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Letter from the Dean of Chapel

Greetings Wileyites:

As the new Dean of Chapel, I am incredibly excited to share this inaugural annual report!

Since 1873, we at Wiley have stood committed to the principle of educational access in a Christian environment. Our connection to the United Methodist Church remains strong, for it was the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church that founded Wiley College and to date we support the spiritual, ethical, moral, and leadership development of every individual of our institution.



This year in the chapel, we focused on the prefix "re", which means afresh – to do something in a new or different way. Though we embraced the newness of this post-pandemic era, we have followed in the tradition of the community that once sat in the Daniel Adams Brainard Chapel which was erected in 1924. It is my hope that our community leaves chapel just as inspired as those trailblazers.

Our mission in the chapel is to remain committed to empowering religious and spiritual development, engaging the Wiley community, and enhancing the college's motto to go forth inspired through *Spirituality, Scholarship and Service*.

I am extremely grateful for the leadership of President Felton and the trust he has placed in me to lead religious and spiritual life on our historic campus.

Please enjoy this collection of some of what we experienced in the 2021-2022 school year!

Ever we'll sing thy praise,

The Reverend Cecil Andrew Duffie, Ph.D. Dean of Chapel Wiley College

Wiley College



Herman J. Felton, Jr., J.D. Ph.D.

17th President/CEO

Dr. Herman J. Felton, Jr. is the 17th President and CEO of Wiley College. He began his service to the college in the summer of 2018, and in a short period of time, has achieved significant accomplishments.

Dr. Felton earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Florida and a juris doctorate from the Levin College of Law at the University of Florida. Felton also earned the Doctor of Philosophy in educational administration and supervision from Jackson State University.

He is cofounder of the Higher Education Leadership Foundation (H.E.L.F.)--an organization ensuring that a pipeline of transformational, highly skilled and principled leaders are identified and cultivated to meet the needs, challenges and opportunities facing the nation's historically black colleges and universities.

Dr. Felton served in the United States Marine Corps for eight years. He is married to the lovely Katherine Anne Bush Felton and is the father of Jamal, Paige, and Herman, III.

Mission & Vision Statement

Mission Statement

Wiley College is a premier liberal arts institution, affiliated with the United Methodist Church, with an intentional focus on social good and leadership.

Vision Statement

Wiley College is a nationally recognized liberal arts college serving as a beacon of light inspiring individuals to serve as catalysts of social change in their community and professions.



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Chapel in the News



Featured on KLTV 7 for the Hurrciane Ida Relief efforts.



Featured in The Marshall News Messenger for the campus-wide devotional.



SPIRITUALITY

SPIR·I·TU·AL·I·TY SPIR·I·CHƏ-'WA-LƏ-TĒ: Sensitivity or attachment to religious values

GO FORTH inspired.

The Chapel Experience

The Wiley College Chapel experience is part of the College's commitment to creating an environment where spiritual awareness and development are essential. The weekly chapel service is offered both virtually and in-person.

The experience is unique for a few reasons. First, Wiley is a United Methodist-affiliated liberal arts institution, founded in 1873. Second, the College intentionally focuses on social good and leadership for today's world. This focus is exemplified by the weekly observation of chapel, when the entire campus pauses on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. The College comes together as a community to be reignited and reengaged. Chapel reminds us of our task to do *"glorious deeds"*.

This weekly gathering time strengthens the campus community. The chapel experience has been designed as follows:

- the place for spiritual, ethical and religious formation and affirmation;
- the space where the College collectively honors tradition while embracing the unfamiliar;
- the platform for campus-wide notices, celebrations and directions; and
- the College's home for inspiration, enlightenment and comfort.

The experience is also streamed live on the college's Facebook and YouTube pages. Due to the ongoing protocols surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, for a portion of the year the campus was split into two groups and alternated between in-person and virtual chapel.

Each month had a particular focus on the prefix "re".





September | Reenter / rē en(t)ər/ verb

to enter again.

Enter into God's gates with thanksgiving, and into God's courts with praise: be thankful unto the Lord, and bless God's name. Psalm 100:4

October | Restore /rəˈstôr/ verb

to bring back; reinstate.

