

# BLABBERMOUTH

**Welcome First-Timers | Family News or Fake News? You Decide | 2017 Itinerary**

## First Timers

Mr. and Dr. Richard Pruitt (CA)  
 Dr. Shirin Ghannadi (CA)  
 Dr. Matthew Milburn (CA)  
 Angela Shanks (MO)  
 James Wilkerson (MO)  
 Millicent Victorian (MO)  
 Willie Jordan (MO)  
 The Shy Family (TX)

Did We Miss You? Grab a First Timer sticker at the Hospitality Suite so we can all welcome you!

## Fake News

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newly received or noteworthy information, especially about recent or important events that is not genuine; a forgery or sham.

## Snap Your Fam



## Welcome to Texas, Y'all!

Welcome to the 2017 Smith Anderson Hubbard Family Reunion in Houston, Texas. We are so excited that you are here.

We have added a new twist to this year's Blabbermouth: Spot the "Fake News". When you get to our region see if you can separate fact from fiction. First person to find (5) fake facts wins a prize!

Good Luck!



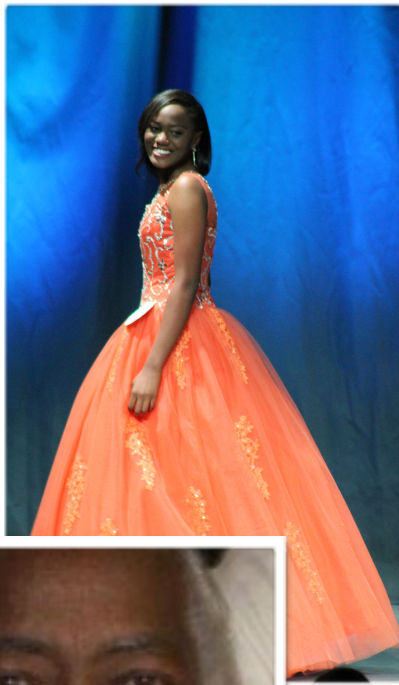
## News from Region 1...

Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana

### *Pamela Martin and Family*

Xavier P. Martin, son of Marlon and Domonique Martin, grandson of Pamela, and great grandson of Pauline finished his senior year with a bang. Xavier graduated from Lafayette High School on May 19, 2017 on the campus of the University of Mississippi. Xavier played an integral role in his football team winning the Mississippi Class 4A State Championship in football, where he intercepted a ball, recovered a fumble, forced a fumble, and had twelve tackles. Zay was selected to play in the Robertson's Sportswear NEMFCA All Star Game in Booneville, MS. Even though Zay had a wonderful football season, he has chosen to attend Holmes Community College to play baseball.

Alexandria, Xavier's younger sister will begin her freshman year at Lafayette High School in the fall. She had a great eighth grade year participating in softball and choir, while maintaining honor roll the entire year. Zan was the third runner-up in the Lafayette Middle School Beauty Review. She also traveled to Washington, D.C. in March with the Lafayette High School Choir.



Pamela with Andrea Pinkney at the Children's Book Festival.

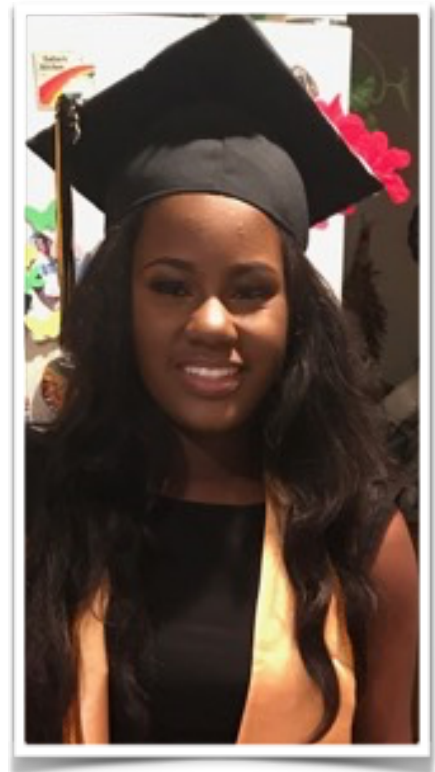


### *Mr. and Mrs. Craig Smith*

Joycelyn D. Smith (daughter of Craig M. Smith, granddaughter of Elbert & the late Esther Smith, great-granddaughter of Rosa & the late Claude Smith, great-great granddaughter of the late Moses Alexander Smith & Susie Hubbard Smith) recently graduated with honors from East Side High School in Cleveland, MS on May 20, 2017.

