

# THE HINTON & JOHNSON CONNECTION

April 2025

From: Deloris Davis

## Greeting Family Members!

The committee is excited to bring the **Hinton & Johnson 28th Reunion** to Rocky Mount, NC for Labor Day Weekend. The dates will be August 30-August 31, 2025.

Thanks to all the family members who helped to make our 27th reunion a success. A special thank you to Chanel Meeks-Cooper for serving as Mistress of Ceremony.

## SATURDAY AUGUST 30, 2025 ACTIVITIES

Rev. Milton Batts and the Bethlehem Baptist church family has graciously allowed our family to use their fellowship hall again. The **picnic** will be at Bethlehem Baptist Church, which will start at 1:30 pm. The food will be served for one hour, so please arrive at the church promptly.

Last year we had a memorial service in remembrance of all the family members that passed. We will have a **memorial service** this year as well.

**50/50 raffle tickets** will be sold at the picnic and the drawing will be held at the end of the picnic.

We will have the **auction** again this year and need your donations. Please bring your items!

The **Picnic Prices** are **\$42.00 (Age 13 and Up)**, **\$32.00 (Age 6-12)** and **Free (Age 0-5)**. This is same price as last year. The **deadline** date to purchase tickets is **August 11, 2025**.

An additional \$5.00 will be applied to the price if fees are paid after the deadline date. Please pay in a timely manner so we can get an accurate count for the caterer. There will be **no paying at the door** this year.

With the cost of the everything increasing, no T-Shirts will be ordered again this year. We will discuss this item at the reunion to see how much interest we get in ordering T-Shirts for next year. If you have a t-shirt from a previous reunion, you may wear it. The dress code is casual for the picnic.

Three lanes have been reserved at the **Bowling Center** Rocky Mount, NC beginning at 6:00 pm. It is located at 3250 North Church St, Phone: (252-446-9557). Extreme Bowling is \$7.00 per game, per person and includes the shoes. A \$25.00 refundable deposit has been paid. Thanks to all the family members that participated in the event last year. We had a great time!

**Dues** are **\$15.00** per household. You may also contribute to the **Hinton & Johnson** or the **Willard Coleman Scholarships**. Thanks in advance. Please make checks payable to **Hinton & Johnson Family Reunion** and mail to Z. Deloris Davis, 853 Nestleway Dr. Greensboro, NC 27406. You may also use **Cash App** and send payments to **\$ZDelorisDavis** or **Zelle** to Doris Batts-Murray at **dbattsmurray@gmail.com**.

Family in the Rocky Mount area may purchase tickets from Mary Lawrence. Please call Mary at (252)-446-2179 to make arrangements for purchasing tickets.

## SUNDAY AUGUST 30, 2025 ACTIVITIES

We will be worshipping with Rev. Milton Batts at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Service begins at 10:45am. Please plan to worship with our family. There will not be a banquet this year, however family members will get

together after the church service and have dinner at a restaurant. Last year we had over 20 family members dining with us at Olive Garden. We had a great fellowship! Please plan to join us. Each person will be responsible for his or her meal.

### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

No hotel rooms have been reserved this year. However, the following hotels are close to the location of the church.

#### **Doubletree**

651 N. Winstead Rd.  
Rocky Mount, NC 27804  
Phone: (252) 937-6888

#### **Holiday Inn Express** (Formerly the Comfort Inn)

200 Gateway Blvd.  
Rocky Mount, NC 27804  
Phone: (252) 270-3100

### **Directions to Bethlehem Baptist Church from Hotels**

1. Turn left on Winstead Rd.
2. Turn right on Sunset Ave.
3. Turn left on S. Halifax Rd. (Church will be on left (**305 S. Halifax Rd, Rocky Mount, NC**))

### **FAMILY UPDATES**

Family members who provided their email address will receive their newsletter via email. Only family members without email addresses or those who rarely read email will receive paper newsletters. You may also go online to get a copy of the newsletter at [www.hintonjohnson.org](http://www.hintonjohnson.org).

### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION OPEN SEASON!!**

The entire Hinton-Johnson family stands committed to increasing the level of education among family descendants and supporting family descendants in developing their minds and talents to the point where they become valuable to the world. Interested family members who currently attend (or are admitted to) an accredited college at the undergraduate or graduate level are encouraged to apply now. It's open season. Merely provide a digital photograph along with your completed application via regular mail or e-mail to the Scholarship Chair (Marilyn Stephens-Booker at [mstephensbooker@gmail.com](mailto:mstephensbooker@gmail.com)) or a member of the Scholarship Committee no later than July 30th.

**Chanel Meeks-Cooper** received a scholarship from the Willard Coleman Scholarship in 2024. She is a student at Old Dominion University majoring in Biomedical Science-Pre-Health. Congratulations to our awardee.

### **EDUCATIONAL UPDATES**

**Mycah DeLoatch** did an internship at Hitachi Astemo. This will give her valuable hands-on experience learning in the field, which she hopes to apply as she plans to pursue an engineering degree at North Carolina A&T. Way to go! Mycah is the daughter of Sheila DeLoatch and the late Dennis DeLoatch, granddaughter of Mamie Mayo and great-niece of Cleveland Meeks.

