

# A Replica of the First Building Known as the First African Baptist Church

Constructed by Deacon Alvin L. Bullock  
in October, 2006



*Inside this issue:*



Deacon Alvin Bullock, a member of First African Baptist Church since 1980, as a part of the church's 142<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration, decided to construct this replica of the original church. The model was inspired by an old painting (page 2) of that first modest building on Pine St., built in 1864, that hangs outside of the Archives Hall at the new Harris St. church.

Deacon Bullock, a self-taught carpenter, built this wooden replica in secret as a surprise for the church's Anniversary Committee. It was situated in the Archives Hall of the current First African Baptist Church building, a room that also features the original stained-

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glass windows from the old church building that was destroyed by fire in 1973. In 2020, the model was donated to the Wayne County Museum by Deacon Bullock for its Black History collection.

Deacon Bullock is a self-described family man with a great love of the Lord, his family, and his church. He does all he can to promote the work of both the church and God in any way he can. This replica shows his carpentry skill, and he is appreciative of that talent that was given to him by God.

Deacon Bullock is married to Linda Day Bullock and has two daughters: Alicia Artis, RN; and Dr. Angela Hagans. He is blessed with 3 grandchildren: Anishya Hagans, Frederick Hagans, and Addison Artis.





# Fairy Tale Festival

By Crystal Hodges

The Wayne County Museum is excited to present the first in a series of free educational children's programming for 2024! On Saturday, March 9th, we will have our 3rd annual Fairy Tale Festival from 1:00-3:00pm. This year, the children are performing a reading of *Goldilocks and The Three Bears*, followed by using STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) bins to problem solve different scenarios of fairy tale characters in a setting, face painting, arts and crafts, and more! Adults and children can also dress up as their favorite fairy tale characters!

Readers' theater is a collaborative oral reading strategy that enhances teamwork, public speaking skills, and confidence in a child's reading fluency. Readers' theater scripts are not to be memorized. There are characters that the children read aloud in a classroom or a large audience. Readers' theater can be interactive and it makes reading the script even more engaging.

Crystal is a second-grade teacher and uses readers' theater scripts during small group reading instruction and her students love it! They are actively participating in the readings and work together to help each other read aloud the scripts. If you are interested in your child being a reader for our upcoming readers' theater events at the museum, please email her at [crystalhodes@wcps.org](mailto:crystalhodes@wcps.org) or Mary Susan Heath at [heathtomcat@yahoo.com](mailto:heathtomcat@yahoo.com).

## Recent Viewing of Black Panther Movie

Gary Packer, National President of the Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni @ Friends, Inc., is enjoying a visit with the Black Panther himself following a recent showing at the Wayne County Museum. Movie goers Cris Andrew Deye, Emmie Cassy Jean-Batta, and Austynn Ludgy Deye enjoyed the opportunity to see the movie for the first time. Like the Black Panther, their arms are crossed, symbolizing love and hugs. Cris won the prizes offered in the drawing – a children's book about the Black Panther and a Black Panther bobblehead. The Historical Association greatly appreciates the sponsorship of The Black Panther movie in honor of Black History Month by this group. When asked why the organization was willing to make this generous donation, Mr. Packer replied, "We have participated in several exhibits with the museum and we have built upon the relationship with the director, Jennifer Kuykendall. She has asked me on numerous occasions to be a part of the events held there. It is through people like her and the vision of the leaders that make this place a hidden gem."



# Stanley Aughtry, Jr.

By Cindi Pate

There is a direct connection between the iconic film "Black Panther" and Goldsboro! Did you know that a Goldsboro native and actor, Mr. Stanley Aughtry, had a featured role in the films "Black Panther" and "Wakanda Forever" – among other films.

Stanley Lowell Aughtry, Jr. was born in Washington, DC, to Brenda Barnes Battle and Stanley Aughtry, Sr. He spent his formative years in Goldsboro, NC, where he attended primary and secondary school.

