



Brief Historical Timeline of the Campus
Christian Center

50th Anniversary Celebration
September 2021

- 1930 Gordon Ross, Religion Professor and Chair of the Danforth Chapel Construction Committee.
- 1937 Danforth Chapel constructed.
- 1950-52 D.B Robertson, Philosophy and Religion professor, First Coordinator of Religious Activities
- 1963-68 Donald Graham, Instructor in Philosophy and Religion and Coordinator of Religious Activities
- 1968 J. Randolph (Randy) Osborne appointed to the position of Coordinator of Religious Activities
- 1971
 - President Willis D. Weatherford, Jr. and Randy Osborne worked together to secure a grant from the Eli Lilly Foundation. This grant established the Center (which was then called Campus Ministry) and included a budget for 2 Campus Ministers and an Office Administrator.
 - Randy Osborne hired Rev. Henry Parker, Episcopal priest and first African American Campus Minister.
 - Until 1973, weekly Sunday night chapel services were required and were presided over by the president of the college.
- 1973 The college voted to end the nearly 75-year-long tradition of required Sunday evening chapel. Sunday night chapel became completely voluntary and was moved from Phelps Stokes to Danforth Chapel.
- Sept. 13, 1983 First Tuesday noon chapel service. This is the 38th anniversary of Tuesday noon chapel services! In an interview, Dr. Weatherford said *“I’m sure glad that we’ve gotten started this Tuesday chapel service series. I hope that gradually builds and grows. One of the things that I think is really particularly exciting about it is that being in the middle of the week, it’s a symbolic expression of the Christian faith in the midst of the hurly-burly of the academic program; and secondly that it has the seeds, the potential, I think, of bringing faculty and students together somewhat more than the Sunday evening time. So, I just hope that lives and grows.”*
- 1979-1985 In collaboration with Residence Life and under the direction of Lee Morris, the job of Student Dorm Chaplain was created as a voluntary position.
- 1985-1999 Student Dorm Chaplains were moved to a secondary labor position under the supervision of Lee Morris.
- 1999 Student Chaplains were elevated to a primary labor position.
- Sept. 11, 2001 First Student Chaplain Commissioning Service
- 2001 All People’s Prayer Chapel created, located in the Alumni Building
- Early 2000’s First weekly Spiritual Seekers meeting held
- 2009 Center renamed the Willis D. Weatherford, Jr. Campus Christian Center
- 2016 St. John’s Bible purchased for the college
- 2019 Labyrinth installed
- 2021 Memorial sculpture installed

Campus Christian Center Staff (1968 – present)

1968-2011	Randy Osborne	Campus Minister / Director
1971-1982	Henry Parker	Campus Minister, first African American Minister
1971-1986	Glennis Walker	Administrative Assistant
1979-200	Lee Morris	Campus Minister
1986-2003	Annette Singleton	Administrative Assistant
1987-1999	Nancy Holloway	Campus Minister, first female Minister
1998-2001	Edwin Broadhead	Director
1998-present	Loretta Reynolds	College Chaplain / Dean of the Chapel, first Dean of the Chapel (2018)
2000-2010	Gloria Johnson	College Chaplain, first female African American Chaplain
2003-2012	Jeff Pool	Director
2004-2008	Karen Nall	Administrative Assistant
2008-2015	Katie Basham	Coordinator of Interfaith Programs / Assistant Director
2008-2015	Shalamar Sandifer	Administrative Assistant
2012-2016	Gail Bowman	Director, first African American and first female Director
2015-present	Marsha Elliott	Office Manager
2016-2018	Ben Groth	Chaplain Intern / College Chaplain
2018-present	Jake Hofmeister	College Chaplain
2018-present	LeSette Wright	College Chaplain