



# Northside News



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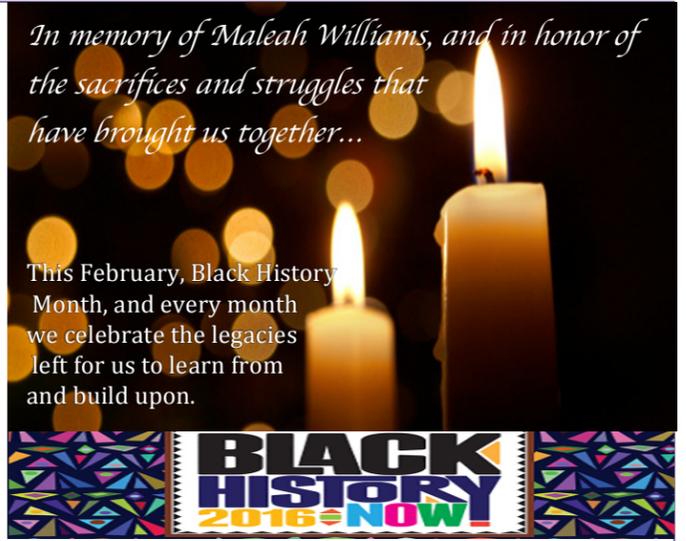
## Reflecting on Tragedy: Community Voices

On Christmas Day, Maleah Williams was shot and killed in a drive-by shooting. She was one year old and in the arms of her mother. Her death has shaken the community of Chapel Hill to its core. Leaders in our community are calling for a stronger connection in the Black community, resources and opportunities for our youth, and gun laws that show that our state and federal government care about the young lives lost to gun violence. We need to work with the whole community [police, teachers, parents, pastors, social workers, everyone], not just in response to this tragedy, while also looking to create real change over a long period of time. We must remember those that Maleah left behind need the support of the community to heal; do not be afraid to pray, write, and reach out to those who are suffering. We have gotten to this moment, now how do we proceed? As your town council member, I can gather the right folks around the table to start talking about our next actions. I hold myself accountable as a member of Northside and the larger Black community to use the resources I have to act.

o Donna Bell – Chapel Hill Town Council Member  
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- ♦ “We just need more communication in this community and in the overall black community beyond Northside...Things are different now, and we need to look at doing things differently to challenge and support our youth to become successful.” -**Nate Davis**
- ♦ “I want to do something that can be duplicated every week and every month...We need to reach out to our neighbors to find out what they need help with ... and come up with creative ideas to support each other.” -**Reverend Campbell, CH-Carrboro NAACP**
- ♦ “This is a uniquely tragic and senseless crime...When young people find themselves resorting to actions that lead to death, we have failed as a society and the people deciding to hurt others have failed...We [the police] need to be community members too. Law enforcement could be the ones to organize meetings for youth and the community of family, teachers, and neighbors would lead the tough talk. If ever there was a community equipped to do this, it is this one.” -**Chief Blue, CHPD**
- ♦ “Maleah’s death was a stab in the heart of the community ... we can hold our officials accountable to keep the streets safe. We need money from somewhere to have a playground at Trinity Park apartments.” -**Pastor Williams, St. Joseph CME**
- ♦ “There should be some change to gun law... This is bigger than Northside.” -**Tina Vaughn, Director of the Housing Authority**
- ♦ “We have to understand the pressure people are under ... people are frustrated by poverty. I knew everyone involved. Chapel Hill raised these young men...we can’t point the finger anymore...It’s a sad thing that’s even sadder if we don’t do anything.” -**Delores Bailey**
- ♦ “My role as a preacher is to interpret the times...to denounce violence, racism, poverty, and inequality...We need to be talking to each other across boundaries.” – **Pastor Sofield, whose Grace Church congregation worships with St. Joseph each month**
- ♦ “Our kids are getting killed and it’s all because of guns...How can black on black lives matter when we start pulling the trigger on our brothers and our children?” -**Clarence Freeman, the Williams’ family friend**
- ♦ “We need to be *active* in communicating. When I was younger, I remember people *actively* reaching out. Miss Linda Farrington still looks out for me. She didn’t wait for me to call her, she called me. People like Nate Davis saw greatness in me when I couldn’t see it myself. We need to love our young people into the destinies that lay before them...There was an outpouring of love during the time after this tragedy, but how do we continue it beyond this moment?” -**Principal Coretta Sharpless**