A 1997 graduate of Goldsboro High School, he also graduated from Hampton University in 2002. Mr. Aughtry was a scholar-athlete and musician in high school, and in 1997 he attended Hampton University on a full tuition athletic scholarship where he was the captain of the football team. In 2002, Aughtry earned a degree in electrical engineering.

Stanley Aughtry is a model, actor, and film producer best known for his roles in "Being Mary Jane", "Step Sisters", "Black Panther", and "Boo! A Madea Halloween", and "The Dark Knight".

Aughtry recently said that he balances his day job with his burgeoning acting career – a skill he dubs as being an "actorpreneur."

His acting career started in 2010.

"It was never intended that I was gonna go down the film path, but the path happened to open its doors to me while I was working in the engineering world. Fortunately, even still to this day, I've been able to juggle the worlds. So there's times where I'm able to put my engineering hat on, and times where I'm able to put my artistic, film hat on."

Today – Mr. Aughtry continues to excel in all three careers – engineering, business, and entertainment, thus proving he is the premier "actorpreneur" in the industry.

Aughtry resides in Atlanta, Georgia, where he continues to thrive as an actor, engineer, and entrepreneur.



# March Events at the Wayne County Museum



- March 3 – 10:30am-12pm – Free Downtown History Walking Tour** – The free walking tour meets in the lobby of the Museum **at 10:30am** and lasts about 1.5 hours. The tour will cover the history of Goldsboro, and various various historic sites and buildings downtown. Please wear comfy shoes.  
**Saturday**  
\*Weather permitting – if rain is imminent, or temps are below 55°, we will reschedule.
- March 9 – 1-3pm – Kids Fairytale Festival** – This educational event will feature a student theater performance of the "3 Bears" at 1pm, then fairytale STEM related activities, Arts & Crafts, Face painting, refreshments and fun until 3pm. Open to the public and free to all!  
**Saturday**
- March 24 – 2-4pm Book Signing by Dr. Mona Lisa Pinkney** – Dr. Mona Lisa Coley Pinkney is a native of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Dr. Pinkney is a Senior Leader at a Fortune 100 company. Dr. Pinkney is a diversity advocate who aspires to provide mentorship and sponsorship to underrepresented populations interested in pursuing a career in technology. She will be speaking and signing copies of her new book, "Securing our Future".  
**Sunday**
- March 30 – 10:30am-12pm – Free Downtown Black History Walking Tour** – The free walking tour meets in the lobby of the Museum **at 10:30am** and lasts about 1.5 hours. The tour will cover some of the Black History of Downtown, and the historic "Little Washington" neighborhood. Please wear comfy shoes.  
**Saturday**  
\*Weather permitting – if rain is imminent, or temps are below 55°, we will reschedule.

## March Happenings in the Community

- March 13 – 12:00pm – Golden Agers (50+) – Goldsboro Event Center** – Bring a dessert, lunch will be provided – Come and see what they are all about.  
**Wednesday**

## *Becoming A Member*

If you're receiving this newsletter, you're likely already a member of the Wayne County Historical Association and Museum. If not, that means someone has thought enough of you to share it and include you in the experience. To receive the newsletter directly to your email the first of each month, join online at [waynemuseum.org/membership](http://waynemuseum.org/membership) or go to the museum in person and Assistant Director Jeff Westbrook will assist you. Membership has its privileges! In addition to receiving the monthly newsletter by email, you will receive discounts on ticketed events, a 10% discount in the museum gift shop, a 20% discount on Ballroom rentals, invitations to special Members-Only Events, and voting privileges at Wayne County Historical Association meetings. We appreciate your support to preserve our local history.





# *Rent This Space!*

⇐ Rent this lovely space! Our refurbished ballroom space is the perfect venue for all kinds of events: business conferences, presentations and programs, dances, live performances, etc. With a \$100 (non-refundable) booking fee, and a \$125 p/h rental rate with a minimum of two hours of use on an hourly basis only, you can have access to the entire second floor of the museum. For more information or to make a reservation, call (919) 734-5023. Members of the Wayne County Historical Association receive a 20 percent discount.

