

WISDOM and WONDER
Connecting Ages, Creating Memories



Bradley~Christian
FAMILY REUNION

Tidewater Area, Virginia

August 2nd ~ 4th, 2024



"And His mercy is on them that fear Him from generation to generation." Luke 1:50

Co-Chairmen's Welcome

Dear Bradley-Christian Family, Descendants, and Friends,

On behalf of the 2024 Bradley-Christian Family Reunion Executive Committee, Ronald and I extend a heartfelt welcome to you, the descendants of the Bradley-Christian union of Charlie Bradley and Alice Christian to Tidewater, Virginia; our host location for this year's reunion and our hometown. This is the ninth family reunion since 2000. We are delighted and grateful to those who are joining from near and far. We also extend a warm welcome to our dear friends of the family who are joining us again this year, and others joining us for the first time. You truly are extended family members.

This year's gathering, August 2-4, 2024, is truly a time of thanksgiving, for God has brought us through the grief of losing loved ones, illnesses, the previous pandemic, economic uncertainty, mental health, and family challenges. Through it all, we kept the faith and put our trust in God. So as we gather this weekend, let us never forget what a Mighty God we serve!

Our theme this year is: "Wisdom and Wonder: Connecting Ages, Creating Memories." We are excited to bring the wisdom of our elders with the wonders of our youth to create awesome lasting memories. New this year, we have added "The Torch Bearer Award" to recognize the outstanding achievements of our younger and growing Generation 7. We have also incorporated feedback from previous reunions by including a recognition segment for family members. So let the connecting begin and continue!



Ronald L. Horne

Lieutenant Colonel, Ronald L. Horne, USA, (Ret.)
Co-Chair, Executive Committee
2024 Bradley-Christian Family



Amanda E. Murray

Mrs. Amanda E. (Battle) Murray
Co-Chair, Executive Committee
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2024 Reunion Planning Team

GENERATION

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

GENERATION 4:

Lieutenant Colonel Ronald Horne, USA (Ret.)
Mrs. Willia Horne Cooper

* Co-Chairman/Awards
Technology

GENERATION 5:

Mrs. Amanda B. Murray
Mrs. Charletta Horne Tanner
Mr. Roy and Mrs. Shelly Goodman
Rev. Ezell Battle
Ms. Aretha L.B. Gayle
Ms. Rosalind B. Jennings
Mrs. Zelene Bell
Mrs. Lynnette B. Richardson
Mr. Vernon and Mrs. Camille Battle

* Co-Chairman/Awards
Communications
* Helping Hands
History
History
* Photography
Program and Activities/Welcome
* Treasurer/Welcome
Helping Hands

GENERATION 6:

Mrs. Catrina O. Banks
Mr. Charlie Banks, IV
Ms. Antoinette Battle
Mr. Jovan and Mrs. Kim Holloman
Chaplain, Captain Osaze Murray
LTC (P) Roderick Richardson, Sr.
Mrs. Arminta Richardson Harris
Dr. Maya Bell
Ms. Fianna Bell
Mrs. Sherae Harding-Griffin
Mr. Chioke Murray
Mr. Kevin Philips
Mr. Kevin Battle
Ms. Aretha "Sis" Gayle
Mr. Thomas Williams

Communications
* Culinary Arts
* History
Photography
Photography
Photography
* Program and Activities
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* Technology
* Technology
Photography

GENERATION 7:

Ms. Noah Harris
Mrs. Brittany Banks Adams

* Communications
Program and Activities

** Denotes Committee Leader*

The Bradley-Christian Family History

The Bradley-Christian family has a rich heritage of achievements, accomplishments, contributions, and service built on a foundation of Christian love, strong family ties and values for over 175 years. We are like a patchwork quilt made up of individual personalities, or an inspirational mosaic; created and glued together from generation to generation, and blessed by Almighty God.

Many of you may ask, "Where do I fit in as a member of this dynamic and robust Bradley-Christian Family?" Others may ask, "Why do we call it the Bradley-Christian family reunion?"

We are the descendants of the union between two African American families; namely, Charles and Amanda Bradley, Sr. and Henry and Winnie Christian (Generation 1). Charles and Amanda Bradley, Sr.'s son, Charles "Charlie" Bradley married Alice Christian; daughter of Henry and Winnie Christian (Generation 2).