\*We are still trying to speak to everyone we can about how we as a community can proceed. We’ve heard about some practical ways the community can provide support now. One is to donate to the family at <https://www.gofundme.com/tbgf8buk>. Interest also seems to be gathering around creating a much-needed playground at Trinity Park. Do you have resources or other suggestions to offer? Please call, email, visit, or mail the Jackson Center at any of the addresses at the bottom of the page, and write to town council about the changes you want to see. This is a start.



*In memory of Maleah Williams, and in honor of the sacrifices and struggles that have brought us together...*

This February, Black History Month, and every month we celebrate the legacies left for us to learn from and build upon.

**BLACK HISTORY 2016=NOW**

## In Memoriam

We would like to honor a neighbor who passed in the last month.

Thank you very much to the family who submitted their memories of this loved one. If someone in your life has passed and you would like to celebrate his or her life in the Northside News, please contact us at (919) 960-1670 or [contact@jacksoncenter.info](mailto:contact@jacksoncenter.info)

## Edward Lee Foushee

Sunrise  
October 16, 1934

Sunset  
January 5, 2016



Edward “Sweet Ed” Lee Foushee was born on October 16, 1934 and departed this life on January 5, 2016. A resident of North Graham Street, Ed was a member of the Pride of Orange Elks Lodge #276 and a member of the “Over the Hill Gang”, a group that provided service to elderly residents in the Chapel Hill community throughout the year and on the holidays. He was a jovial, upbeat person that always had a smile, and he took pride in passing out food baskets and clothing to senior citizens and persons in need. He was an avid sports fan, but he specifically loved UNC football and basketball and the Carolina Panthers. He was willing to assist anyone in need and would often provide transportation, a helping hand, and always a word of advice. His memory and example of service are a blessing to us.

## Voting Guidelines 2016 – Primary Election Day is Tuesday, March 15 from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm.

Vote in the following primary races: President, Governor, Lt. Gov., US Senate, NC House of Representatives, NC Schools Superintendent and others.

- ✓ You must register by February 19 at your current address to vote in the primary election on March 15. REGISTER AGAIN IF YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS, NAME, OR FINISH SERVING A FELONY SENTENCE. You do NOT lose your right to vote if you have a warrant, fine, misdemeanor or bankruptcy.
- ✓ **ID RULES.** You’ll be asked for a photo ID at the polls but you can vote without one. You’ll get a regular ballot if you show: **a)** NC driver’s license or ID card from DMV\* (see GotIDNC.com), **b)** US military or veteran’s ID card, **c)** US passport, or **d)** Tribal enrollment card. The ID’s address does not matter; your name should resemble your registration name. If the ID was valid at age 70, it’s good for life. **If you do not have an ID, you can vote by mail or in-person provisional ballot** (go to [demnc.co/mail](http://demnc.co/mail) or call 888-OUR-VOTE for help)
- ✓ A family member can help you vote, and you CAN vote at the curb in a vehicle if you are physically disabled.

**Early Voting Times** - March 3 & 4, 10 am - 7 pm • March 5, 9 am - 1 pm • March 7 - March 11, 10 am. - 7 pm • March 12, 9 am - 1 pm

**Locations** - Carrboro Town Hall – 301 W. Main St. • Chapel of the Cross – 304 E. Franklin St • Seymour Senior Center – 2551 Homestead Rd. • New Hope Community Center – 4014 Whitfield Rd, Chapel Hill

Need help? Questions? Call 888-OUR-VOTE, go to [www.NCVoter.org](http://www.NCVoter.org), or contact the Jackson Center at the addresses listed below!

