tournaments. Her dedication, discipline, and hard work continue to shine both in the classroom and on the court.

Alexandria is the niece of Dr. Sheila Bridges-Bond and Kenny Bond and the granddaughter of Juanita Taylor.

BLAKE BRIDGES ALEXANDER: After five years as a mental health professional, Blake decided to leave her case manager position and pursue her long-time passion for martial arts as a full-time martial arts instructor.

Last summer, Blake advanced and titled to Jao Gao level 2 at the United States Kung Fu Exchange after demonstrating her proficiency to the Sifus (instructors) in two weapon forms. After gaining her instructor credentials, last October Blake made her career switch and began working full time as a martial arts professional. Her many skills were quickly recognized, earning her promotions to full instructor and to the management ranks as Membership Manager.

In her "spare time" Blake occasionally appears in print ads and recently appeared as a 'doctor' in a state-wide advertisement for a hospital.

Blake is the niece of Dr. Sheila Bridges-Bond and Kenny Bond and the grand-niece of Juanita Taylor.

Our First Church Ministry Fair

Ministry Chairs prepared exhibits to help parishioners discover, and find meaningful ways to discover the many opportunities available to serve, grow, and connect.



YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTATION

Congratulations

On the 5th Sunday of the month, we celebrate Youth and Young Adult Sunday at St. Titus'.

We were all greatly blessed by having Elijah Mayo-McMullen, Rev. Valerie Mayo's son, preach an awesome, heartfelt sermon for us. Thank you, Elijah!

You can listen to it on the St. Titus' Facebook page. Look for the August 30th recording. His sermon runs from minute 26 to minute 36 of the recording. It is also available on the St. Titus' website: <https://sttitusdurham.org/sermons/#2026>



HOMEcoming CHURCH SERVICE

Welcome Home to Faith, Family & Fellowship
Celebrating God's Love and Our Church Family Together
September 13, 2026 @ 9:30 am.



Welcome Dr. Rheaya Willis, one of our own to bring a timely message Dr. Rheaya Willis, MD is a psychiatrist practicing in Durham, North Carolina. She is a **third-generation Durham resident**, earned her undergraduate degree from **Yale University**, and received her **M.D. from Duke University School of Medicine**. During medical school, she worked with Duke's Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, participated in medical education and communication research, and advocated for the health needs of marginalized communities. [\[radicalhealing.co\]](http://radicalhealing.co)

Dr. Willis completed a **psychiatry residency at the University of Pennsylvania Health System (Pennsylvania Hospital)**. Her training included inpatient and outpatient psychiatry, emergency psychiatry, trauma, addiction, psychotherapy, geriatrics, mood and anxiety disorders, and LGBTQIA+ health



THE HERALD-SUN | PHOTOS BY AARON DAYE

Chancellor James H. Ammons of N.C. Central University (above) introduces the new Graduate Students Apartments as part of two ceremonies Wednesday in which university officials celebrated the completion of \$4.9 million worth of construction and renovations. The apartments were paid for with \$1.7 million from the 2000 UNC system bond program. Another ceremony was held to reopen the Willis Commerce Building, which will house the School of Business. Willis Commerce has undergone \$3.2 million in renovations. The building is named after professor Carroll T. Willis, who was chairman and a professor in NCCU's Department of Commerce. Willis' granddaughter Rheaya (at left, center) and son Robert Willis (right, center) join Ammons for the ribbon-cutting at the event. Also attending was Willis' daughter-in-law Carroll Willis.





OCTOBER 11, 2026
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GREEK SUNDAY

Celebration

HONORING THE LEGACY OF
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FAITH

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

MATTHEW 5:16



FELLOWSHIP

Welcoming all Divine Nine organizations and community members for a time of worship, connection and unity.



SERVICE

Recognizing the impact of fraternity and sorority members who lead, uplift and serve our communities.

TOGETHER IN FAITH. UNITED IN PURPOSE. COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY.



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