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to the Lord's eternal glory in Christ, will restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 1 Peter 5:10

November | Relationship /rə lāSH(ə)n SHip/ noun

the way in which two or more concepts, objects, or people are connected, or the state of being connected.

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:8-10

January | Reflect /rəˈflekt/ verb

to think deeply or carefully about.

I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14

February | Remember /rəˈmembər/ verb

to emphasize the importance of what is asserted. I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High. I will remember the works of the Lord: surely I will remember thy wonders of old. Psalm 77:10-11

March | Recommit / rēkə mit/ verb

to entrust or consign again. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

April | Reclaim /rəˈklām/ verb

to retrieve or recover. For God has not given us the spirit of fear but of power and love and a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7

A Word That Matters

The Tuesday chapel gathering at Wiley is integral to the development of the campus community. In order to include faculty and staff members in worship and to share in the rich diversity of secular and religious perspectives, a segment called "A Word That Matters" was established this school year. During this portion of the service, faculty and staff members shared how their faith has influenced their work.

"To say that the work we are engaging in is important may be an understatement...considering the time in which we are living, when we engage in interfaith (and interdenominational) work, we are involving ourselves in matters of life and death. Not only for our nation, but globally." Rev. Dr. Bernard L. Richardson, Dean of the Chapel, Howard University



"A Word That Matters" Speakers, 2021-2022











Sunday Night Live!

"Sunday Night Live!" was a series of Sunday night worship services held at various times throughout the year. The goal was to promote spiritual formation. Students produced, led, implemented and led the services. This included music, dance, mime, preaching, media, and photography. Students were invited to the services hosted in the chapel and in the residence halls.



Ministry Through Music

The music team is a group of students whose desire is to share the gospel of Christ through music. These students played during Chapel, Sunday Night Live and other events throughout the year. These students also supported the Dean at various times throughout the year when he was invited to preach at churches in the Marshall area.

We are grateful for our dedicated, professional and well-equipped musicians!

Tre'Vion Daniel, Worship Leader Jalen Matthews, Pianist Joseph Robinson, Pianist Julian Dean, Percussionist Jeremiah Lee, Percussionist



Chapel Assistants

The Chapel Assistants, formerly Campus Ministry, is a college-wide student group whose goal is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and to engage in interfaith collaboration on campus. Students participated in programs that enhanced spiritual development for the campus community. These students served as ambassadors of the Julius S. Scott, Sr. Chapel by ushering during chapel, preparing the sanctuary for worship, and sharing the mission of the chapel.



Campus-Wide Devotional – Advent

At the recommendation of the president, in December of 2021, a beta-test for the larger "Wiley Tithe of Time" was made available for faculty and staff. The devotionals were designed to celebrate Advent, the season of hope and expectation. The themes for each week were hope, faith, joy and peace.

Members of the community were encouraged to end 2021 and to enter 2022 with this time of dedicated and disciplined devotion to God.



Campus-Wide Devotional – "Tithe of Time"

From January 10th to January 31st, Wiley College students, faculty, staff and administrators, under the approval of President Felton, participated in a campus-wide daily devotional entitled "Wiley College Tithe of Time." The goal was to grow in maturity in the things of God. The following words were shared regarding the theme, "In order to develop we need diligence. In order to be diligent, we need to be disciplined and in order to be disciplined it all starts with desire."

Campus community members registered to be part of prayer calls and to receive resources. Each week the time spent in devotion increased. The first week, community members committed to 30 minutes of devotion. By the last week, community members were aiming to spend 144 minutes in devotion.

Each week, lessons containing a video component and printed materials were shared with the community. The themes for "Wiley College Tithe of Time" were desire (week 1), discipline (week 2), diligence (week 3) and development (week 4).



FAQs & Suggestions

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TITHE OF TIME

Week Theme// Campus Prayer Time // Daily Devotion Commitment Week 1 Desire - Thursday, Jan 13th 11:00 A.M. – 11:10 A.M. - **30 minutes daily devotion** Week 2 Discipline - Thursday, Jan 20th 11:00 A.M. – 11:10 A.M. - **48 minutes daily devotion** Week 3 Diligence - Thursday, Jan 27th 11:00 A.M. – 11:10 A.M. - **96 minutes daily devotion** Week 4 Development - Monday, Jan 31st 11:00 A.M. – 11:10 A.M. - **144 minutes daily devotion**

What do I do for the Daily Devotion Commitment?

