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2016

Linking the Past to the Future

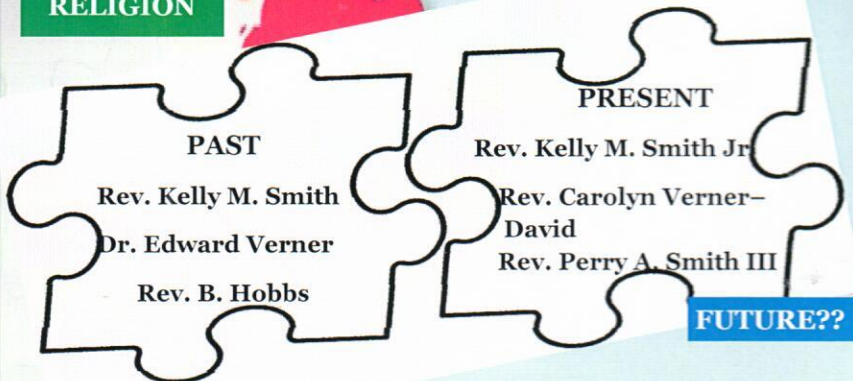
Welcome to the 2016 Smith-Anderson-Hubbard Family Reunion in Charlotte, North Carolina. The theme for this year's reunion is "Linking the Past to the Future." We are excited to share our knowledge and memories of the past along with some current moments while moving forward with the grace of God toward the brilliant future that lies ahead. Needless to say, our family has grown since the slave Jefferson Davis Anderson landed on American soil, the female slave Rachel Smith left her birth state of North Carolina, and the slave Lucinda Bellinger gave birth to Sarah Jane. We will explore the past pieces of the family puzzle and help you connect the current and future pieces. After all, family is like a puzzle, it is not complete without all of its pieces.

We hope that you keep the family's spirit alive by sharing our connection to the past, Richard and Millie Smith, Daniel and Sophia Anderson and James and Sarah Hubbard with the current and future generations. The Smith-Anderson-Hubbard family has persevered through slavery, the civil war, Jim Crow, the first and second great migrations, World Wars I and II, the civil rights movement, and numerous past and current struggles. This reunion is dedicated to promoting our legacy of strength for future generations of the Smith-Anderson-Hubbard family.

OCCUPATIONS

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RELIGION



ARTS

PAST & PRESENT
Zee Anderson Barron
Joy Smith
Gwen Verner-Jarju

AUTOMOTIVE

PAST
Daniel Anderson, Sr.

PRESENT
Derek Anderson
Frederick Thames
Franklin Norwood

FUTURE??

MILITARY

PAST
Dr. O.G. Smith
Lloyd Smith

PRESENT
Walter Mays
Avery Washington II
Jawanza Bell

FUTURE??

FUTURE

Veronica Myrnae Blake
Amina Jackson
Asa Jarju
Zeeanita Thames
Christian Harvey
Jordan Slate
Shawna Lewis
Christoff Harvey

