



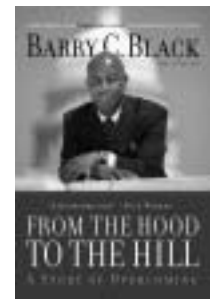
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E.D. Arrington to Host Wilson's First African American Read-In *Featured Guest is Chaplain Barry C. Black, Author of "From the Hood to the Hill"*

WILSON, N.C. – E.D. Arrington, founder of **It's Time to Read With Me!**, a Wilson-based reading enrichment program, will host the *first National African-American Read-In* in Wilson on February 22, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. on WVOT 1420 AM radio. The two-hour program will feature Chaplain Barry C. Black, author of the autobiography, *From the Hood to the Hill*. Chaplain Black is the *first* African American chaplain of the United States Senate and the first person of color to hold the position of chief of chaplains of the U.S. Navy.



The National African American Read-In, which promotes literacy, is sponsored each year by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and its Black Caucus. 2010 marks its 21st anniversary. "This program is not only a *first* for Wilson, it is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our youth, who will play a major role in the on-air interview with Chaplain Barry C. Black," Arrington said.

The live broadcast on WVOT 1420 AM radio will begin at 5:00 p.m., and will feature excerpts read from the autobiography, *From The Hood To The Hill*, followed by a question-and-answer session conducted by students who attend various schools in Wilson. Following the Q&A, youth listeners will be quizzed on what they learned about Chaplain Black. Twenty-five dollar gift cards will be awarded to four youths, 18 years or younger, who are the *first* callers to correctly answer the question posed about the life of Chaplain Barry C. Black.

"I first heard Chaplain Black on C-Span's Q&A," Arrington recalled. "I could have paused the program at any time or recorded it for future viewing, but I did not budge until the credits rolled. His autobiography is an amazing story."

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