Visit us at [www.jacksoncenter.info](http://www.jacksoncenter.info) or 512 W. Rosemary Street or contact us at (919) 960-1670 or [contact@jacksoncenter.info](mailto:contact@jacksoncenter.info)! Go to <http://www.jacksoncenter.info/get-involved/volunteer/> for volunteer opportunities.

## Reverend William Barber II Speaks at UNC

Join the Historic Thousands on Jones Street March in Raleigh on Saturday, February 13 at 8:30 AM. Meet at the corner of Wilmington and South Streets near Shaw Univ. See you there!

On Friday, January 29th, Reverend William Barber II spoke at the Sonja Haynes Stone Center. Rev. Barber launched the well-known Moral Mondays in North Carolina.

Campus Y blogger, Morgan Newell covered the event: “Rev. Barber communicated to the audience about how important the Historic Thousands on Jones Street march (HKonJ) is to ensure the drive toward what he referred to as The Third Reconstruction. Rev. Barber believes that there will be a new period of interracial activism, or ‘fusion politics’, and it starts with the young people of America. ‘In every part of history, young people have been pivotal in the reconstruction of America,’ said Barber.”

Concrete victories in Movement history (in which Northside residents have taken part) give us hope to say with Langston Hughes, “America never was America to me / and yet I swear this oath / America will be!” Barber teaches that fusion politics doesn’t mean that every member of a broad coalition has to agree fully about everyone else’s issue. What is necessary is simply that every member have every other member’s back, so to speak.

Barber assembled HKonJ in 2006 with other high profile people—lawyers, religious leaders, and other activists. The movement congregates around the theme “Forward together, not one step back.” HKonJ focuses on voting and labor rights, education equality, healthcare, environmental justice, equal protection under the law, and criminal justice reform. Since 2007, the HKonJ coalition has grown from 3,500 to 80,000 people.”

## Midway Community Kitchen Joins the Neighborhood

Located along Rosemary Street between Graham and Roberson, the new Midway Community Kitchen opened its doors on January. Kitchen owner Kathy Ellis Gunn explains her goals; “I want everybody in the community to have access to the resources to gain cooking skills from basic to advanced. During the day I rent the space to businesses such as restaurants and caterers, and in the evening both paid and free classes are offered.” After making a career as a chef at the Magnolia Grill in Durham and executive pastry chef at the Carolina Inn, Kathy started a family. Today she is returning to the kitchen to share her knowledge and passion for food and her commitment to healthy eating for all.



Above: Kathy making dinner and jokes in the new kitchen.

Beginning on Monday, February 15 at 6:30, Midway Community Kitchen is offering a free 7-week course on healthy cooking in which participants will prepare meals together and learn the tricks to making deceptively healthy meals. The class is offered in collaboration with UNC Public Health. Call (919) 841-7312 or email aesaacs@live.unc.edu to sign up, and encourage your family, roommates, and neighbors to join you!

When asked about the future of the business, Gunn replied, “Eventually I’d like to start a community restaurant that gets people on job training, working in the kitchen and making food for the community at the same time.” Gunn is an eager newcomer to Northside. “I’m excited to open a kitchen located in the middle of a vibrant, diverse community.” She says, “If only I had more parking!”



## ASK KEITH

Ms. Keith Edwards is a lifetime resident of McDade Street and lifelong advocate for the community. Keith is widely known as a fighter for justice and receives calls from neighbors asking about household and community issues. To submit questions for “Ask Keith,” call the Jackson Center at (919) 960-1670 or email us at [contact@jacksoncenter.info](mailto:contact@jacksoncenter.info).

**Q:** “Due to the deaths of little Maleah, as well as Deah, Yusor, and Razan and others throughout our town, how can we combat senseless violence in Chapel Hill and Carrboro?”