Joycelyn will be noted in the school's history, as a student of the last class to commence from East Side High School. Joycelyn received scholarship offers from various colleges. She's accepted the Dean's Scholarship award from Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead, MS. In addition, she will receive the Mississippi Delta Community College Band Grant.

Joycelyn will continue to express her love for music as a tenor drummer in the school's Spirit of the Delta Band. Upon graduating from MDCC, Joycelyn will later matriculate to Alcorn State University or Prairie View A&M majoring in Mechanical Engineering.



### *Millicent Cole*

For Millicent Cole, daughter of Pauline Martin, the 2016-17 school year was both rewarding and bittersweet. She and her sister, Pamela, were notified in October that they had successfully renewed their national board certification.

Millicent was named teacher of the month at Margaret Green Junior High School in April, and was presented the Audrey Parrish Award for service above and beyond the call of duty at the awards program.

Also in April, Millicent and Pamela attended the Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival at the University of Southern Mississippi, where they met numerous award-winning children's book authors and illustrators including Andrea Davis Pinkney, Brian Collier, Kwame Alexander, and Kate DiCamillo. As of June 1, 2017, Millicent retired ending a 32-year teaching career. Future plans are still up in the air, but she still hopes to have a profound effect on molding the minds of young people.



*Eric and Kendria Barnes*

What's up family! I am Eric Martin Barnes, grandson of Pauline Martin, son of Marcia Martin Barnes and Reginald Barnes. Well there's definitely a lot to blab about in the Barnes' Household. I got married, Gatsby style, to the love of my life, Kendria on October 2nd and we honeymooned in St. Lucia for a week afterwards. A couple months prior, she moved down from Nashville, TN after completing her Masters in public health at Meharry Medical College. She worked a couple odd jobs while waiting for a career in her degree field. Ultimately she received an interview and offer from the State Department of Health. So now we both work for the state of MS. I'm still a Project Manager for the MS Department Of Wildlife and Ken is an Epidemiologist at MS. Dept. of Health. State benefits! My graphic design business ([www.embbdesigns.com](http://www.embbdesigns.com)) is still doing well and I pray one day, I can go full time! God has been good to us and we are so thankful. And that's not all, we are expecting our first child in September! So as you can see, the Barnes have been busy ;-)



**The only rock  
I know that  
stays steady,  
the only institution  
I know that works,  
is the family.**

- Lee Iacocca -

*Darryl and Julia Smith*

Ronkevious K. Williams, oldest grandson of Julia and Darryl Smith, graduated May 26, 2017 from Central High School in Little Rock, AR home to the "Little Rock Nine!"

*Dr. and Mrs. Xavier Smith*

Dr. & Mrs. Xavier Smith introduced Dallas Skyler Smith on May 8, 2017. He is the grandson of Elbert & Esther Smith.



*Kenneth and Shirley Smith*

It's been a while since my family (Kenneth and Shirley Smith,I) submitted any thing to blabbermouth, nonetheless, I want to bring the family up-to-date on whats been happening with us since the last submission. Here goes....

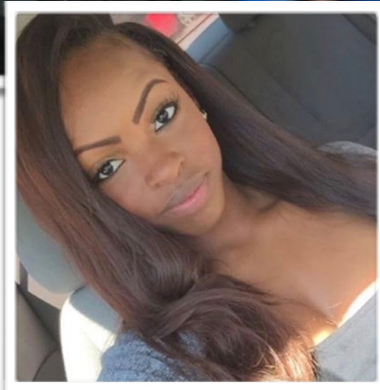
K.L., (the oldest child of Kenneth and Shirley) tied the knot, jumped the broom or otherwise got married to his lovely wife Satyra ("Tyra") in 2014 in Houston, TX where they reside. They

have one daughter, Bianca, who will be graduating from Texas Southern University in December 2017.