PRESENT

Dr. Daniel Smith Jr.
Elena Washington

SPORTS /ATHLETICS

PRESENT
Abunuwas David
Keith Wilson
John Slate

FUTURE

Kaylin Nichols
Khalil Martin

SCIENCE

ACTIVIST

PAST
Lois Smith-Rayon
Paul Rayon

PRESENT
Nyota David

FUTURE
Emanuel David
Demarion Watkins

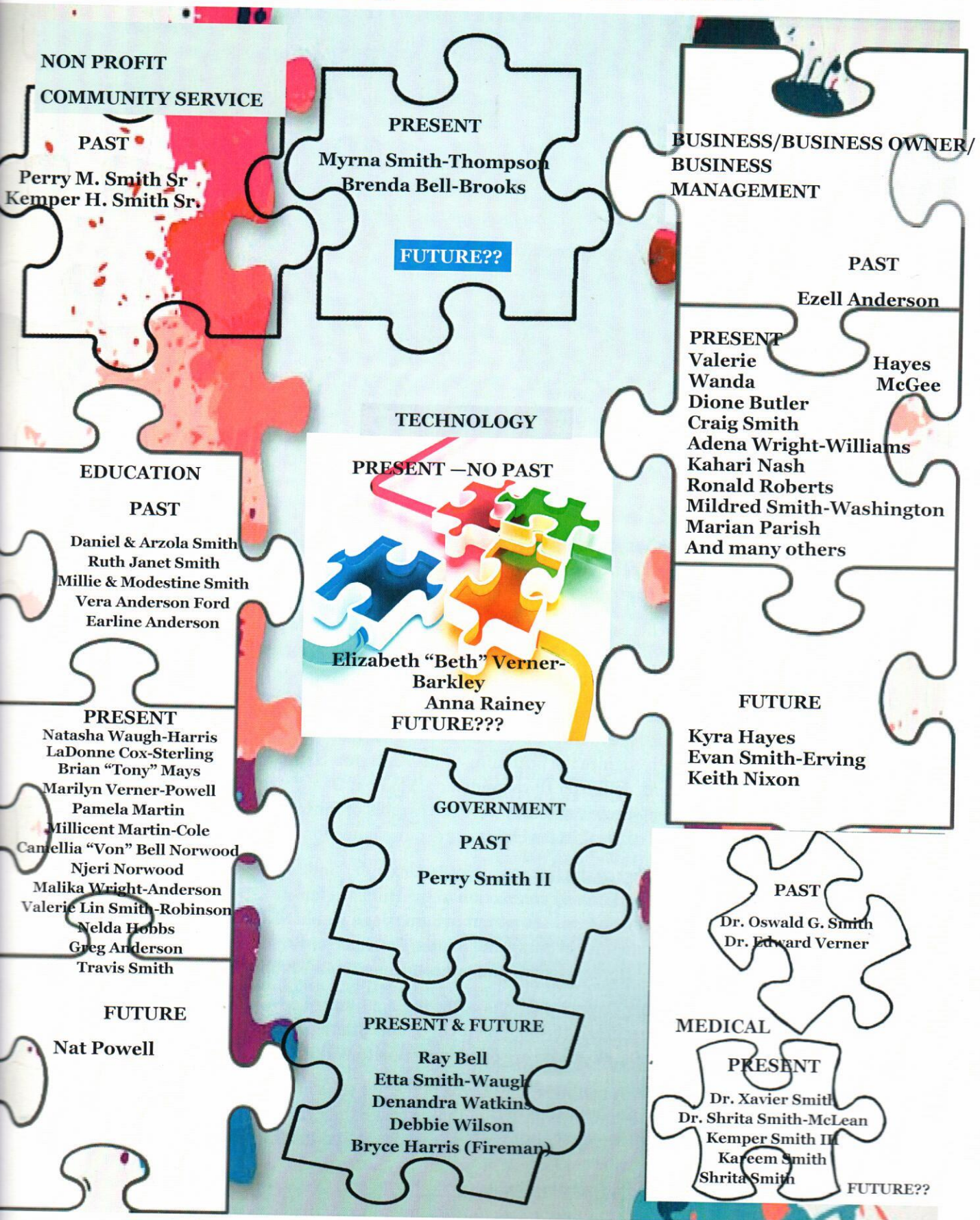
FUTURE

Ryan M. Slate
Haley Sterling
Kaylin Nichols
Keith Nixon
Ryan Slate
Rasaan Slate
Brooke & Aria Watkins
Nat Power
Justin Nash
Kahari Nash II

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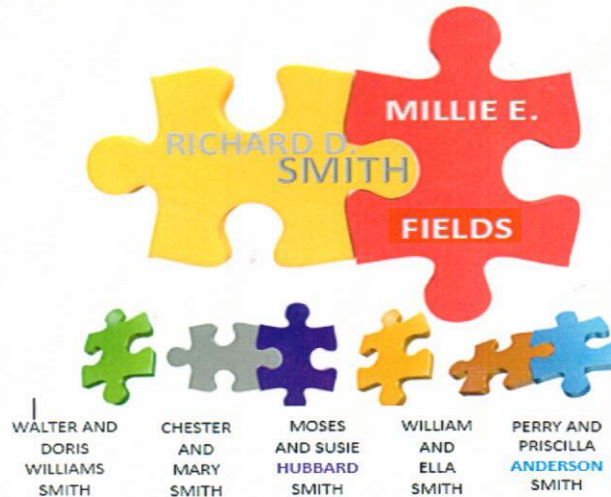
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WHAT IS THE SAH FAMILY CONNECTION?