**A:** I express my deepest regret along with the Jackson Center for the recent, senseless death of little Maleah Williams, which touched us to the core of our being. I support the Black Lives Matter movement but know that until Black lives matter to Blacks we will continue to see these senseless deaths of our young. I express the same regret for the loss of Our Three Winners: Deah, Yusor, and Razan, and other victims of violence of any kind. We as a nation must find a way to be more tolerant towards each other no matter race, gender, religion, disability or sexual preference because in the end **all lives matter!**

We community members must all sit down for several town hall-type meetings with all interested parties (Police, university and school officials, housing agencies, Public Works, elected officials...) in order to stop these vicious cycles. If we can make these meetings happen, we will create a safer and better town for all of us to live in.

### Regional and National Updates

- Jennifer Pinckney, survivor of Charleston’s Mother Emmanuel AME terrorist attack and wife of Senator and Reverend Clementa Pinckney, spoke at Duke University this week. She told the audience, “We have to put God first and continue to pray that there is a better tomorrow.”

- Ferguson, Missouri’s city council agreed this week to reform the city’s police department and court system. Changes include and new laws intended to prevent policing and court practices from discriminating based on race and socioeconomic status.

## Community Board

### Birthdays:

<b>Jan 21</b> – Clarence Farrar	<b>Jan 30</b> – Willis Farrington
<b>Feb 03</b> – Sam Christensen	<b>Feb 12</b> – Marian Cheek Jackson
<b>Feb 14</b> – Zach Kopkin	<b>Feb 15</b> – Sarita Nwachukwu
<b>Feb 25</b> – Brentton Harrison	<b>Feb 26</b> – Margaret Clark

### Community Events:

**Feb 16, 6:30 pm @ Hargraves** - EmPowerment Community Watch meeting, topics to include occupancy and parking enforcement as well as the proposed Amity Station development at Breadman’s

**Feb 19, 11 am-1 pm @ Solid Waste Center** - Family Success Alliance welcomes neighbors to the first meeting of a group supporting the healthy development of children by building community partnerships

**March 19, 6:00 pm @ the Friday Center** – Chapel Hill Community Outreach ministry is celebrating its 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a red carpet event! With a \$30 donation, enjoy fine food, music, and dancing.

**Shoutouts:** 5 neighbors received extensive home repairs through the Promise of Home pilot program, including full roof replacement, handicap accessible bathrooms, new windows, and more. Thank you to Rebuilding Together for making these repairs possible! For more information about how to apply or to refer a neighbor, call (919) 960-1670.

Heavenly Groceries bought a new van with grant money, allowing the ministry to continue serving fresh food to our wonderful friends 5 days a week!

## ARCHIVE TRIVIA

Submitted this month by:  
Coretta Sharpless

Last issue’s answers:  
Northside School and the  
Community Church

Which local school newspaper’s theme was “Youth looks to tomorrow”?  
What was the school?

Call in on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> to (919) 960-1670 with your answers!

### Get INVOLVED!

- ♦ **Black Lives Matter Oral History Series** – volunteer or share your stories. Join a team of 6 volunteers meeting Wednesdays from 12:30 to 2:30 by emailing Destinie at [desi96@live.unc.edu](mailto:desi96@live.unc.edu)
- ♦ **Community Choir** is looking for new singers, and beginners are welcome! The choir sings to elderly neighbors. Next rehearsal is February 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at the Jackson Center. Rehearsals are held every few weeks on Saturday mornings.
- ♦ **Youth Empowerment Group** – Older youth in high school and college mentor junior youth (aged 11-15) to develop their powers of expression and service. Contact [trianglejyg@gmail.com](mailto:trianglejyg@gmail.com) to join. Trainings for mentors will be held Feb 19, 20, and 21.

### Community Cookbook Contributions

If you have recipes and traditions you’d like to share with your neighbors, come talk to us! You can prepare your favorite dishes for the May Day festival on April 30 and sell the cookbook as part of a fundraiser.