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Our Family Tree

The Giving Tree.

The Tree of Life.

Our Roots are Deep.

Our Branches Strong.

Centered in Christ.

Memories of Past.

Moments Today.

Dreaming Beyond.

Linked Together.

There for Each Other.

Connections Strong.

The Tomlinson Times

Greetings Family!



Happy/Merry New Year, Kwanzaa, Christmas, Boxing Day, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice and every and all reasons to celebrate this beautiful life together as a family. We are so blessed to enjoy these times together, even if physically apart. In our ♥s, through thoughts, prayers, check ins, texts and communications such as this, we are grateful and ♥ each and every one of you! It has been some time since our last newsletter and we are so excited to reconnect. Thank you to all who paid family membership dues which allows us to secure and plan the family reunion, provide scholarships and so much more. You will be receiving your certificates and special gift in the mail in the coming weeks. Note that it is never too late to send in your dues, we are thankful in advance of your donation, you can find out how further on in the newsletter. Read on to learn more reasons why to ♥ your family and learn more about you, and yours!



"Sunday Morning" - Oil painting by Charles D. Mitchell Sr, our Spotlight member in this edition



SPOTLIGHT



Charles Delane Mitchell, Sr.



A youthful Charles



Pictured with wife Valgean and son Charles Jr.

Charles is the son of Willie M. and Maizie Tomlinson Mitchell. He was born on September 12, 1943, in Smithfield, NC. He is the grandson of John and Adeline Tomlinson and the great grandson of Fred Douglas and Amelia Durham Tomlinson. Charles graduated in 1962 from Johnston Central High School, Smithfield, NC. He attended North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC from 1962-66, graduating in the class of 1966. In 1984, he was awarded a Master's Degree in Safety and Driver Education from North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, NC.

Charles was accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at First Missionary Baptist Church in Smithfield, NC. When he moved to Raleigh in the early seventies, he joined Martin Street Baptist Church, where he has been a member for fifty years. He has served as Chairman of the Trustee Board and sang in the Male chorus for many years.

In 2003, Charles retired as an Administrator with the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles, where he served for twenty-five years. He served in various positions throughout his career that expanded from the fields of education and transportation.

He is married to Valgean S. Mitchell and the father of two adult children, Charles, Jr. and Candace Diana Mitchell. He is Pop pop to Haley, Jadyn and Tate Mitchell of Scottsdale, Arizona.

He is a Life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. His hobbies include cooking, traveling and reading mystery novels.



Charles' pictured with his parents, 2 brothers and 2 sisters.



**Thank you to our
2025 Tomlinson
Family Reunion
Planning:**

"Sea" Committee Chair:
Debra Phillips

"Land" Committee Chair:
Tashera Nichols-McDuffie
with members
Karen Hodges and
Donna Norwood



**THANKFUL
THURSDAY
ZOOM CALL**

Tomlinson 2025 Family Reunion Land and Sea Update

The committee is diligently working on finalizing all the information for the 2025 Land and Sea family reunion. Fun will be had at both locations. All Events will take place the weekend of July 18, 2025.

If you selected to go on the cruise, the family will be sailing on Royal Caribbean Freedom of the Seas. Leaving from Miami on July 18th and returning July 21st. More information will be available via e-mail later this month.

The committee is working on a location to host a land event. More information will be sent out in March. Please check our family Facebook page or your email for information.

If you have any questions, please contact Debra Phillips for Cruise/Sea information and Tash Mack for Land information.

We are looking forward to a weekend of family and fun!

Debra Phillips
2025 Family Reunion Committee
239-290-8753



Recognizing birthdays after our last October edition until our next May edition!

Stop waiting for better days and
make today the best day you have.

*Make It a Spectacular
Thursday.*



Don't forget to mark your calendars
every 4th THURSDAY of the month for
THANKFUL THURSDAY PRAYER zoom at
7:30pm, est:

Feb. 27	June 26
Mar. 27	July 24
Apr. 24	Aug. 28
May 22	Sept. 25

FAMILY DUES REMINDER

As you are aware we started DUES in 2023/2024 to offset costs related to creating the infrastructure/legal status for the Tomlinson Family and to cover pre-planning costs associated with the family reunion. The annual dues for 2025 is \$25.00 per blood line family member. However, if you feel led to donate more than the assessed dues, we highly encourage this support. Also, if there are non-blood line family members in your household (e.g., spouse), we welcome dues from them as well. Our goal is to continue to establish a financial base to build upon for years to come to support activities such as scholarships, destination reunions, family emergency fund, memorial recognitions and other opportunities to support each of you as the need presents.

Family dues can be paid via the following mobile payment services:

- Venmo - @FDTomlinsonFamily
- Cash App - \$fdtomlinsonfamily

Another payment option is the good old U.S. Mail. Make checks payable to: FD Tomlinson Family Reunion
Mail to: Karen Hodges 3710 Exchange
Glenwood Pl. #65 Raleigh, NC 27612

THE TOMLINSON TINDER

Customized Family
Gifts and Keepsakes



- 2024 Tomlinson Family Reunion t-shirt (\$5.00)
- "The Tomlinson T" Earrings by Adama Nicole (copper and crystal earring) - \$20.00
- BUILT TOMLINSON TOUGH Car magnet - \$8.00
- TOMLINSON Christmas Ornament - \$8.00
- Taste of Tomlinson Cookbook - \$20.00
- Tomlinson Family Bookmark - \$2.00

To purchase please
reach out to Lydia:
lydiaajenkinsaaron@gmail.com

What's going on? Got "Good News" you want to share with the family? Spotlight? Celebrating an anniversary? Special recognition? Graduation? Honored? Anything you'd like us to share? Any Feedback/Suggestions? Please let us know. Contact The Tomlinson Times designer, Diana Mitchell at candiana71@yahoo.com