Shannon, (the youngest child of Kenneth and Shirley) and her Husband , LaDerrick have increased the size of their family by two. Kaeden Ann Denise Collins was born September 16, 2013. On March 21, 2015, Keelee Evangeline Eliza Collins was born. Shannon decided to become a stay-at-home mom this past year and kept the the two little ones at home with her. What an adventure. Shannon and

LaDerrick's other two girls Kirsden and Kelsee are busy being students (6th and 3rd grade). LaDerrick, Jr., ("CJ") is now in the seventh grade. Congratulations are in order for Shannon and LaDerrick. Shannon transitioned from being a teacher to being a student again in cosmetology. She passed her state boards and is now a licensed cosmetologist in the state of Kansas. LaDerrick who was a teacher, will be the Dean of Students at his school starting the 2017-18 school year.

Kenneth has bought a brand new 2017 Ford F-150 truck and hasn't stop riding ever since. Shirley has retired for a second time from teaching in the state of Arkansas.



## News from Region 2...

Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee

### *Rev. Kelly and Sue Smith*

A lot has happened with the Kelly Miller Smith Jr. crew. Some of it we will gladly share in this space. Others, we will take to our graves!!!

Travel has been heavy on our plate. Kelly Jr. went on a mission trip to Kenya in October. We preach, teach and heal. One of the things that people look for mostly is the medical clinic we bring for the days we are in a village. When you think of Africa by the way, don't think of Tarzan. The places we go may remind you of rural Mississippi during the last century. The people are various gracious to see us.



After spending a week there, he stopped off in Dubai for a few days. There you see what money can truly buy. The world's tallest building is there. Opulent hotels and palaces. Good variety and tasty food. Great shopping (if you're into that sort of thing).

Also went to Cancun to do nothing but sit on the beach for a few days in November. Thought about getting into a fight because of a racist joke that was told by a party of people who were on the beach in front of me. But the better part of wisdom was to just let it go, seeing that I was alone, and they were group of 6. So I just used some choice words on them (in my mind, of course).

Traveled with three grandchildren (Evan, Kyra and Darrell) and one daughter (Sharanda) to Paris, London and Albufeira, Portugal in May. Great trip, climbing the Eiffel Tower, seeing Notre Dame Cathedral, the

Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, the London Eye, among other things. We were in London one week before the man ran down people on London Bridge. Sharanda was in Amsterdam while we were in London. In Portugal we caught up with Kelly III, Melissa and Chloe (the newest addition to the family). Chloe, by the way, was born on my dad's birthday, October 28, 2017. Her full name is Chloe Kellen Smith. We chilled on the beach and by the pool, and did dune buggy riding.



Sharanda has relocated to a new place right in the heart of the Black community in Nashville, next to Meharry Medical College and Fisk University. She works at Fisk.





Darrell has started back with piano lessons and is doing well. Lance is playing the drums at church and is taking lessons. Kyra is a junior at Hampton University and on the track team. Evan is at Nashville State Community College and working part-time.

I am completing my 7th year at First Baptist Capitol Hill. We are completing what we are calling our "Selah Year" when we are pausing from many activities during the year to stop and listen to what God is telling us as a congregation as we look towards the future. We have been more intentional in helping to increase the understanding of how the church should conduct itself by having special classes one Saturday a month on topics, such as worship, discipleship, missions and Christian education. We also have a group going through discipleship training to understand what it means to be a better follower of Jesus Christ.

We are in a campaign to pay off the last of a \$1.8 million debt I inherited when I came. Balance now is about \$200,000. We hope to do it by September 30, 2017. Since I know all of you are excited about it you are more than welcome to send a love gift to the church towards the Jubilee Drive, to First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill, 625 Rosa L. Parks Blvd., Nashville, TN 37203!!