"We are like puzzle pieces, we are all unique. We are uncommon, even in our common-ality."

LIFE LESSONS FROM A PUZZLE

In the beginning, the pieces are an incoherent, jumbled mess.



HOW ARE YOU CONNECTED?

Finding your connection in the Smith-Anderson-Hubbard family involves linking the puzzle pieces together. We start with the slave beginnings of our oldest generation and move to today.

Rachel Smith was a slave and is the corner puzzle piece. Her son, Richard D. Smith and Millie Fields had five sons. We recognize these five sons as the connecting pieces of our family and the top row of the puzzle border.

One of the five sons, Perry Monroe Smith married Priscilla Anderson. Thus, the family connection to the Anderson family. In our family history we recognize the beginning of the Anderson clan as a slave of Irish descent, Jefferson Davis Anderson. His son, Daniel Anderson married Sophia Thomas and they were the parents of thirteen children. The descendants of the thirteen children are our connection to the Anderson family.

Another of the five sons, Moses Alexander Smith married Susie Hubbard. Thus, the family connection to the Hubbard family. Lucinda Bellinger was a slave. She was the parent of Sarah Jane Hubbard. Susie Hubbard was the daughter of Sarah and James Thomas Hubbard. The descendants of Susie Hubbard Smith are our connection to the Hubbard family.

Walter Davis Smith, one of the five sons married Doris Williams. Our connection is through their child, Lois Smith-Rayon. The descendants of Lois Smith-Rayon are our connection to Walter Smith.

William Lafayette Smith, one of the five sons married Ella Wallace. Our connection to William Smith is through their three children, Richard Smith, Vivian Smith-Haynes, and Janet Smith-White.



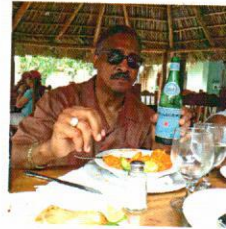
WORLD TRAVELERS

Rev. Kelly M. Smith, Jr. accompanied by his mother, Alice Smith Risby attended the Baptist World Alliance in Durban South Africa in July, 2015.



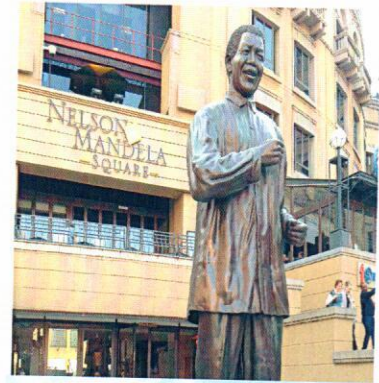
He also did a mission trip to Tanzania Africa in October 2015.

And we aren't sure of the mission in Cuba in April 2016.



Kelly celebrated his fifth anniversary as Pastor at First Baptist Church Capitol Hill, Nashville, Tennessee as the Church celebrated 150 years of existence.

"When we can't piece together the puzzle of our own lives, remember the best view of a puzzle is from above. Let him help put you together."



LIFE IS A DYNAMIC PUZZLE

Keith found his niche, he is still coaching.



Keith Wilson coached the Gahanna Lincoln boys varsity boys basketball team to a 25 and 3 record.

Debbie (Keith's wife) is now a certified

Zumba instructor. She also completed her 30th year with the United States Postal Service. On July 23rd, Keith and Debbie will celebrate their 5th year wedding anniversary.

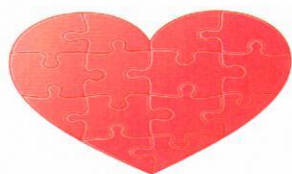


Skylar, Keith's granddaughter is one year old and running the daycare.