So, now you can start tracing your family lineage beginning with Generations 2 & 3.

Charles "Charlie" and Alice (Christian) Bradley had seven children: Generation 3

1. Amanda (Bradley) Battle Mason - "Mama Diddy"
2. Novella (Bradley) Council Spruill - "Aunt Novella"
3. Margaret (Bradley) James - "Aunt Maggie"
4. Alice Bradley - "Little Alice" or "Aunt Alice"
5. Charles Henry Bradley - "Uncle Charles"
6. Willia Alease (Bradley) Jones - "Aunt Willia"
7. Maude Pearl (Bradley) Horne - "Aunt Maude"

This brief history allows you to trace your family tree through the Bradley side of the family. Unfortunately, we have very little information on the Christian side of the family and their descendants. We know that Henry and Winnie Christian had the following children:

1. Alice Christina Christian
2. Henry Christian, II
3. Maude Christian
4. Robert Christian, Sr. - "Uncle Buck"

Our Family History Continued. . .

We also know that Robert Christian, Sr. had the following children:

1. Anna Louise (Christian) Perry
2. Lillian (Christian) Green
3. Reva Jean Christian
4. Robert Christian, Jr.

As mentioned in our 2024 Bradley-Christian Family Reunion Welcome Message, this year marks our ninth Bradley-Christian Family Reunion since 2000.


Previous reunions were held:

1. 2000
2. 2005
3. 2006
4. 2011
5. 2015
6. 2018
7. 2021 (virtual)
8. 2022

This year, we are also delighted to introduce our newest award; the "Torch Bearer Award", designed to recognize the achievements of our younger Generation 7. We will continue to reach out to members of the Bradley-Christian family, and their descendants to fill in gaps of our family history.

Please contact Ronald L. Horne at (703) 568-2853 or send him a text message if you have corrections, additions, or can help fill in the missing information of our rich family history.

Lieutenant Colonel Ronald L. Horne, USA (Ret.) and
Mrs. Amanda E. (Battle) Murray,
Co-Chairs, 2024 Bradley-Christian Family Reunion
Executive Committee





"Generations"

Written By: Willia Horne Cooper

~ OPENING ~

Today's a new day, oh family of mine, cause God is working, and it makes me smile,
Today's a new day, Bradleys and Christians all, ancestors still working, and it makes me smile,
Come and join with me in our Generations voice, embrace this new day, and then you will see,
That God is still working in you and in me, come on everyone, just pick up your face and smile.

~ GENERATION 4 ~

This is what it's all about, family reunion time, Bradleys, Christians, faith, spirit, God, love
We praise God for our family and we embrace all the generations before and after,
We perch on the eye of lives dancing in the light, we await the dawn of future possibilities,
We embrace the sentiments of Maya Angelou, and pledge to bind ourselves to one another,
To embrace our young and old, to keep company with one another, to keep our hearts and minds
Open to younger generations, to do all good things, knowing that we are more than keepers of our
Brothers and sister, we are our brothers and sisters. We were born singing "Give me that old time religion,"
Cut our first tooth going to Seaview Beach with the Jolly Worker's Club, entered our adolescence to the best of "Heatwave,"
Left high school shouting "Ain't No Stopping Us Now," became young adults while
Marvin Gaye gave us the mellow sounds of "Let's Get it On," took our places in the world singing
"We Shall Overcome," and stand before you now, "Solid as a Rock."

~ GENERATION 5 ~

We were there too, our brothers and sisters in blood and love. We are the children of the children of the children of the blood.
Our flame burns bright with memories of James Horne cooking a pig on a spit in
the ground all night long, Aunt Maude at his side, Christmas gatherings at Aunt Willia's,
Mama Diddy cooking chicken and rice on Sunday mornings, Aunt Novella, midwife to our mothers
and a host of Black women in Portsmouth, Aunt Maggie telling joke after joke, keeping the family laughing through good times
and bad. Uncle Charles Bradley with his one leg being showered with love
by all his sisters, The Bradley sisters practicing to sing a song at church, and cutting up something awful,
Trying to keep the youngest, Maude, in tune. Oh yeah, we remember these things and more.
We are uniquely joined to the generation before us, for some of us were born before some of them.
We flew over the earth one day, and our souls saw our family's past and future. Our past said,
"You hold the future of the next 7 generations in your hands." Our future said, "we are the fruit of your actions and we have come This far
because you kept the faith." We embrace our older generation, and we carry our message of oneness to the next.