Mom, Alice Smith Risby, and sister, Valerie Lin Robinson, went to the wedding of Adena's son, Emani Chinua Wright, in Punta Cana Dominican Republic July 1, 2017. The Atlanta reception is this weekend July 8 in Atlanta.

Dad, Kelly Miller Smith Sr. was honored by Vanderbilt University during Black History Month for his involvement in the movements that helped Nashville to get to the place it is today. They honored him during a women's basketball game by having one of the women on the team wear a jersey with his name on it.



## News from Region 3...

DC, Maryland, and Virginia



### *Kelly and Melissa Smith*

Since we last saw you, we've had the joy of welcoming our baby girl, Chloe Kellen Smith! She was born on October 28th, the same birthday as Kelly Miller Smith, Sr. Her middle name honors her great-grandfather. Chloe is already a world traveler, having gone to Portugal this past May. There she met her Aunt Sharanda, first cousins Evan, Kyra and Darrell, and reunited with Granddaddy (Kelly Jr). We can't wait for her to meet the entire SAH clan! Dad is still at Deloitte and Mom with Department of Energy.



### *Rev. Perry and Conni Smith*

Our youngest daughter Lea and her family (who have currently moved from Charlotte to their new home in Cary, North Carolina) are expecting a new little one (a boy) in Sept. Sisters Kendall and Cameron are so excited to finally have a little brother.

Conni and I recently returned from a trip to Aruba (a much needed rest). Conni is still nursing her right knee with Hydro-Spinning classes twice a week. I walk everyday...down the stairs into the garage and into the car.

Jennifer's son Israel at 15 is a Carson Scholarship winner, and was recently recognized at a dinner sponsored by the ALPHA PHI ALPHA Fraternity for his scholastic excellence.

Jennifer's Gabrielle (age 10) and Micah (age 8) are scholars in their own right, both maintaining High Honor Roll status for two years straight. Gabrielle also took top honors in the National Track and Field Competition. Micah, a third grader, is reading on the fourth grade level.



### *Charles and Etta Waugh*

I (Etta) finished the last leg of the long journey to earning my PhD in Management from Walden University this summer. After successfully defending my research study, my committee chair and second committee member addressed me as Dr. Etta Waugh. A special thanks to my best friend Charles for insisting that I finish. I am also being honored by the National Contract Management Association this summer at the national convention in Chicago, where I will be named a Fellow. Next stop -- retirement at the end of September 2017. Wow! To God be the glory!!!

**"Family" isn't defined only by last names or by blood; it's defined by commitment and by love. It means showing up when they need it most. It means having each other's backs. It means choosing to love each other even on those days when you struggle to like each other. It means never giving up on each other!**

**- Dave Willis -**



## News from Region 4...

Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin

### *Kelly and Carla Freeman*

My son-in-law Brandon received his Master's degree from Tennessee State University in May 2016 and is now working on his Doctoral degree. He is also a faculty member of Tennessee State University.

My daughter Jasmin and Brandon added a new family member. They welcomed a baby boy! Brandon Patrick Haskins Jr. DOB 10/27/2016.

My older daughter Jamie is a new supervisor of dining services at the University of Chicago.

My niece Daina White graduated from Gary Comer H.S and is now attending college. Her major is undecided for now.



## News from Region 5...

Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and Massachusetts

### *Gwen Verner Jarju*

Asa Edward Jarju (grandson of Zeraline Smith Verner) graduated from the School of Visual Arts in New York City, with a BFA in Cartooning on May 9, 2017. He has chosen to be an artist like his mom, Gwen Verner Jarju!

Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lord!





### *Dr. Edwina Verner & Family*

Greetings from the East Coast Crew!

Zeraline Smith Verner (matriarch on the Smith-Anderson side) is 91 and counting!

Although she has had Alzhiemer's disease for many years now, she is as sweet as ever. Her favorite thing to say is " I love you".

We still make it to church every Sunday, but travel otherwise is difficult. We are with you in spirit!

We love you all!



### *Ron and Beth Barkley*

Ronnie Garrison Barkley, the youngest child of Beth Verner Barkley and Ron Barkley is a proud graduate of South Orange Middle School in South Orange, New Jersey, and will be heading to high school in the fall.