Kendall Thomas (Perry & Conni's granddaughter) is ending her 2nd grade year and not only has she achieved high marks every quarter, she has received the Academic Excellence and Citizenship Award all 4 quarters. The last quarter Citizenship Award was based on a unanimous vote by her peers. She has been recognized by her teacher as a fantastic role model to others, surpassed the reading benchmark and scored as Gifted and Talented on state standardized testing. She still found time to participate on the Disk Golf Team, Gymnastics and in Girl Scouts.



Cameron Thomas, Kendall's sister is ending her Kindergarten year and has received high marks every quarter as well as the Academic Excellence Award all four quarters. Cameron has also received an award from the Character Education Committee for displaying the Character Trait of Courage because "she never gives up even when a task is challenging. She is always determined to do her best with a big smile on her face."



"God made many puzzle pieces, but only those two 'cut out' for each other, can fit."

A FAIRYTALE LOVE

On April 9, 2016 in Palmetto, GA Brenda Starr Bell and Robert Lee Brooks, became husband and wife in a semi-private ceremony in their gorgeous landscaped backyard.

Their love story began as teenagers in Mound Bayou, MS. Life's avenues separated them for many years and now they are back where they started. Bobby Blue

Bland's "Today I Started Loving You Again" is a true testament of where they are.



Mr and Mrs. Robert Lee Brooks

Journey — "For I know the plans I have for you... plans to give you Hope and a Future."

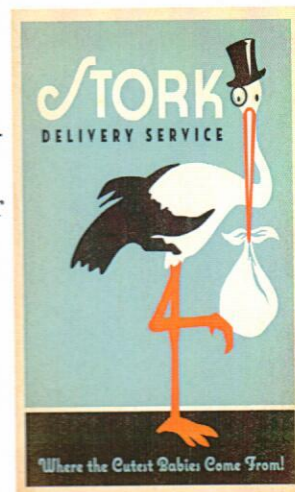
THE JOURNEY BEGINS

Evan K. Smith-Erving finished his first year at Fisk University and is studying business. He participated on the school's soccer team, and scored his first paying modeling gig with the Nashville public transportation system. This summer he got a job at Enterprise Car rental.



SWIFT TRANSITION

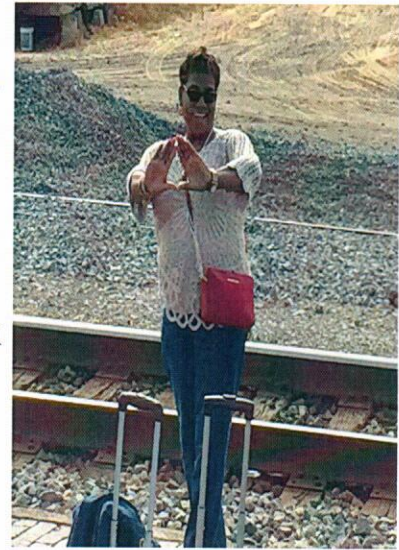
2016 is a year of exciting transition for Kelly III and Melissa. They are moving from the Great State of Maryland to the Capital of the Confederacy (Virginia). After a long search, they found a home that they love in McLean and will move in at the end of July. They are moving to be closer to work, pay less in taxes, and most importantly, to have more room for their NEW ADDITION! That's right, they have a bun in the oven that will be fully baked come October. God has poured out blessings on Kelly III and Melissa in so many ways and they are simply overjoyed. This will be grandkid #5 for Kelly Jr. and Sue (whose 60th we just began celebrating in Montreal) and Grandkid #1 for Melissa's parents, Erich and Priscilla. Let the spoiling begin!





EVERYDAY IS A WEEKEND WHEN YOU'RE RETIRED!!!

