

## 1960s



*Seated, left–right: Deirice Williams Chapman, Neil Chapman, Margaret Norman Williams, DeWitt S. Williams, Darnella Elaine Williams Standing: Cedric Chapman*

**DeWitt S. Williams** (MA '65) recently moved to Laurel, Maryland, to be near his youngest daughter, **Darnella Elaine Williams** (MA '98). This move followed the death of his wife, **Margaret Williams** (att.) on Nov. 7, 2016. Margaret had muscular dystrophy; she and DeWitt were married for 54 years. Margaret earned her MS from IU and took several courses at Andrews while DeWitt was in the Seminary from 1963–64. She served as a missionary teacher in Africa (Congo and Burundi) and as a teacher and principal for many years in the States. Their two daughters are service-oriented: a physician and a teacher.

DeWitt has written three books since he retired: “Spirit-Filled Leadership,” “Highly Committed,” and “Precious Memories of Missionaries of Color.” He also reprinted one written previously, “She Fulfilled the Impossible Dream.”

**Antti Oksanen** (MA '66) is happy to have had a chance to study at Andrews University. Before coming to Andrews he studied at Newbold College in England, where he received his BA in 1962. Later on, he continued his studies at the Swedish University of Turku in Finland, receiving a Master of Theology, and then continued at Uppsala University in Sweden, where he completed doctoral studies in the psychology of religion at the University of Lund in Sweden. He is currently retired, but still serves the church in Finland.

**Colonel José R. Thomas-Richards** (BA '66) is a retired orthopedic and hand surgeon who currently lives in Virginia. He writes, “I am so thankful for New Perceptions which I watch every day at 1 p.m. I am the product of missionary work. Like Abraham, I left my home, my loved ones and as an immigrant on a foreign student visa I came to America. I lived the American dream as an orthopedic surgeon. I defended the American dream as a Colonel, Commander of a Forward Surgical Hospital, leading the men and women of America in the theater in Afghanistan. I received the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit from a grateful Nation. Today, I am the “American Dream” and I wear the uniform as a soldier of Heaven’s Highest Command. God bless my alma mater. God bless America.”

## 1970s

**Geneth Wolfer** (BMus '73) added MBA from Tennessee Technological University to credentials (physician (DO) and attorney (JD)) last December and anticipates graduation in December 2017 with a master’s degree in healthcare administration.

**Bert** (MA '78) & **Donna** (BA '78) **Williams** recently moved from their home for the past 12 years in Lincoln, Nebraska to San Mateo, California. At their new abode, Donna, who operated her own massage therapy business for the past nine years in Lincoln, has taken up new duties as full-time nanny to twin granddaughters, Avery and Ruby Kinsey. The twins were born to daughter and son-in-law Sara and Jeff Kinsey. Bert continues—from the new, remote location—in his position as editorial director for Christian Record Services for the Blind. In the Bay Area, in his spare time, Bert has become a member of the San Francisco Mandolin Orchestra.



*Bert and Donna Williams with son Joel, daughter Sara, spouses and grandchildren*

## 1980s

**John Battenburg** (BA '82) has been awarded a Fulbright Senior Scholar Grant to teach in the English Department at Cadi Ayyad University in Marrakech, Morocco in 2016–17. Battenburg is professor of English at California Polytechnic State University. Previously he was American University of Sharjah English Department Head in the UAE and Cal Poly director of International Education and Programs. Along with having received three Fulbright grants to teach and conduct research in North Africa, Battenburg has also served as US AID consultant in Costa Rica and U.S. State Department academic specialist in Morocco, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Austria.





*The Holford Family*

**Karen Holford** (MA '85) is currently the Family Ministries director for the Trans European Division of Seventh-day Adventists (since January 2016) and a freelance writer for several Adventist publications. She worked in Family & Children Ministries for the South England Conference

from 2002–2009 and earned a Master of Science in family therapy from the University of Luton. She lives with her husband **Bernard** (MDiv '86) in Hempstead, England. They have three adult children, Bethany, Nathan and Joel.

## 1990s

**Nadine** (BBA '99, MBA '01) & **Vaughan** (BS '98) **Nelson** along with big sister Adele welcomed baby Brendan into their family on April 27, 2016 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Vaughan works for Five Nines, a technology group and Nadine is the vice president of Enrollment and Student Financial Services at Union College.



**Kent Alan Davis** (BS '92) was recently honored as Educator of the Year at Pacific Union College in Angwin, California. Davis has been teaching at Pacific Union College since 2002 and currently serves as the chair of the department of chemistry.

Faculty and students shared tributes to Davis, including **Georgina Hill** (MA '79, former faculty), professor of English. She praised him for his dedication to teaching, saying, "As you've heard, Davis takes flour, water, the air, and turns it into astoundingly delicious sourdough bread, especially good with his homemade goat cheese. He also takes the complexity of chemistry and patiently explains it until there is clarity, and he is quite good at sorting out the trivial from the important, but I would argue his best feat is turning complacency into curiosity."

After graduating from Andrews University, **John Solomon** (MDiv '97) went on to get his master's degree from Eastern Washington University in 2015, after serving as a full-time minister for over 20 years. He currently serves as a part-time pastor and a full-time speech language pathologist in the Spokane, Washington area.

## 2010s

**Esteb Pierre** (MDiv '14, MBA '15) is working as a pastor for the Rocky Mountain Conference in Denver, Colorado. He has been married for 20 years and has two children. He enjoys advising and visiting his church members.



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