Ronnie loves to draw. We all look forward to his personalized cards on special occasions. Looks like we will be adding another artist to the family!

Beth is the youngest child of Zeraline Smith Verner and the late Dr. Edward Verner. Her siblings still call her "Baby Beth", in the same manner that her mother Zeraline was called "Baby Sister" by her siblings.

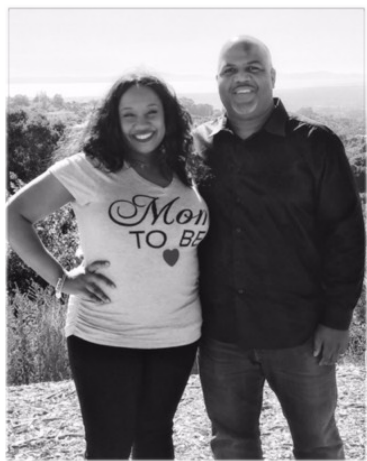


## News from Region 6...

Arizona, California, Colorado, Nebraska, Oregon, and Texas

### *Travis Smith*

Travis Smith was named Educator of the year by the Plano Community Forum. He received a plaque at the Forum's Annual Awards Banquet on October 15, 2016. Travis is Director of Bands at Williams High School in Plano, the position he has held for 32 of his 40 years in education. In January of 2016, he was named to the Dallas Metroplex Musicians Association Hall of Fame for Outstanding Service and contributions in the field of music.



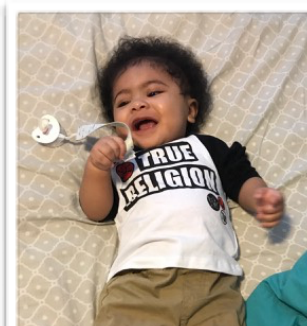
### *Brian and Leah Black*

Leah and I are proud to announce that we are expecting our first child, a girl, on September 24!!

### *Micha Poe*

2017 is off to a good start! I guess it's true you're never too old to finish what you started, I've finally earned a degree. Yay me!

October 17, 2016, I was also blessed with a precious grandson Mason Alecander Edwards.





### *Angelina Wilson & Family*

This year proved to be no different academically for the Harvey boys. Christian graduated from Atascocita High School on Sunday, May 27. He finished his senior year with 5 A's and 2 B's and his high school years with a cumulative GPA of 4.462 on a 5.0 scale. Because of his GPA and SAT scores, he was awarded academic excellence scholarships to the University of Houston and the University of North Texas in Denton. Christian was Also named an Eagle Scholar at UNT which means that his education will be FULLY PAID for as long as he maintains a 2.5 GPA, the university's GPA; his mama's GPA is 3.0+! Getting his Masters fully funded is his next goal. So, needless to say, he will be attending UNT in the fall majoring in Music Education. Go Eagles!!!

Christian also excelled musically. He auditioned for and made the Chamber Orchestra at AHS, their top orchestra and was named Concert Master for the entire year. At the Orchestra year-end banquet and awards ceremony, he was awarded The National School Orchestra Award. He auditioned for and made the Region 19 Symphony Orchestra and he also made 1's on both his solo and ensemble at the Regional UIL competition earning himself a trip to State Regional competition, where he earned a 2 on his solo and a 1 on his ensemble. His graduation gift was a trip to New York City in April with the AHS Orchestra where they performed at Bowling Green Park. Christian was also a member of Strolling Strings, a very select group of Orchestra students that perform during the Christmas Holidays and year-end performances. I'm not done yet, Christian was also a member of the AHS choir again this year! He auditioned for and made Madrigals, a very select group of Choir students that perform at various places in the Humble/Atascocita/Kingwood and Houston areas during the Christmas Holidays. He also auditioned for and made the A Capella Choir which was invited to perform for TMEA in San Antonio in February of this year.

Christoff ended the year with a 4 A's and 3 B's and a cumulative GPA OF 4.632 on a 5.0 scale. He received the Award for academic excellence in Latin III Pre AP and was selected as a member of the National Junior Classical League Honor Society.