After 30.25 years with Cleveland School District, Paula started a new journey and exceptional chapter of her life. On December 18, 2015 she boarded a long flight, put her seatbelt on, clutched the armrest tight and the flight took her to a beautiful destination. It's called Life's Longest Vacation. She says, "Despite the nasty challenges I faced, I didn't know my journey would be filled with so many smiles and so much joy." Since retirement she has taken on the responsibility of full time grandma and full time Mama (LaDonne and Marcus). Since retiring, Paula has taken several trips and plans to visit New York City in August. The special thing about her New York City trip is not having to rush back to clock in because mentally she says that she has clocked out. My family that I LOVE dearly gets 100% of my attention now that I am a fully devoted daughter, mama, grandma, niece and cousin. Since they require so much of my time—I may decide to share it... LOL



Pamela Martin says "Hold the press, I retired from the Cleveland School District after 39 years of service — 14 years at Pearman Elementary School and 25 years at Hayes Cooper Center."

Life isn't about finding pieces of a puzzle, it's about creating and putting those exceptional pieces together."

NEW JOB

Sharanda Smith started a new job at the beginning of the year with Fisk University (so she could be close to Evan) handling their special projects and events. With Fisk University celebrating its sesquicentennial anniversary Sharanda was in charge of setting up over 40 events for the school year. One that included journalist Eugene Robinson, comedienne Kym Whitley and Grammy award winning Wynonna Judd.



ASPIRING ARTIST

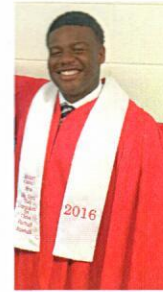
Zeeanita Thames (granddaughter of Zee Anderson Bell & A.W. Bell, daughter of Elmer Thames) was recognized as an Aspiring Artist by the Delta Arts Alliance (DAA), Cleveland, MS in the Spring of 2016. Zeeanita fielded many questions during her interview. In response to one of the interview questions: "Of all the teachers, classes and things you've learned, what has been the most important lesson you've learned so far?" She re-



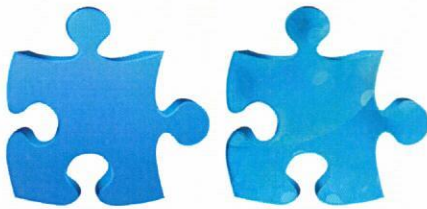
Zeeanita Thames

sponded with confidence: "I have learned to do everything with my head held high. To show everyone the real me."

ASPIRING ENGINEER



Khalil S. Martin, son of Marlon and Domonique Martin, grandson of Pamela Martin recently graduated with honors from Lafayette High School in Oxford, MS on May 20, 2016. He was voted president of his class. Khalil will attend Northwest Community College and will later matriculate to University of Mississippi majoring in Chemical Engineering.



"Many people strive to make their piece significant in this puzzle of life."

Kudos to Raphael E. "Ray" Bell (son of Zee Anderson Bell and A.W. Bell, grandson of Matthew &

Lettie Anderson, great grandson of Daniel & Sophia Anderson) who is the Cleveland Public Works Director. He was honored by Keep Mississippi Beautiful on April 29, 2016. Each year, Keep Mississippi Beautiful recognizes people who help to make the state beautiful. Lisa Cooley, Team Cleveland director, said, "We have worked with him and



Keep MS Beautiful honored Cleveland Public Works Director Ray Bell (center) with a second place in for Best Public Works Department. With him are his wife Louise and Cleveland Mayor Billy Nowell.

his department and he does such a good job. He works with the Great American Cleanup campaign, recycling, and litter abatement and just makes Cleveland look good. He does everything with such a good attitude too." Cooley said Cleveland was the only city in the Delta to receive recognition. "Other towns want to be like Cleveland," she said.

A SYMPHONY

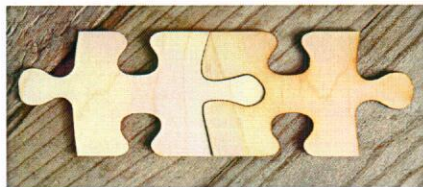


Shawna Lewis
(Granddaughter of Priscilla and William "Duke" Coatsney, Great Granddaughter of Lois and Paul Rayon) presented "A Symphony", a listening fundraiser on May 29, 2016 in Robbins, Illinois.