## ENC's CW

On January 16 ENC's (Eastern NC's) CW was at the museum interviewing Jennifer, our director, and filming a video to appear on YouTube. The name of the YouTube video is, "How ENC Came to Be: Wayne County Museum". Check it out.



# Volunteers Needed

The Wayne County Museum has a wide variety of opportunities to get involved in your community. Whether it is lending a hand at our events, assisting with research related to our exhibits, leading one of our downtown history walks, or helping to keep the building looking beautiful, there is always some way you can pitch in. We are always looking for new volunteers! If this newsletter has piqued your interest and you'd like to find a way to get involved, contact us at [volunteer@waynemuseum.org](mailto:volunteer@waynemuseum.org) to get started.



## VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

### Personal Contact Information

First/Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Method of Contact (*check one*):

☐ Email

☐ Text

☐ Phone Call

### Preferred Method of Volunteering

We offer many types of opportunities to volunteer at the Wayne County Museum! Whether you're good at graphic design, research, face painting, or just greeting visitors, there is always a way you can get involved. Please *check all of the following ways* you'd like to start volunteering now!

#### ----- EVENTS -----

☐ Parking

☐ Refreshments

☐ Elevator Attendant

☐ Costumes

☐ Setup

☐ Cleanup

☐ Acting

☐ Face Painting

☐ Tech/Lights

☐ Sign-In Table

☐ Membership Table

☐ Promotion

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ----- RESEARCH -----

Do you have any interest/knowledge of significant events in local history?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have any interest/knowledge of local influential people in history?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have any interest/knowledge of the history of local businesses?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Could you assist in research related to our current/upcoming exhibit(s)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you possess any historical artifacts you'd be willing to donate or loan to the museum? ☐ Yes ☐ No

#### ----- DOWNTOWN HISTORY WALKS -----

☐ Tour Guide // General History Walk (First Saturday of the month)

☐ Tour Guide // Black History Walk (Last Saturday of the month)

#### ----- OTHER -----

☐ Graphic Design

☐ Newsletter Article Writing

☐ Photography

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [volunteer@waynemuseum.org](mailto:volunteer@waynemuseum.org) to speak with our volunteer coordinator directly. Becoming a volunteer at the Wayne County Museum is a rewarding and generous decision. Keep an eye out for our emails and phone calls. We will keep you updated on volunteer opportunities as they come. Thank you for supporting your museum... *where history lives!*



# Mystery Plaque

This worn World War I metal plaque was recently donated to the museum by the Benton family of Wayne County. The plaque measures 7.5 X 9.5 inches and is dated 1918. It was discovered in an open field on the Benton family farm in northern Wayne County. A mystery, the Benton family does not know how it ended up on their farm or what soldier it belonged to. The 106-year-old plaque is in amazingly good condition. Apparently, these plaques were awarded to American soldiers who served in Europe during World War I. Research indicates that French military leader, Ferdinand Foch, served as the Allied Supreme Commander who helped stop the German offensive in Europe during World War I. Foch was named and awarded the Marshal of France honor. Although World War I lasted from 1914-1918, the United States did not join the war effort until 1917. (The plaque's actual text is shown below this image.)



## LIBERTY'S ETERNAL TRIUMPH! A TRIBUTE TO ONE WHO SERVED 1917-1918

### MARSHAL FOCH'S VICTORY MESSAGE

#### TO ALLIED SOLDIERS

**"Officers, noncommissioned officers, and soldiers of the allied armies: After having resolutely stopped the enemy you have for months fought him with faith and indefatigable energy, without respite. You have won the greatest war in history and saved the most sacred cause — the liberty of the world.**

**Be proud. You have adorned your flags with immortal glory. Posterity preserves for you its recognition."**

#### PRESENT:

**(soldier's name would be here).**

Surprisingly, I located a similar plaque for sale on eBay (see image below) that's in excellent condition complete with a wooden mounting backing and visible gold text along with the flags' colors. The flags represented (left to right) are the United States, France, Great Britain, and Italy.



Allied Supreme Commander,  
Ferdinand Foch, Marshal of  
France.