Based solely off of Christoff's PSAT scores, several schools have shown interest in him coming to their school since his sophomore year. His top choices are Stanford and MIT; he has no interest in going to school in Texas. At the end of his sophomore year, he began questioning why he wasn't able to make friends like his peers. And in December of last year, he diagnosed himself with Asperger Syndrome. In January of this year he was tested and his self-diagnosis was confirmed in February of this year by a licensed psychologist. The psychologist even thanked him for allowing him to be the one to conduct his testing because his referrals for testing are more times than not on the opposite end of the scale. Because it is so hard for him to establish friendships and/or his mother's piece of mind he has agreed to consider Texas A & M and Georgia Tech.

And if being academically gifted wasn't enough, he taught himself to crochet! His first



projects were a hat for himself and a friend and a bag to hold his dice for the game Dungeons and Dragons. He then decided to make himself a blanket and because it took longer than he thought, he told his mom that he'll make her a blanket before he leaves for college next year. To appease her, he did however make her a bear for Mother's Day in her favorite color.

### *Anthony and Michelle Poe*

Hi Family, this is the perfect space for us to brag about "Little" Anthony's accomplishments this past year....

#### Anthony Jr.'s 3rd Grade Report Card

- 1st Term - All A's (5) and 4 Satisfactory
- 2nd Term - 3 A's and 2 B's and 4 Satisfactory
- 3rd Term - 4 A's and 1 B and 4 Satisfactory
- 4th Term - 2 A's and 3 B's and 4 Satisfactory
- Average of 4 Terms - 4 A's and 1 B and 4 Satisfactory
- Attendance Record - 0 Tardies, 0 Unexcused Absences and 1 Excused Absence (dental appointment)

#### Anthony's 3rd Grade Ceremony

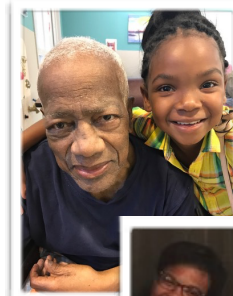
- Made the A/B Honor Roll
- Completed the 3rd Grade
- Excellence in Reading
- Consistently turns in quality homework
- Handwriting Award - neat and beautiful penmanship
- Super Star Speller
- Great Athlete and Team Player Award

### *Barbara Ann Brown*

Travis...thank you Cousin...I didn't have to ask twice for you to pay my mortgage for two months (\$2800) when I was having difficulty..it is comforting to know family is always there.

Haley...you have the best grandma ever good thing she is retired...she loves chauffeuring you to Kids College, Okra Camp, Vacation Bible School and the Enrichment Program!

I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE...THE NEWLYWEDS in Atlanta are expecting...I hope y'all give Ms Ross a run for her money, she had twins at 50 SURELY considering the military rations we can expect triplets!





Anybody been to St. Louis lately...should you need senior citizen care...touring the sites in a fabulous convertible sports car...shopping the galleria..or just golfing at the Forest Park with Tiger...you might want to make reservations with Gwen & Joe cause they GOT YOU!!

We got your home health care in St. Louis.....see Monique Montgomery whom just kicked off this new business venture this year.

I hear Tom Joiner has contracted with the family in Cleveland to host the next SAHFR...thanks Keith and Deborah for all you do!

Congratulations to Mr. & Dr. Richard Pruitt...should we buy pink or blue! Please find them and give them a hug.

Dr. Matthew Milburn & Dr. Shirin Ghannadi....I hear Persian weddings are the best ever...please extend us all an invite cause we love to travel and will be there!!

Angela Shanks and James Wilkerson have agreed to sponsor the elderly...not sure what but KUDOS to them....I think it has to do with replenishing shrimp!!!

Cecil Shy Jr ...is completing his Doctorate of Mechanical Engineering...and he is not even 30...shout out to him y'all!!