VARSITY SOFTBALL



Kaylin Nichols, (Grandaughter of Charles and Etta Waugh, Great Granddaughter of Daniel and Arzola Smith) was honored by her high school for JV volleyball and Varsity Softball as Freshman of the Year -2016.



Your life is like a puzzle, and only God know what the end result will look like. Let Him put the pieces together.

Even though Perry A. Smith III retired in 2010, this year he preached in Miami, FL, Chicago, IL, Philadelphia, PA, Washington, DC and Maryland. He says that he is still enjoying retirement and is very active within the denomination on a volunteer basis (meaning no pay—looking for a great payday in heaven). He was honored by the Progressive National Baptist Convention with the Lifetime Achievement Award for "Leadership and Spiritual Contributions to the Convention and Humanity." On May 22, 2016, the anniversary of the beginning of Perry's pastorate, he returned to the First Baptist Church of North Brentwood, MD (after 5 1/2 years of retirement) to preach at the Church's 110th Anniversary. The congregation gave him a wonderfully warm reception.

This year has not been without its challenges for Perry and Conni. On the Sunday after Thanksgiving, We lost Conni's mother. She had been blessed with 91 years of life. Then In December, Perry developed a deep vein thrombosis in his right leg after driving several times to New York. He went through an extensive battery of tests. Halleluiah—No blockage was found! He has to take medication for two years now to be safe. We are happy to report that Conni has a new gait. She had knee replacement surgery in January 2016. After three days in the hospital and ten days in patient rehabilitation, she came home right before a very heavy snow storm enveloped the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

Can you believe it? Perry finally resigned from the BENZ Club (sniff). He and Conni are the proud owners of two BMWs, a 2014 428I X Drive and a 2016 750 I X Drive. They appear to be happy but claim to be broke.

Perry and Conni are pleased to brag about their grandchildren. Their oldest grandson, Brian just completed his first year at Frostburg State in Maryland. His grades weren't bad. Their second oldest grandson Israel graduated from middle school with the highest grade point average of his classmates. He also received the Ben Carson Educational Scholarship award (to be used for college). He received the highest percentage average in math in the Maryland state test. Kudos Israel!

Not to be left behind, Brian and Israel's sister, Gabrielle won honors in 3rd grade English (she reads on the 6th grade level). She qualified for Junior Olympics in track and field. In addition, Gabrielle (Bree) has come in 1st or 2nd in all of her competitions, including setting a record for long jump (14 feet). Just in case you missed it, their brother Micah just completed kindergarten and has also walked away with honors in his class. He is reading on the 3rd grade level.

**JUDGE ORDERS MISSISSIPPI
SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DESEG-
REGATE, 62 YEARS AFTER
BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCA-
TION**

In May 2016, a Federal judge ordered the Cleveland School District to desegregate its middle and high schools, capping a legal battle that has dragged on for more than five decades. Now Cleveland must consolidate its schools, integrating all its students into one middle school and one high school.

The D.M. Smith middle school in Cleveland, MS - on the east side of the railroad tracks is named after Daniel M. Smith (grandson of Richard Smith and son of Perry M. Smith).

In the fall of 1966 the officers of the two teachers' associations, the white teachers' association (Mississippi Education Association) and the black teachers' association (Mississippi Teachers Association) met for the first time. A joint steering committee, composed of the officers of MEA and MTA, was formed in January 1967 and met monthly throughout 1968. Despite these monthly meetings, they failed to agree on a plan to merge in 1968. Finally, in March 1975 the merger between the two groups was approved by both delegate assemblies of the National Education Association.

WHAT WOULD DADDY SAY NOW?

**By Daniel M. Smith Jr. , Etta J. Smith-Waugh,
and Mildred Smith-Washington**

Our Daddy transitioned to his Heavenly home in 1987, but his words from 1968-1969 link our past to the future in an awesome way. The following is an excerpt of President Daniel M. Smith's Annual Message at the Mississippi Teachers Association convention in 1969.

