

THE TIE THAT BINDS

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INVITATION TO THE 1990 REUNION Sat., Aug. 4 - Mon., Aug. 6

Wanted: All Branches of the Titus Family Tree

Last Seen: About 4 years ago

Vital Statistics:

Known to be loved
Come from a good tree branch
Nurtured from a tiny twig
May be a tiny twig or a strong branch

Things to bring:

1. Batch of cookies or bars
2. Recycleable greeting cards
3. Recycleable T-shirts
4. One of your favorite board games
5. Decorations for a birthday cake and table
6. Ideas for your birthday group skit, song, game, etc.

Reunion Place and Dates

The reunion will be held at the home of Darrell and Cindy Powell. If you are approaching Summitville from the south on HWY 9, turn east¹²⁻³ on HWY 28 (E-W) for about 1 mile. Turn north at the first flashing light. Their big brick house will be on the left.

The reunion will begin on Saturday with the first official meal being served at noon. The last meal will be breakfast on Monday. (Those who want to stay for lunch can help eat up the leftovers, if there are any.)

FAVORITE HYMNS

In response to our question - "What is your favorite hymn?" we received these replies:

HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW
NOBODY KNOWS THE TROUBLE I'VE SEEN
AMAZING GRACE
HOW GREAT THOU ART
YARSITY

O, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING
JESUS LOVER OF MY SOUL
ZACCHEUS

New addresses, babies, and numbers:

Kent Underwood 513-831-4627
1302 David Lane
Milford, OH 45150

Paul & Carol Woellhof 315-348-6506

Dan & Jody Titus 612-943-2828
11319 Windrow Dr.
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Welcome to Kendrick David Titus, born April 24, 1990 to Laurie and David Titus. Kendrick weighed 10 lbs. and 2 oz. and was 23" long.

REUNION 1990

Here is a schedule of what we have planned for this reunion. You won't want to miss it!

Saturday, August 4th -as you arrive-

Lunch - Make your own submarine or hero sandwiches, chips, fruit, and baked beans. *Bushbar dessert*

Baby Photo Identification Board activity- (Original 7 parents - please collect snap shot size baby pictures from all those in your family and send them to Jane please - from birth to age 3 or 4 is acceptable.)

Name Tags - see Laurie Titus *Review*

Videotaping of each family as a unit. Tell names, ages, interests, occupation, and where you live in a 3-5 minute interview done by John Titus and Barbara Swanson. *See page 10 for help*

Informal activities - visiting, games for all ages, volleyball and swimming. *2:15-4:00*

Board Game Table - Dallas Fletcher volunteered to "man the table". The brave can play Chess with Josh and Scrabble with Olive. Aunt Jane would be up for an exciting game of Sorry with any 6-8 year olds.

Saturday Evening, August 4:

5:30 **Dinner** - Spaghetti, toss salad, Happy's home-made Italian bread, fresh fruit, watermelon. Start the tradition of singing the blessing at our meals. Discussion topic at the table - send suggestions to Ruth.

- after dinner
Formal Introductions of everyone by family and mention who couldn't be at the reunion.

Get Acquainted Questionnaire - "Getting to Know You" *pass out at dinner*

7:00 **Kids Choir Practice** *7:30 Adult Choir*

8:30 **Video Show** of last reunion.

8:00 **Family Feud Game or Flashbacks**

9:00 **Snack** - popcorn, cookies.

Sunday Morning, August 5th:

9:00 **Breakfast** - pancakes, sausage/bacon, cereal, orange juice, grape juice. Discussion topic.

10:00 **Church** - Hymn sing, kids choir, 3 "Five minute sermons. (We still need one more. Paul Titus and Brian Chronister have volunteered.)

11:00 **Fun Run** - while it is cool - for all ages.

Sunday *P.M.* ~~Afternoon~~:

1:00 **Lunch** - Make your own pizza, chips, veggies and dip, soda and birthday parties by the season with Rose's carrot cake and Barb's chocolate cake and banana cake, all with ice cream! *taco salad*

1:30 **Skits, songs** etc. by birthday groups.

2:00 **Free time** - volleyball, swimming, games, naps, reading, visiting, etc.

Sunday *afternoon* ~~Evening~~:

6:00 **Dinner** - Baked chicken, potato salad or baked potato with sour cream, Uncle Walt's cole slaw, Happy's buttermilk biscuits, *standing rib roast*
hamburgers, hot dogs
cranberry salad

7:30 **Talent Show** - singing, recitations, etc. *roll*

9:00 **Snacks** - popcorn, raisins, peanuts, cashews, cookies.

Monday Morning, Aug. 6:

9:00 **Breakfast** - omelettes, muffins, cereal, juice.

Free time

Interviews - for next newsletter - "What I liked best about the reunion"

1:00 **Lunch** - leftovers

Monday Afternoon: clean up, leave

Food and Meal Preparation

There will always be cereal, peanut butter, and raisins for hungry people between meals (and for picky eaters during meals).

We may assign each main family (original 7) a meal to be responsible for. Then if you need more help you can recruit from other families. Remember, the food for this will be paid for by the Reunion Fund! **We would like each family to bring a batch of cookies or bars to the reunion to save preparation time once we are together to visit.** These will be used for the evening snacks.

