

A photograph of Kenan Chapel at Landfall, a white building with a red roof and a small tower, surrounded by lush green trees and landscaping. The text "KENAN CHAPEL" is overlaid in white serif font, with a small icon of a chapel tower between the words. Below it, "At Landfall" is written in a smaller, cursive font.

KENAN CHAPEL

At Landfall

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Happy Holidays from Kenan Chapel!

This special season brings welcome time with family and friends—and the excitement of wonderful things to come. That spirit is certainly alive here at Kenan Chapel.

Over the past year, our volunteers have seen an unprecedented increase in weddings and memorial services, bringing families together to celebrate life's milestones. We also continued our cherished Sunday Concert tradition, offering fourteen concerts and two days of community recitals. In partnership with the Great Oaks Club and with support from the COA, Kenan Chapel hosted a fun, family-oriented Fall Festival that filled our community with laughter, music, and friendship.

Kenan Chapel turned twenty-five this year! Under the steadfast leadership of our Board of Directors, we completed the first step in a long-term plan to sustain the Chapel and address aging infrastructure. This included an interior refresh to keep the Chapel beautiful, safe, and welcoming for years to come. Please see the accompanying article for more on this project.

Looking ahead, the Board is developing plans for

future maintenance and modernization needs over the next decade. A Capital Campaign will launch in early 2026, and we know we can count on your continued generosity and community spirit to help meet this important goal.

Please join us for one of our most beloved traditions—the Holiday Carol Sing on Sunday, December 14th at 5:00 p.m. Santa is rumored to arrive early at 4:30 p.m.! The evening of carols will be followed by a festive reception at the Nicklaus Clubhouse, and all are welcome.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and our dedicated volunteers, thank you for your ongoing support. As an independent nonprofit, Kenan Chapel depends on the generosity of individuals like you—and we are especially grateful to the Landfall Foundation for its generous grant helping to underwrite our free Sunday Concert Series, a vital part of our mission to bring music and community together.

May the spirit of community, service, and friendship continue to be yours in the year ahead.

Michael Kane

President, Kenan Chapel Board of Directors

arrangements

The Kenan Chapel continues to be a cherished setting for life's most meaningful moments. In 2025, with the help of our dedicated volunteers, the Chapel hosted nineteen weddings, over thirty memorial services, one baptism, and fifteen concerts and recitals.

This year marked a transition for the Arrangements Committee. After nine years of outstanding leadership, Trish Boyd stepped into a well-earned advisory role. Her dedication and countless hours of service ensured every event was handled with care and grace. We're grateful to Babs Sutton, who stepped in as Chair earlier this year and has led the committee with enthusiasm and compassion.

Heartfelt thanks to our committee members - Catherine Bonnette, Carol Earey, Sandra Files, Donna Madonna, Barb Nevin, RoseMary Russo, Les Sloan, Toni Soule, Jeanette Szwec, Sue Thompson, and Ginny Tyndall-for making every service and celebration special. We also appreciate the continued support of Mike Williams at the Landfall COA, and Mike Kane, and Ron Leuchs for their help setting up and preparing the Chapel for events. A special thanks to Leslie Silloway, our scribe, for beautifully recording each occasion in the Chapel's permanent record book.

We are always welcoming new volunteers! If you'd like to learn more about serving with the Arrangements Committee, please contact Babs Sutton at (910) 409-0530 or info@kenanchapel.com.



*Sydney Johnson & Matt Martindale
September 20, 2025
South End Photography*



*Maggie Frogge & Bryson Leger
April 25, 2025
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August 2, 2025
Peyton & Priscilla Photography*

THANK YOU!



Kenan Chapel extends heartfelt thanks to the Landfall Foundation for its generous grant supporting our free community concert series. The program showcases emerging local and regional musicians, including talented students from the North Carolina School of the Arts.

This partnership helps sustain one of Frank H. Kenan's original visions—making live music accessible to all. The Landfall Foundation's support of the arts continues to strengthen our community and enrich lives through education and performance.



FAQ: Who funds the chapel?

Kenan Chapel is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supported entirely by the generosity of residents and community members. When Frank H. Kenan gifted the Chapel to the community, it was established to be maintained through private donations and not association dues.

The Chapel is independent of the Landfall Council of Associations and receives no funding from Landfall residents' assessments. Any maintenance work performed by the Landfall COA is performed under contract at the prevailing rate.

The complimentary monthly Concert Series receives additional support through competitive grants from the Landfall Foundation, the Thomas S. Kenan Foundation, the Randleigh Foundation Trust, and the CAPTRUST Community Foundation. These grants help fund about half of the annual concert program and are dedicated to supporting emerging artists and students.

Your support truly matters. Donations are tax-deductible, and every contribution, large or small, helps keep Kenan Chapel in excellent condition for generations to come. Please see the donation form on page 7 to make your gift and continue the tradition of community caring that keeps the Chapel thriving.

KENAN CHAPEL ANNUAL *holiday tidings christmas carol sing*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH @ 5:00 P.M.

Join us for an evening of joyful music and community spirit as The Wilmington Virtuosi Brass Band fills the Chapel with the sounds of traditional Christmas carols. Song sheets will be provided.

Santa will arrive at 4:30 p.m. - ready to greet children (and the young at heart!) before the music begins.

After the carols, enjoy a festive reception at the Country Club of Landfall, hosted in the holiday spirit of friendship and fun.

This event is open to all Landfall residents and their accompanied guests.
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KENAN CHAPEL ANNUAL *fall festival*

Our premier Fall Festival was briefly delayed when October's Nor'easter blew through town, but true to form, the rescheduled day was one for the record books! Under clear skies, families enjoyed games, fall crafts, magic shows, and delicious fair food served up by Kenan Chapel Board members and the COA

staff with delicious desserts courtesy of the Great Oaks Club Bake Sale.