...The times in which we live can be compared to "A Fable for our Modern Wise Men" by Martin Buskin. The fable goes like this: And so it came to pass that in all the cities the wise men came together and said one to the other, "Come let us reason together and decide how all the children shall be taught. For surely there is much to be done if they are someday to become all wise men."

And there some wise men who said, "Let us make sure that all the black children and white children learn together, for that surely is the most just way to learn." But there were other wise men who said, "Surely you know that the white parents do not want the black and white children to learn together. So let us be reasonable. Let the

black and white children learn separately, but let us make sure that they all have teachers who speak the truth and teach them well." But the wise men could not agree on this problem and their talk grew hot and angry. And many days and weeks passed.

And some wise men said, "Let us talk of other matters. We must make sure that the teachers have all the tools they need to teach." And then some wise men complained that all the tools were made for the teachers of the white children and not for the teachers of the black children. And other wise men said that good teachers should be able to use any tools and that it would drain the treasury to make special tools. And the wise men could not agree on this problem and many weeks passed as they talked.

Outside in the village streets, the children waited while the wise men argued. And when a child cried, "When shall we learn, and how shall we learn?", one of the wise men called out sharply, "These are great problems that take time to solve. The wise are talking. And those who know nothing should be quiet." And the children waited.

And then one of the wise men said, "We must make sure that if one of our teachers is no longer good and true he be taken away from the children." And then many wise men grew angry and cried, "how can you know when a teacher is no longer wise? Is a teacher an ox, that you use until you grow tired of his groans and wheezes and turn out to the fields to starve? We have seen no one here wise enough to say when a teacher should be taken away from children." And the wise men argued long and loud on this problem. And many weeks and months passed.

And then a wise man said, "And how shall we know what to teach our children? If a new book is made and the street hawkers shout that it will speed the learning of children, should that book be used by the teachers? And some wise men said, "If the mothers and fathers think the book is good, then the book is good. And other wise men said that the book must be used on a small group of children first. And they argued. And the children waited outside.

And many months and years passed. And the wise men grew old and hoarse. And some left and others came to take their place. And they still argued. And the questions were always the same. How shall the children be taught? Should there be special tools? Who is to tell when the teacher can no longer teach? Who is to decide what books shall be used? And as time passed, the noise of the wise men's voices grew louder and soon it was as if each one talked only to himself.


And then one day, after many years had passed, there was a new noise, deeper and more angry than the voices of the wise men. One of the old ones looked out of the window of the palace and his face turned gray with fright. The children were no longer there. In their place were adults, young, strong, and furious. They held signs that said nothing, for they did not know how to express themselves. They chanted slogans of hate and destruction, for they had not learned how to reason. And one by one, each frightened wise man turned to the other and said, "While we talked, they have lost their childhood. **We have waited too long.**"

We have waited too long before desegregating our schools. Federal court decisions and other forces of our national government at last have come to respect the long denied right of the children of all America's people, to attend school without racial distinction and designations. Although this right is 350 years overdue, and even though we were told 16 years ago that this constitutional provision must be obeyed, our state and its people found themselves ill prepared to accept their responsibility to begin correcting errors of the past in education.

We cannot afford to wait longer. This is a time for people of foresight and goodwill and a time for organizations made up of people genuinely concerned about the best in education for all of Mississippi's people to assert their leadership. Mississippi cannot afford the luxury of following blindly those so steeped in the prejudices and evil traditions of the past that they fail to seek the best in education for all children, black and white alike.

... May we take with us the words of Saint Paul, "Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."





Remember God Answers
Prayer!!!

**But because life is a dynamic puzzle,
when we are discouraged, we can
pick up the pieces of our lives and
still move forward.**

**We can pick up *FAITH*
and
cling to *HOPE*.**

2016 Smith-Anderson-Hubbard

Family Reunion

hosted by:

Bev Burton

Natasha and Brandon Harris

Kelly and Melissa Smith

Perry and Conni Smith

Lea and Wes Thomas

Charles and Etta Waugh