RACEY NEWS

Attention all runners and walkers!
Now is the time to get in shape for the

FIRST TITUS REUNION RUN!

Following are some of the races you may wish to participate in:

1. **Kid's Race** - you run your month age in yards.

2. **4 X 440 Relay** - each of the four relay team members must be formed from one of the seven main families. (example - one from Floyd's, one from Walt's, one from Lola's, and one from Dorothy's - Hey, come to think of it, that looks like a good team right there! Come on you four, get on your mark, get set, GO!)

3. **Monogamy Run or Walk** - each partner must finish at least 2 of the 6 lap course.

4. **Mass Finish Mile** - Your starting point is according to your best mile time.

5. **Other Races** - 440 yds, 880 yds, 1 mile.

We have Dave and Laurie Titus to thank for these creative ideas and the organization of this event at the reunion in 1990!

Review

This issue has some repeat articles about reunion events and ideas- just in case you think you have read some of this before. You're right! You have. Note all the things **in bold** to bring.

BIRTHDAY PARTY - by Seasons of the Year

- each group or month (depending on size of group) will sit at one table
- everyone is encouraged to **bring some kind of decoration for the table and or cake**
- each group will have their own birthday cake - Rose has already sent in her carrot cake recipe for the February or winter season cake - now if we can get her to make it
- each birthday group will work out a song, skit, game etc. for a short program at the party so bring your ideas
- Thanks Jane for sharing this great idea!

BIRTHDAY CAKES

If everyone comes to the reunion we will have over a hundred people - so we need lots of birthday cakes. **Will you volunteer to make a cake for your month or season ? Send Ruth your favorite cake recipe** and we will have supplies available. (You might want to bring your own pan if it requires something special.)

WHO'S THAT CUTE BABY?

Don't miss the fun! **Send a baby picture** of everyone in the family to Jane Titus. At the reunion we will have a baby identification game - but we need your help, so rush a baby picture with your name on the back to : Jane Titus, 8315 Rambler Dr., Brooksville, FL 34601

Recycled Cards and Tee Shirts a second-hand idea from Rose

Maybe **we could all bring an accumulation of cards** (old ones we have received) to the next reunion, to exchange and re-distribute.

Another idea might be to have a tee-shirt exchange at the reunion. The younger set might like that. **Bring a "Logo" tee-shirt to trade** for one from some exotic place from which another relative lives or has visited. I'd love to bring one that says, "Seattle Seahawks 1990 Super Bowl Champs!" HA!

TITUS COOKBOOK ANYONE?

Remember Rose's idea to put together a cookbook with recipes, family anecdotes, original sketches, etc? **Bring your favorite recipes, stories, illustrations, and sketches with you** to the reunion if you are interested.

So Good to Hear From You!

We appreciate hearing from you. Why don't the rest of you creative relatives let us know what you are thinking! Thanks to Jane Titus and Patsy Fletcher who sent in some helpful ideas and to Joanne Stewart who personally gave me a call in Oct. of 1989 to share some thoughts. I also heard from Laurie Titus, Walt, Paul, and Dorothy's families and a composite survey from some of Floyd's kids.

Reunion Activities for Younger Kids

Crafts, games and videos have been suggested. Patsy Fletcher has volunteered to help but not to be the organizer. Happy will practice a few songs with the kids for a Kids Choir. She will also help with "crowd control" if others, like Patsy will come up with the idea for a craft or a game. Also, it has been suggested that grandparents spend "special time" with your younger grandchildren? If there is interest, we can even schedule some time where volunteers watch the kids and mom and dad get a few moments off. Anyone want to help watch the kids?

We love feedback.

Volunteers or Idea givers for the reunion, write:
Ruth Manion, 1403 N. Lexington
Janesville, WI 53545

Memory from the last Reunion

As Joanne grew up she didn't feel especially musically talented - sure she could carry a tune and harmonize, but a Titus was assumed to have musical talent. As she grew older those feelings of inferiority lessened. She wondered before the reunion if these feelings of inadequacy would resurface at the reunion. She remembers singing alto as the group sang "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" with Marlene singing in front of her. Marlene turned and joined her and they sang alto together. Joanne says, "It was as if God said to me, 'See Marlene who has 15 years of singing lessons thinks you're worth singing with.' It was really special to have Marlene want to sing with me."

Housing for the Reunion

Everyone needs to be thinking about this. Barb Swanson thought it would be fun to have several big tents and all stay at Cindy and Darrell's. If you have campers, R.V.'s, or tents, or if you need a place to stay, send this information to Cindy Powell and the Underwoods who are heading up the housing committee.

I'm Coming to the Reunion I

Family Reunion Registration

Fill out and return to:

Cindy Powell

R.R. #1 Box 21

Summitville, IN 46070

mail by July 15

1. List Family Members who plan to attend-
2. Do you need a place to stay?
3. For how many?
4. Can you bring a tent?
5. Do you have sleeping bags?
6. If so, how many can you bring?
7. What nights will you be here?
8. Do you need a regular bed?
If so, for how many?
9. Would you like to rent a 9'X9' tent for \$30 for the weekend?
10. Are you bringing a motor home or trailer?
11. If so, do you need a hook up?
12. Are you staying with friends or in a motel in the area?
13. When do you plan to arrive and when do you plan to leave?