Parents and kids alike bid enthusiastically on every silent auction item, setting record totals! The Haunted Hayride, the Rusty Bumpers Band, and the Car Show were all fan favorites once again, adding excitement and fun for all ages.

This wonderful day would not have been possible without the generosity of our sponsors and silent auction donors. Please make every effort to support them throughout the year. Our supporters help keep our community events vibrant and full of joy.



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A *fresh* LOOK FOR THE CHAPEL *by Tammy Darazsdi*

After 25 years, the Kenan Chapel has received a beautiful refresh with new paint, carpeting, drywall, and sparkling windows. Heartfelt thanks to Sherri Drogue and Pat Hatcher for their creative guidance, generous donations, and inspired design, and to Mark Johnson Custom Homes for exceptional craftsmanship. This project was especially meaningful since Mark and his wife, Meredith, were married in the Chapel. The Chapel Board invites everyone in Landfall and Wilmington to visit and enjoy its renewed beauty—at a concert, wedding, or community event—and see how love and teamwork have brightened this treasured space.



MUSIC COMMITTEE *notes*

The Kenan Chapel's Monthly Concert Series continues to strike all the right notes with our community. This past season featured fourteen concerts and two days of student recitals, plus three post-concert receptions where guests could mingle and meet the performers. The committee is already tuning up plans for another season that promises to be just as lively and harmonious.

This year, the Monthly Concert Series was fortunate to receive four generous grants—from

the Landfall Foundation, the Thomas S. Kenan Foundation, the Randleigh Foundation Trust, and the CAPTRUST Community Foundation. Together, these grants cover about half of our annual program costs. The remaining support comes from the individual donations we receive throughout the year and the donor baskets at each concert.

Your generosity keeps the music playing! Because of you, our concerts remain free and

open to everyone, giving new and emerging artists a stage, and our community a joyful reason to gather.

For the full Concert Schedule and ticket distribution dates, please visit our website www.kenanchapel.com or check the postings at the Northeast Branch of the NHC Library on Drysdale.

Thank you for helping us keep Kenan Chapel's music in perfect harmony with our community!

2025-2026 CONCERT SERIES

Hines & Launey: Violin and Piano
Sunday, 11/23 • 5:00 PM • Tickets: 11/17

Holiday Carol Sing
Sunday, 12/14 • 5:00 PM • No tickets required
Reception with Santa to follow

Jazz at the Chapel, Doug Irving Trio
Saturday, 1/24 • 5:00 PM • Tickets: 1/20

WSO Youth Showcase
Sunday, 2/15 • 5:00 PM • Tickets: 2/9
Reception to follow at the Country Club of Landfall

UNC School of Arts, Student Showcase
Sunday, 2/22 • 5:00 PM • Tickets: 2/17

Coastal Strings
Sunday, 3/22 • 5:00 PM • Ticket pick up 3/16

University of North Carolina School of Arts,
Student Showcase
Sunday, 3/29 • 5:00 PM • Tickets: 3/23

Tallis Chamber Orchestra
Sunday, 5/10 • 5:00 PM • Tickets: 5/4

Port City Music Festival
Sunday, 5/31 • 5:00 PM • Tickets: 5/26
Reception to follow at the Country Club of Landall

Kenan Chapel concerts are made possible in part through a generous grant from the Landfall Foundation. For more information about this wonderful music program and how to support the Kenan Chapel, please visit KenanChapel.com and follow us on social media.

memorial gardens

The Kenan Chapel Memorial Garden continues to grow as a place of beauty, peace, and remembrance. Last summer, we opened the North Walkway sites in Chapel Woods, and already one quarter of the sites have been reserved. This spring, new benches and groupings of Camellias and Japanese Maples were added, enhancing the garden's tranquility and offering more opportunities for rest and reflection.

Over the past year, the gardens have been

the setting for fifty-three interments and more than thirty memorial services. A limited number of sites remain available for future interments.

The Memorial Garden remains a quiet place of grace, honoring loved ones whose memories continue to live within our community. If you are interested in purchasing a memorial site, or wish to dedicate a tree, bench, or planting in honor of someone special, please contact Mike Kane for additional information.



IN MEMORY OF JOHN BALLANCE

In January, we said goodbye to John Ballance, a long-serving and much-loved member of the Kenan Chapel Board. John is remembered throughout the community as a gifted painter and a true gentleman, known for his kindness, patience, and quiet strength.

Professionally, John was a recognized leader in computer sciences, with an extensive career at IBM and the Computer Sciences Corporation. Here at the Chapel, his talents found another outlet while consistently applying

his master carpenter skills when caring for our treasured antiques. John was also a vital member of the Concert Committee, managing ticket preparation and distribution for more than ten years. John repeatedly volunteered on subcommittees and said there was not anything he could not do.

John is deeply missed. His dedication and spirit of service set an inspiring example for all of us who volunteer our time to support the Chapel and the community it serves.

FRANK H. KENAN CHAPEL CONTRIBUTION FORM

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510 Arboretum Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina 28405



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Kenan Chapel was proud to sponsor the recent Habitat for Humanity ReStore Pop-Up Pick-Up in Landfall-an event that was an incredible success! Residents were invited to schedule a pickup or drop off gently used household items, supporting affordable housing efforts in our community.

Thanks to the generosity of our neighbors and friends, donations far exceeded our

expectations. Kenan Chapel and Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity are deeply grateful to everyone who participated. Events like this show what makes our community so special: neighbors helping neighbors and coming together for a greater purpose.

Stay tuned for details about the next Habitat ReStore Pop-Up Pick-Up!

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