### **CAREER UPDATES**

**Melanie Burnett** began her nursing career as a RN in July 2023 at the University of Miami Hospital. She worked in the neurosurgery unit and will be transferring to the emergency room in April 2025 to gain more experience. Melanie is the daughter of Michael, Sr and Keitha Burnett.

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

**Mario and Mae Stephens** celebrated 47 years of marriage in November 2024.

**Rev. Allen and Rev. Jean Lawrence** celebrated 59 years of marriage on July 4, 2024. They reside in Rocky Mount, NC.

**BIRTHDAYS**

- **Rosa L. Stephens** celebrated her 103nd birthday on March 2, 2025.
- **Lela "Dell" Hinton** celebrated her 97th birthday on May 23, 2024.
- **Mary Jane Currin** celebrated her 96th birthday on December 22, 2024.
- **Dorothy Harden** celebrated her 89th birthday last year.

**PRAYER LIST**

**Mrs. Lela “Dell” Hinton, Rev. Jean Lawrence**-Rocky Mount, NC, **Mr. Cleveland Meeks, Ms. Mamie Mayo**,-Tarboro, NC, **Mrs. Margaret Johnson**-Raleigh, NC, **Mrs. Dorothy Harden**-Hampton, VA., **Mrs. Charlotte Hinton-Bascombe**-White Plains, NY, **Mr. & Mrs. Roosevelt Hinton (Bill)** -Winter Springs, Florida, **Mr. John Pridgen, Mrs. Fannie Hinton Harris** – New York, **Mrs. Rosa Lee Stephens**-Philadelphia, Pa.

Please pray for our seniors and all family members on the prayer list.

**MEMORIALS**

- **Melvin Gorham**, age 62, passed 10/01/24 in Delaware. He was the son of the late Mary Armstrong Gorham Morris and brother of Carol Ann Sharpe (Leander) and Dorothy Rogers.
- **Joseph Lawrence, age 73**, passed 10/22/27 in Rocky Mount, NC. He was the son of the late Allen, Sr and the late Roxie Lawrence. He leaves to cherish his memories, daughter, Tasha Brown of Newport News, VA; granddaughter, La'Kiyah Brown of Newport News, VA; sisters, Mary Lawrence of Rocky Mount, NC; Shirley Wilkes of Brooklyn, NY; Z. Deloris Davis of Greensboro, NC; and Keitha Burnett (Michael, Sr) of Miami, FL.; brothers, Rev. Allen Lawrence (Rev. Jean) of Rocky Mount, NC and Jesse Lawrence of Wilson, NC.
- **Coreatha Batts Thomas**, age 86, passed 03/04/25 in Raleigh, NC. She was the aunt of Doris Batts-Murray (Jerome), Richard Batts, Leon Batts (Carolyn), Frank Batts (Celestine), Doug Batts (Brenda), Alina Batts, Rev. Milton Batts (Melvina), Patricia Harrison, Barbara Dawkins, Robert E. Batts, Threatha Batts, Lavern Batts, Deborah Calloway, and Vailery Green.

**Financial Report 2024**

	<b>Dues</b>	<b>Hinton Johnson Scholarship</b>	<b>Willa Coleman Scholarship</b>
Ball, Helen	15.00	25.00	25.00
Batts-Murray, Doris & Jerome Murray	15.00	100.00	100.00
Batts. Rev. Milton & Melvia	15.00	100.00	100.00
Batts, Richard	15.00		
Coleman, Jacqueline		200.00	415.00
Davis, Deloris	15.00	25.00	
Domercant, Carolyn R	15.00		
Dunston, Flossie & James(In Memory)		30.00	30.00
Hinton, Alphonso & Dorothy	20.00		
Hinton, Jesse & Annie	15.00	50.00	
Hinton, Wilbur & Tressie	16.00		

Lawrence, Mary	15.00		
Lucas, Dedra	15.00		
Meeks, Cleveland & Ruby Horne	15.00		
Meeks, Dwayne & Lisa	15.00	200.00	
Parker, Connie	30.00		
Stephens Rosemarie & Jonathan Greger	30.00	10.00	10.00
Stephens-Booker, Marilyn	30.00	10.00	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>291.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>	<b>690.00</b>

#### Hinton Johnson Financial Report 2024

<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>1642.85</b>
Meal Money Collected	1471.00	
Dues	291.00	
50/50	73.50	
Auction	76.00	
Total Credits		<b>1911.50</b>
Total Balance		<b>3554.35</b>

#### Expenses

McCall's Catering	1467.00	
Gratuity	80.00	
Postage	54.00	
Office Depot Printing	128.00	
Decorations, Door Prize Gifts, Water, Candy bags	175.00	
Bowling Deposit	25.00	
Website Domain Name Pymt	67.00	
Website Hosting for 3 yrs	250.00	
Church Rental/Donation	150.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>2396.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>1158.35</b>

**Hinton & Johnson Scholarship: \$5367.55**

**Willard Coleman Scholarship: \$3428.26**

## Executive Board Directory

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## Hinton & Johnson Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment

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**Thank You!**