~ GENERATION 6 ~

We are the B B Bradleys and the C C Christians, everybody say Bradleys, Bradleys,
We can rock it and don't stop it, we can 1, 2 step, we can get it on, everybody say Christians, Christians,
We can rhyme about faith, we can show the love, we can stomp out the sounds from our God above,
Bradleys, Christians, Bradleys, Christians. I-pods play our music, hip, cell phones bring us lip to lip.
Blogs are where we tell our stories, church still calls us all to glory, we are Bradleys, Christians, everybody say Bradleys,
Christians, we like the color pink and black ain't no joke, we done spread our wings up and down the East Coast
We the baddest Bradleys and the coolest Christians, we the 6th generation of this Bradley/Christian nation,
We stand together, see our beauty shine, Bradleys/Christians, we hold up this family line.

~ GENERATION 7 ~

We hear you, we believe you, we can lean wit it, rock wit it, now listen to us and hold your breath.
We got something to do, we gotta dance and sing, we gotta play our sports, we gotta shop at the mall, we gotta surf the web,
We gotta chat with friends, we gotta learn at school, we gotta go to church, we gotta dance God's praises,
We gotta make some noise, we gotta show the love. Where we learn to be so extraordinary?
We learned it from our momma's love, we learned it from our daddy's truth, we learned it from grandmother's touch,
We learned it from granddaddy's hug, we learned it from family, that's why we are here and now. Bring the circle together,
Stand on our left Generation 4, stand next to them Generation 5, stand on our right Generation 6,
Now lean wit us, rock wit us, lean wit us, rock wit us, lean wit us, rock wit us.

~ ALL ~

Join hands, share hearts, we are believers, roots are strong, look at our lives and you will see,
We ae Bradleys and Christians, singing our family song.

~ CLOSING ~

Today's a new day and we are joined as one, it's a happy day and it makes me smile,
Oh family of mine, God is with us right now, we are blessed in His sight and it makes me smile,
Today's as a new day and our family is alright, we will bow and we'll bend, but our future is bright.
Today's a new day, come strengthen our roots, connect with me now, and smile.

Bradley-Christian Honorees

2022: Mrs. Amanda B. Murray & Mr. Kevin Battle

2021: Mr. Vance Michael Horne & Chaplain, Captain Osaze Murray

2018: Mrs. Shirley Battle & Mr. Charlie Banks, IV

2015: Lieutenant Colonel Ronald L. Horne, USA (Ret.)

2011: Mr. William "Billy" Horne

2006: Mr. Cato M. Battle (Big)