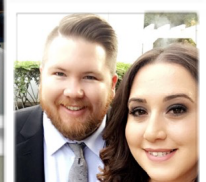
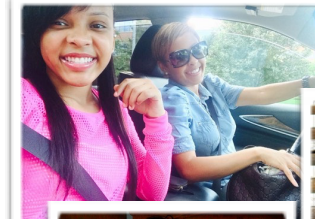
If any family needs to plan an event...Millicent Victorian is an event planner!! First Class all the way!

### *Sal and Anna-Marie*

Well Family I, Anna-Marie, have been with the same company for 10 years, and for the past 6 years I have been telecommuting from Texas to Connecticut!! Sal and I will celebrate our 4th wedding anniversary in the fall.

Sal was recently promoted to General Sales Manager at his dealership. #2 in command is a HUGE blessing! *If any of you would like to drive a new, or new-to-you, car home instead of flying, come see us!!* </ad>

Our oldest, Darius, graduated high school last month and plans to attend Texas Southern University in the Fall. Ashtyn, our cousin,





who we have been fostering for the past 3 ½ years turned 4 in February and she is at the talk-all-the-time stage.

Sal also decided last October that 1 dog wasn't enough and brought a Yorkie, Geoffrey, home. Please keep Sal, in your prayers because if he adds any thing else to this house that is breathing, one of us won't make it through the night!!

## News from Region 7...

Florida, Georgia, and The Carolinas

### *Adrienne Wilson*

Trinity Imani & Serenity Imara, great great granddaughters of Zee Anderson, great granddaughters of Brenda Bell, granddaughters of Angelina Wilson and daughters of Adrienne Wilson.

Little Miss Trinity turned 5 on June 7th. She graduated as Valedictorian of her Pre-K class and will be entering Kindergarten in the fall. Little Miss Serenity will turn 4 in November and will be entering Pre-K in the fall. The smart gene didn't skip this generation either. Greatness is in their destinies!!! And as you can see, there is a lot of love shared between these 2 sisters.



### *Chinua and Casey Wright*

It has been just over 2 years since being diagnosed with cancer, which my oncologist says is a major milestone. Thanks to the prayers and best wishes from family and loved ones I have been completely cancer - free for more than a year now (the 2 surgeries and chemo may have helped as well)

One special loved one, Casey McDaniel, has been with me in every step of this journey, which has meant the world to me. So on her birthday in October 2016, I asked for her hand in marriage. Later that month, we went on vacation to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. We enjoyed it so much, we decided to have our wedding there. On July 1st, 2017, Casey became an official member of the S.A.H. clan.



# 2017 ITINERARY

**\*\*NAME BADGES MUST BE WORN TO ALL EVENTS\*\***

## Friday, July 7th

Registration - Welcome to Texas Y'all

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM - Ages 5 - 20: Game Tourney  
@ Hospitality Suite

## Saturday, July 8th

8:30 AM - Board Buses

9:00 AM - Buses Depart Hotel For City Tour

9:45 AM - Museum Tours

*Buffalo Soldiers Museum*

*The African American Library at the  
Gregory School*

Snacks Provided on Buses

1:00 PM - Family Picture @ Town Center

4:00 PM - Family Meeting @ Hospitality Suite

7:00 PM - Banquet - Harlem Nights Theme @  
*Sugar Land Ballroom VI - X*

9:00 PM - Casino Night

## Sunday, July 9th

8:15 AM - Board Bus

8:45 AM - Bus Departs Hotel for Worship Service

9:15 AM - Arrive at Worship Service @

*Greater St. Matthews*

*14919 South Main Street*

*Houston, TX 77035*

Family Dinner Immediately Follows

### Hotel Breakfast

You will receive a \$5.00 discount on the Breakfast Buffet each morning.

### Banquet Attire

If you want to stay with the theme but didn't bring anything with you, there is a Party City in the area. Have fun!

### Banquet Seating

We are going to try something new y'all. We will be sitting according to meal choice. Sit with family you don't normally see! Learn things.

### 2018 Registration

It's never too early to register for next year! We will happily accept your 2018 Registration Dues and pass it on to the next Crew!

### Thank Y'all

We hope you all had a wonderful time in the Great State of Texas. We sure had a blast hosting you.