Prayer - Simply pray to God (lay prostrate, kneel, write out your prayer), however you are led, pray each day. "But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your [Creator] who is in secret; and your [Creator] who sees in secret will reward you." Matthew 6:6 NRSV

Scripture / Sacred Text Reading - Read the Bible, a devotional, or any text that encourages you and connects you to God. Examples: *Meditations of the Heart* (Howard Thurman), *The Purpose Driven Life* (Rick Warren). Read a chapter of Proverbs per day (31 chapters in Proverbs).

Finish reading the Bible in a year - https://www.christianity.com/bible/year/nrsv/ "The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever." Isaiah 40:8 NRSV

<u>Meditation</u> - Take the opportunity to just sit in God's presence. Download the Abide App, Calm App or check out Abide on YouTube *Be still, and know that I am God!* Psalm 46:10 NRSV

<u>Reflection</u> - Listen solely to inspirational music, contemplate through writing or drawing - this is your time with God and God's time with you. Reflect how you please, and be one with the Creator.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God —what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2 NRSV

Do I have to do this alone?

No, if you would like, you can be connected with others who are journeying though the Tithe of Time. There will be weekly Zoom calls to pray. There will be other opportunities to gather as a community that are optional.

What if I can't / don't complete each day?

The goal is to complete the minutes prescribed each day through prayer, devotion, meditation or reflection. That said, this is not a program that will badger or burden you, rather the community is set up to support you. Feel free to opt out if you would like or rejoin if led. **The space is created for you to have autonomy and assistance**.

Social Media

The goal is to share the power of prayer and community. Each week devotionals will be sent and you can answer questions or start conversations on social media using the **#wileyctitheoftime** and tagging **@wileycollege1873**

Please register at https://bit.ly/wileyctitheoftime Further details will be sent.

Lenten Season 2022 – "A Time to Recommit"

Wiley College observed "A Time to Recommit," in commemoration of the Lenten season. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter (Resurrection Sunday) with a 40-day observation of fasting, repentance, prayer and spiritual discipline.

Bible studies were facilitated by prominent preachers and pastors, and aimed to expose the Wiley community to Millennial religious and spiritual leaders on subjects pertaining to Lent. The Bible studies featured collaborations with staff members of various divisions, including the Office of the President, the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, and the Division of Institutional Advancement.



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"A Time to Recommit" Guest Lecturers

 Rev. Barbara Lavarin, assistant to the pastor for youth, Alfred Street Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA Rev. Kevin Lamár Peterman, associate pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
 Dr. K. Monet Rice-Jalloh, Associate University Chaplain, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC Rev. Cassius L. Rudolph, pastor, Saints Memorial Community Church, Willingboro, NJ Rev. Erica N. Williams, founder and national social justice organizer, the "Set It Off" Movement



GUEST LECTURER: REV. ERICA N. WILLIAMS Ider & National Social Justice organizer Set it off Movement

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Religious Emphasis Week – "A Holy Week of Righteous Indignation"

The theme for Religious Emphasis Week was "A Holy Week of Righteous Indignation." This theme was an ode to the liturgical celebration of Holy Week and the Passion of Jesus Christ, as well as a call to action for various faith traditions regarding justice. Each day of the week was oriented toward the subject of faith or justice.







featuring: The A Capella Choir of Wiley College & Full Gospel Holy Temple Praise Team

Maundy Thursday, April 14th | 7:00 P.M. Julius S. Scott, Sr. Chapel | Doors Open 6:50 P.M.