In our August 2022 newsletter we announced that we had received funding from the 2022 State Budget for a parking lot at the museum. As you can see from the photos, the parking lot is finished. In fact, we were able to begin using it for those in attendance at our most recent event. It was a joy to see the parking lot filled with cars outside, which meant that there were lots of people inside. You will also notice a photo of picnic tables on the north portico of the building facing Mulberry Street. As the weather gets warmer, consider bringing a lunch or snack to enjoy outside prior to visiting the museum.

Many thanks to House Majority Leader John Bell, Representative Jimmy Dixon, and Senate Majority Whip Jim Perry for spearheading the funding.

Many thanks to Hine Sitework, Inc. for doing such an outstanding job. Also LDI (Landscape Design Inc.) and Hine Sitework Inc. each donated \$5,000 with the work done to the parking lot.

Please join us on Friday, May 3, at 2:00 pm for the dedication of the parking lot.

# Plenty of Parking

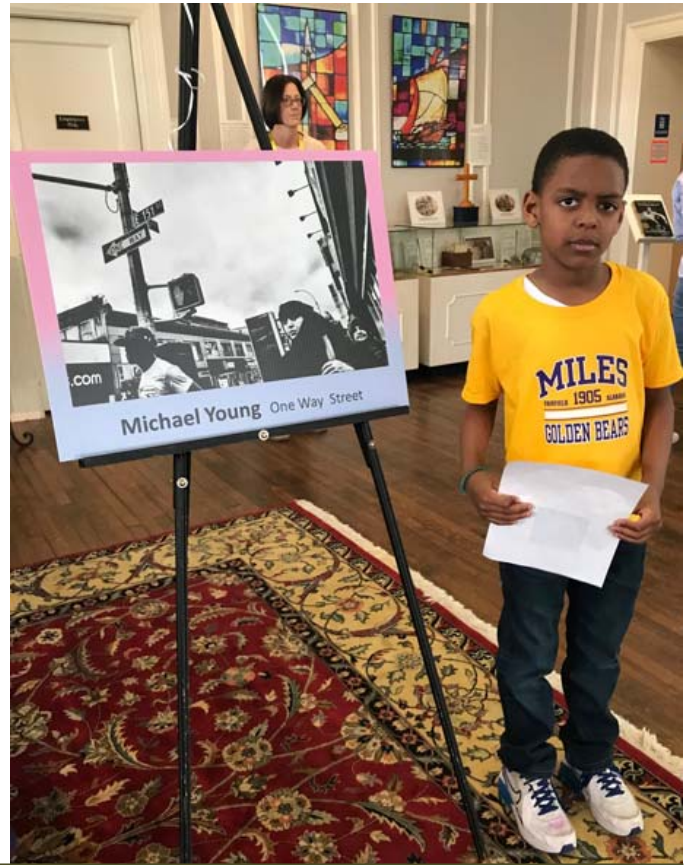




# Jack and Jill



The Eastern North Carolina Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. recently held their Youth Oratorical 2024 event at the Wayne County Museum. The organization is made up of mothers of children ages 2-19, dedicated to nurturing future African-American leaders by strengthening children through leadership development, volunteer services, philanthropic giving, and civic duty.



Information about Michael Young, photographer, was presented by Nolan James. Nolan is in kindergarten.



Isaih Brothers' speech was about actor Sidney Poitier and his banned book, **Life Beyond Measure**.

Mekhi McGraw, first grader, presents his essay about photographer Dudley Edmondson while his mother, Shaniqua McGraw looks on.



## Jack and Jill (cont.)



Kinston Freeman, who is in the first grade, stands with his mother Teresa Freeman and gives his presentation on Don Hogan, photographer.



Jada Haskins, second grader, spoke about Addison Scurlock and Cab Calloway, photographers.



A capacity crowd at the Wayne County Museum turned out to support the members of our local Jack and Jill organization.



Maxwell Smith addresses the audience, along with the support of his mother, Cortrina Smith. His subject was Gordon Parks, photographer.