2005: Mrs. Pearle A. Battle

2000: Mr. Charles T. Battle



Recognizing Excellence

NAME	GENERATION	ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Ezell L. Battle	Generation 5	Master of Social Work (MSW), 2023 - Virginia Commonwealth University
Noah Micah Pearle Harris	Generation 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completed freshman year at Bowie State University with a 3.2 GPA 2. Performed with The Collective, preprofessional dance company at Bowie State University 3. Became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. - Eta Chapter
Caleb Steven Richardson	Generation 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2024 graduate of Newtown High School, Owings Mills, MD 2. Member of the undefeated Newtown High School baseball team for the 2024 season 3. Enrolled at Cantonsville Community College as a student athlete
Roderick Richardson, II	Generation 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2023 graduate of Newtown High School, Owings Mills, MD 2. Student at North Carolina A&T State University
Nelson De'Andrede	Generation 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2024 Honor Graduate of Charles Herbert Flowers High School, MD 2. Admitted to the United States Military Academy at West Point
Breyauna Lynnette Avents	Generation 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2023 graduate of Lakeland High School 2. Finished freshman year at Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA 3. Member of the Rah RaHS cheer squad
Brendin Avents	Generation 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enrolled at Tidewater Community College 2. Hosted a successful art show in Suffolk, VA entitled "The Renaissance"
Mariah De'Andrede	Generation 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protocol Officer for National Honor Society at Charles Herbert Flowers High School, MD 2. Principal Action Council at Charles Herbert Flowers High School, MD 3. Currently has a 4.375 GPA as a rising high school senior
Roderick Jamal Richardson, Sr.	Generation 6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Imminent promotion to Colonel in the United States Army 2. Admission to Senior Service College
MyKayla Richardson	Generation 7	Achieved 3.2 GPA at Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria, VA Majoring in Psychology
Xavier Booker	Generation 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summa Cum Laude graduate at Centura College 2. Sang the National Anthem at commencement ceremony
Jordyn Booker	Generation 8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moving on to the 1st grade 2. Won 1st place with her dance team in Orlando, FL
Lydia Amanda Murray	Generation 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Received all A's 2. Mock Trial Captain/SGA President 3. Recognized speaker within the community and local news showcasing reform in her high school and its safety
Osaze Josiah Murray	Generation 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Most Improved baseball award 2. Six awards from middle school (the most of all male 8th graders) 3. Poetry Slam winner at Bus Boy and Poets Beats vs. Boom contest and Comcast Juneteenth Contest
Garvey Hezekiah Murray	Generation 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promoted to 1st shift leader at part-time job with Gelati Celesti 2. Pursuing an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts at J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College
Naima Sarai Murray	Generation 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completed 2nd grade with A/B honor roll 2. Successful youth baseball and gymnastics seasons
Nkosi Omari Murray	Generation 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ended PK year - on the way to K5! 2. Successful youth baseball and soccer seasons
Rev. Dr. Robert George Murray	Generation 5	Selected to NAACP Dr. Robert G. Murray Legacy Award - NAACP Norfolk Branch Tribute to be unveiled at NAACP Freedom Fund Night of Elegance in November 2024

Servant Leadership

Recognizing Excellence



NAME	GENERATION	ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Amanda Elizabeth Battle Murray	Generation 5	Honored with plaque for 18 years of dedication and service to educating and inspiring young minds at First Baptist Church, READY Academy's 20th anniversary celebration in May 2024
Ian Joseph Leonard	Generation 7	Was on the 2nd grade honor roll all semesters of the 2023-2024 school year
Andre Spinks	Generation 7	1. 2024 graduate Mount Union College 2. Ohio - Outstanding State Football Player
Andrew Spinks	Generation 7	1. 2024 graduate University Mount Union 2. Outstanding Basketball Player
Karisma Banter	Generation 8	2024 graduate Yonkers High School, New York
Devyn Brown	Generation 7	1. Honor Roll - Laurel High School 3.5 GPA 2. Employed - Six Flags 3. Cheerleader
Willia Horne Cooper	Generation 4	Willia conducts a training class on Zoom for the senior members of Twelfth Baptist Church, Roxbury, MA
Maya Cooper	Generation 6	1. Graduated 8th grade in May 2024; entering high school in Fall 2. Outstanding athletic achievements and winning swim competitions
Fianna Zelene Bell	Generation 6	1. Launched travel business, Stay Trippin; providing travel bookings/excursions 2. Created branded travel-related products and merchandise
Dr. Maya Bell	Generation 6	1. Completed Avant Institute Population Health and Practice Development post-graduate program in June 2023 2. Started role as Director of Clinical Services and Population Health Pharmacist at PharmaClin USA 3. Keynote speaker on various webinars brining awareness to health equity, and pharmacists empowerment to bridge community gaps
Arminta Richardson Harris	Generation 6	1. Adjunct Professor role at Virginia Peninsula Community College - Aug. 2024 2. Recertified credentials as Qualified Mental Health Professional 3. Celebrating 30 years employment with Bank of America Current position: Senior Vice President, Global Human Resources
Sylvia Sessoms	Generation 6	Earned Masters of Education from Liberty University, Summa Cum Laude
Ariana Williams	Generation 7	1. Passed 4th grade 2. Passed SOL 3. Cheers for Glitter & Bows; advancing to Team Heat level
Tyshawn Williams	Generation 8	1. Passed to 6th grade 2. Passed SOLs 3. Achieved honor roll each grading period
Camille Battle	Generation 5	1. Blessed to serve as GS-15 Unit Chief of General Contracts at FBI prior to 2003 retirement 2. Hired a Personal Trainer at age 79 3. Earned a Masters in Special Education from Trinity University, DC in 1976
Vernon A. Battle, Jr.	Generation 5	1. Retired from DC Public Schools as high school English Teacher after 33 years 2. Serves with the Shabach Empowerment Center at First Baptist of Glenarden 3. Proud grandparent of Ian J. Leonard (age 8), and Clarke Rose Leonard (age 2)
Antoinette Battle	Generation 6	1. Served as President of the Graduate Association of Student Public Administrators 2. Maintained a 4.0 GPA entering into final year of Master's program at BSU 3. Completed Advanced Leadership Program facilitated by Montgomery CC
Student Dr. Raven C. Harding	Generation 7	1. Successfully passed the United States Medical Licensing Board (Step-I) Examination 2. Serves as South-Central Regional MAPS Chair of the Student National Medical Association
Zion Hooper	Generation 7	1. Completed freshman year at the University of North Texas with a 3.1 GPA 2. Selected as only freshman Recruiting Assistant Coach for the Eagles Football Team - AAC