CAMPUS INTERFAITH PRAYER LUNCHEON

Holy Tuesday, April 12th 12:15 P.M. Student Union Ballroom

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Religious Emphasis Week Committee Members

Rev. Cecil A. Duffie, Ph.D., Dean of Chapel, Chair Dr. Martha L. Coleman, Director of Library Services Dr. Kenneth Crawford, Director of Development Dr. Stephanie Gorski, Assistant Professor Ms. Shawana Hayes, Admissions Coordinator Mr. Frederick Haywood, Jr., Digital Marketing & Communications Manager Rev. Jackie F. Holloway, Instructor of Religion Dr. Rae N. Lundy, Associate Vice President of Student Health, Counseling & Wellness Ms. Kiasha S. Murray, Financial Aid Counselor Mr. Quebec C. Polk, Assistant Director of Student Achievement and Retention Ms. Tanreka Smith, Director of Enrollment Management Professor Rita R. Thomas, Instructor of English Dr. Pornpimol L. Walden, Assistant Professor Dr. Jonas O. Vanderbilt, Asst. Vice President for Student Engagement, Enrollment and Strategic Retention Dr. Solomon Waigwa, Chairperson of Religion Mr. O. Ivan White, Director of Administrative Services Mr. Justin Woods, Default Manager/Financial Aid Counselor

> Student members: Tre'Vion Daniel Larry Hampton

Guest Chapel Speakers

The Chapel exposed students to some of the world's most outstanding clergy, scholars and civic leaders. This past year, three speakers: Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III, and Rev. Dr. Neichelle Guidry were welcomed to Wiley for the celebration of the Martin L. King holiday, the Men of Strength and the Women of Excellence services, respectively. Dr. Haynes and Dr. Guidry both held sermon talkbacks with the community to discuss their messages and journeys in ministry. The Class of 2022 was also celebrated during Senior Chapel. Seniors shared their testimonies as well as their gifts and talents with the community.



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SERVICE

SER-VICE 'SƏR-VƏS: The act of serving, such As a helpful act

GO FORTH inspired.

Hurricane Ida Relief

After three weeks of sustained devastation by Hurricane Ida, the Julius S. Scott, Sr. Chapel and the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management coordinated a Wiley College Cares Campaign to fill a Wiley College Bus to send to Shreveport, Louisiana. The campaign was widely supported by numerous campus partners, featured on KLTV, and boosted by alumni collaboration. After just one week, a 30-passenger bus was packed with donations and was delivered on Friday, October 8th to the Shreveport-Bossier Rescue Mission.



Habitat for Humanity

On October 30th and November 6th, Wiley College invested in the Marshall community by partnering with a family to build an affordable home. Members of the College worked on the Robinson family's home at 2207 Franklin St.



Church Cleanup – Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church

On February 17th, Wiley helped to revitalize the Marshall community by partnering with a historic Black church for a church beautification project. As part of the Men of Strength Week, members of the Wiley community came together. Large amounts of trash were removed and spaces that had not been touched since the COVID-19 pandemic were redesigned.





SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOL·AR·SHIP 'SKÄ-LƏR-,SHIP: Learning; Knowledge Acquired by Study; The Academic Attainments of A Scholar

GO FORTH inspired.

New Graduate Assistant Role

After a national search, Wiley College welcomed Kandace A. Taylor as the inaugural Simeon S. Reid Graduate Assistant. Ms. Taylor, who served as an associate chaplain intern at Northwestern University joined us from Jacksonville, Florida. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing from Florida State University and recently earned a Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

Named in honor of Simeon S. Reid, the Professor of Religion under Wiley's tenth President, Matthew Dogan, Ms. Taylor will serve in the Julius S. Scott, Sr. Chapel. The role, inspired by President Felton, gives current seminarians and recent seminary graduates theoretical and practical opportunities in the field of college and university chaplaincy and campus ministry.

Ms. Taylor preached and provided pastoral care and counseling for our Wildcat Academy (Summer Bridge). She also represented Wiley at the E.K.Bailey Preaching Conference. Her assistance was instrumental in the planning of the Day of Service and chapel webpage.



Sharing in Marshall & Wiley

Dean Duffie has lectured and preached across the Marshall area since his arrival. The Dean has shared at the Bethesda Baptist Church, Ward Chapel A.M.E. Church, and the Marshall Ministers Alliance. Chapel Assistants and student musicians have provided support, and Dean Duffie has used these opportunities to teach on itinerant ministry. In addition to areas throughout Wiley, Dean Duffie has conducted workshops with Dr. Lundy regarding health and wellness, including speaking to Bounce Back students, faculty and staff, and first-year student experience.





Religious Celebrations

Throughout the year, various religious celebrations were observed. These celebrations did not just include programming but also included an explanation of the history behind each tradition's celebration.