Victoria Ruffins-Atkins leads the audience in singing the National Negro Anthem. Ms. Ruffins-Atkins was among the Community Honorees who were recognized at the Jack and Jill event. Other Honorees were Dr. Joanne Woodard, Alando Mitchell, Carroll Dashiell, Richard Wilson, and Winford Galmon.

# Cybersecurity Professional to Speak at Museum

An outstanding Goldsboro native will speak at the Museum March 24 at 2pm. Dr. Mona Lisa Coley Pinkney is the Senior Director of Governance, Risk, Compliance, Engagement and Secure Code at NIKE Technology. She graduated from Goldsboro High School in 1981.

Dr. Pinkney has a bachelor's degree from NC State University, a master's degree from Virginia Tech, a master's degree from Loyola University, and a doctorate from the University of Maryland.

Dr. Pinkney has more than 25 years of professional experience in the cybersecurity field, working internationally in Fortune 500 companies. Prior to joining Nike, Ms. Pinkney worked at Barclays, Wachovia/Wells-Fargo, and Ameritrade. She is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) and holds other professional titles in the field of information systems.

As a DEI advocate, Ms. Pinkney supports diversity, equity, and inclusion. She provides mentorship and sponsorship to underrepresented groups seeking careers in technology.

A lifelong learner, Dr. Pinkney encourages those who want to pursue degrees in technology. To give back to her Goldsboro community, she provides a four-year college scholarship to qualified students from Goldsboro High School. She has also created an endowment fund in the College of Engineering at her alma mater, NC State University. She believes that “to whom much is given, much is expected.”

Come out to be inspired by Dr. Mona Lisa Pinkney's career story and by her “5Be's” that can help people succeed in the technology field. A book signing will follow the program.





# WCHA and Museum Sponsors

The Wayne County Historical Association Board of Directors would like to thank the following sponsors for their contribution to the museum's mission, which is "to discover, preserve, document, display, and disseminate historical knowledge and artifacts of Wayne County and the State of North Carolina. We also seek to increase public awareness of the heritage of Wayne County and its environs through exhibits, events, and traditional and digital information sources."

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Event Tickets: Complimentary tickets to featured ticketed events* *	(2 tickets)	(2 tickets)	(4 tickets)	(4 tickets)
*Rental discount not to exceed \$500 during the 12-month period of sponsorship. After reaching \$500, sponsor will continue to receive a 20% discount on future rentals during the 12-month period.				
**Tickets are subject to availability and are only held if requested by the sponsor.				

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# RECIPE

## Chicken Parm

Prep: 5 minutes      Cook: 30 minutes      Makes 4 servings

### Ingredients:

4 Italian sausages or other uncooked sausages of your choice (about 1 pound/455 g)  
½ red onion, cut into 1-inch (2.5-cm) pieces  
2 red and/or yellow bell peppers, seeded and cut into ¼-inch (6-mm) strips  
4 Tablespoons (60 ml) extra-virgin olive oil  
Kosher salt  
1 package (16 ounces/455 g) cooked polenta, cut into ½-inch (12-mm) rounds  
1 cup (145 g) cherry tomatoes  
Freshly cracked black pepper  
¼ cup (25 g) grated Parmesan cheese (optional)  
¼ cup (10 g) fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced

### Directions:

1. Position two racks evenly in the oven and preheat to 400°F (205°C).
2. Put the sausages, onion, and peppers on a baking sheet. Drizzle with 2 Tablespoons of the oil and sprinkle with 1 teaspoon salt, tossing lightly with tongs to coat. Roast for 15 minutes.
3. On a separate baking sheet, arrange the sliced polenta and cherry tomatoes. Drizzle with the remaining 2 Tablespoons olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper.
4. Bake until the onions and peppers have softened and the polenta is starting to crisp, about 15 minutes. Sprinkle the polenta with the cheese (if using) and return to the oven. Bake until everything is brown and lightly charred, about 2 minutes longer.
5. Serve directly from the baking sheets or arrange the polenta and tomatoes in a large wide serving dish or platter and top with the sausage-pepper mixture. Sprinkle with the fresh basil and serve immediately.

**To store:** Let cool completely. Refrigerate in an airtight container for up to 3 days.

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