Weekend At a Glance

FAMILY NIGHT | LITTLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, SUFFOLK, VA
Friday, August 2, 2024 | 7 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Official Welcome ~ Mrs. Amanda B. Murray
History ~ Ms. Antoinette Battle and Rev. Ezell Battle
Grace ~ Mrs. Zelene Battle Bell
Chat and Chew
Poetry Slam ~ Mr. Josiah Murray
Lemonade Paint and Sip ~ Mr. Brendin Avents
What's Next ~ Mrs. Arminta Richardson Harris
Group Photo ~ Ms. Rosalind B. Jennings
Line Dancing ~ Ms. Wanda Mimms

LISTEN and LEARN | LITTLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, SUFFOLK, VA
Saturday, August 3, 2024 | 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Official Welcome and Prayer ~ Mr. Chioke Murray
Group Photo in 2024 Reunion Shirts ~ Ms. Rosalind B. Jennings
Kiddie Corner ~ Ms. Breyauna Avents
In-Person Events ~ Grief Share, Cyber Safety Tips, Money Matters
External Events ~ Tour of Portsmouth
Family Choir Rehearsal ~ Mr. Kevin Battle

RECOGNITION BANQUET | BIDE-A-WEE PAVILION, PORTSMOUTH, VA
Saturday, August 3, 2024 | 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

FAMILY WORSHIP | LITTLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, SUFFOLK, VA
Sunday, August 4, 2024 | 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Worship Service
Group Photo
Grace
Brunch/Video
Close-Out and Survey
Departing Travel Prayer

Family Recognition Banquet

CELEBRATING THE 2024 BRADLEY-CHRISTIAN FAMILY REUNION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024 | 7 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

BIDE-A-WEE GOLF PAVILION

Mistresses of Ceremony ~ The Bell Sisters
Dr. Maya Bell and Ms. Fianna Bell

The Official Welcome Mrs. Zelene B. Bell

Our Family History Rev. Ezell Battle

~ PRESENTATION OF THE 2024 HONOREES ~

Mrs. Amanda B. Murray and Lieutenant Colonel Ronald L. Horne, USA (Ret.)

The Blessing of the Food Ms. Lydia Murray

Our Family Accomplishments Ms. Antoinette Battle

~ SPECIAL MUSICAL TRIBUTE ~

Sung by The Reunion Choir | Under the Direction of Mr. Kevin Battle

Family Photo Ms. Rosalind B. Jennings

"There's Nobody Like Us"..... Mrs. Arminta Richardson Harris

"Generations" Poem Reading Written by Mrs. Willia Horne Cooper

The Family Prayer Chaplain, Captain Osaze Murray

Dancing DJ Mike

With Special Thanks and Love to. . .

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Mrs. Sherac Harding-Griffin for program design, branding, and logistics.

Mrs. Zelene Battle Bell and The Bell Family for our weekend decor.

Lieutenant Colonel Ronald L. Horne, USA (Ret.) and Mrs. Willia Horne Cooper for your donation in memory of:

Mrs. Maude Pearl (Bradley) Horne and Mr. James "Bennie" Horne, Sr.

