

The United Family Reunion 2026
Descendants and Related Families of Lang Syne Plantation
Fort Motte S.C.
July 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th 2026
Fort Motte and Columbia S.C.

PLEASE BE ATTENTIVE TO ALL THE INFORMATION AND DEADLINES

Dear Family and Friends,

This information is being sent to inform you of the plans for our 2026 United Family Reunion, which will be held July 2nd, 3rd, 4th, & 5th 2026.

The Theme for our 2026 Reunion is:
“**Continuing To Trace the Steps of Our Ancestors**”

We would like to take a moment to say “Thank You” for your continued support in making our United Family Reunion a success. We continue to celebrate our United Family connections and our regal history as there is so much to our great story!

What makes us even more unique is the fact that we acknowledge the many lines of diversity that make our family united. We are excited about the 2026 reunion and as always, we anticipate a large number of family and friends to attend; therefore, it is important to pay close attention to the details and deadlines in this letter.

Family Reunion Activities

Thursday July 2nd

During the day: Site seeing of Columbia on your own: - It was brought to our attention that when we have reunions, we are so much on the go that there no time to visit sites in Columbia. Please take the down time to visit Columbia on your own. Please see the recommended site list attached.

Thursday July 2nd- Get Acquainted Activity:

Wiley Kennedy Family Life Center (Bethlehem Baptist Church)
1037 Eastman St
Columbia SC 29203
803-735-0410

6:00 p.m. (Informal- no dress up)

This is a VERY SIGNIFICANT part of the reunion. During this activity family members will be able to introduce themselves and will get to know each other and their connections to each other. The activity has been changed to Thursday so that we can focus specifically on getting to know family members. This will include fellowship, fun, and food. Please try to be on time as there will be a lot of things to cover. Bring your laptop, notes and DNA information. We need volunteers!

Friday July 3rd- During the day

During the day: Site seeing of Columbia on your own: -. Please see the recommended site list attached.

***Friday Evening July 3rd- Family Heritage Banquet 6:00 p.m.**

Wiley Kennedy Family Life Center (Bethlehem Baptist Church)
1037 Eastman St
Columbia SC 29203
803-735-0410

*Dress Attire Semi-Formal/Church) During the Friday evening banquet, the program will be planned for the youth to participate. We have planned a special tribute to our elders. There will be a fashion and talent show along with other activities. Please have your children prepared to display the talents that God has given them. It may be through song, dance, poetry, art, drama, skits, etc. We need to know this information ASAP so that we can plan the program and coordinate the time for the activities.

Saturday July 4th 8:00 a.m.

We will leave The True Hotel in caravan at 8:00 A.M. Promptly to travel to Fort Motte

Saturday July 4th 9:00 a.m. History Tours-Fort Motte Community Festival

9:00 a.m. We will meet at Fort Motte Town Square of Fort Motte (GPS: 570 Wise Rd, Saint Matthews S.C. 29135 (Fort Motte Community) The tours will start at 9:00 a.m. (Please be on time we have a lot to cover in a short time).

We plan to be back in time for the Fort Motte Parade which starts at 12:00 Noon at the town square.

At the festival we will have a designated tent for the family reunion. If you would like your own space or would like to be a vendor at the festival (selling items, food etc.) You will need to complete a vendor application. Please contact myself, Jackie Whitmore.

Sunday, July 5th- United Family Worship Services

Bibleway Church of Atlas Road- 2440 Atlas Road, Columbia S.C. 29209

Worship Service-11:00. Due to the large attendance of family members please arrive 10:00 A.M. for seating.

For the Sunday service we are asking everyone to wear purple or a purple accessory as purple is our family reunion color. Following the services, we will take a family picture.

Farewell Fellowship Dinner immediately after church service

Note: The United Family Reunion and the Fort Motte Festival are two separate events. The Family Reunion supports Fort Motte Community by attend the Fort Motte Festival..

*****Hotel Information*****

Tru by Hilton Columbia Downtown (Host Hotel)

400 Gervais St, Columbia SC 29201
803-862-0500

Rates:

2 Queen Beds W/ Walk in Shower \$129.00

1 King Bed W/ Walk in Shower \$129.00

Deadline June 10th 2026

The room rate will not be available after the deadline
June 14th 2026.

These are additional hotels Downtown Columbia

Fairfield Inn Downtown- (803) 744-4000

Homewood Suites by Hilton Downtown Columbia (833) 320-3547

Hilton Garden Inn Columbia Downtown (833) 320-3547

Hilton Columbia Center- 844-535-3752

We strongly advise you to make reservations as soon as you get this information, as downtown Columbia is very busy during the fourth of July weekend. The price to stay at a hotel has gone up. NOW you also have to pay for daily parking. We selected these hotels for central location, access and safety. If these arrangements do not meet your needs, you can make other arrangements at another hotel. If we can assist you, please do not hesitate to let us know as soon as possible. We strongly advise you not to wait until the last minute.

Reunion Fees: \$75.00 for adults ages 15 and up; \$60.00 for children ages 5-14; children under age 5 is Free

The deadline for reunion dues: June 14, 2026. The fee will NOT include a T-shirt or the souvenir book. If you miss the deadline, you can still pay to attend the reunion. **However, you will not be able to purchase the t-shirt or reunion book after the deadline.**

T-Shirts-Optional: This year we will utilize the lineage t-shirt with all the family names from 2018. The shirt will not have the year on it. If you wish to purchase the new t-shirt, you must place the order and pay in advance. We will not be ordering extra t-shirts. The prices for the t-shirts are: All children size (S, M, L) \$15.00 (Adult S, M, L, and XL), \$23.00 (2X and up) 25.00. **Deadline June 14, 2026**
If you have a t-shirt from a previous reunion, you can wear that shirt.

Update Family Reunion Books (Optional): \$45.00

Family, this year we will update the family reunion souvenir book. The souvenir book project has become massive in work and cost. The cost will be \$45.00, and the deadline is **June 14, 2026** We will update the reunion book to include family histories, lineage updated, stories, memorials, and/or pictures. If you have an update or want to submit pictures, you can create a collage (one page) or submit the individual picture. **SUBMISSION WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED BY EMAIL (jwhitm@yahoo.com)**

WE WILL NOT be ordering or mailing additional t-shirts and souvenir books after the reunion. If you will not be attending the reunion you will need to coordinate to have the items picked up during the reunion.

Book Scholarship-This year we will provide book scholarships for college students. From now until the reunion you can donate to the scholarship funds. Names and college verification (college transcript or last semester's grades) will **need to be submitted by June 14, 2026**, for a student to be included. The funds that will be collected will be divided among the students that meet the deadline. Please see the attached verification form.

Please make all checks and money orders payable to:

Jackie Whitmore

Memo: The United Family Reunion

255 Jordan Springs Cir, Columbia S.C. 29229

Zelle: jwhitm@yahoo.com

(Please specify what the funds are to be used for)

Note: The United Family Reunion is only responsible for funds given through the reunion. If funds are given through another entity, that entity will be responsible for those funds as well as the distribution not the family reunion.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you at the reunion!

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Prayer

God has allowed US to still be in the number one more time! We have encountered a lot of sickness, passing of family members, military deployments, and various needs and concerns. Please continue to keep all of our family members in prayer. We know that prayer changes things, so whenever you pray just let the lord have his way!

We will need volunteers to help with the reunion activities. If you would like to help in any way, please let us know ASAP. For additional information, questions or suggestions please contact the Family Reunion Coordinator or Co-Coordinator.

Please spread the word about the reunion by word of mouth, mailing letters, Facebook, e-mail, text, phone calls..." Each One... Reach One." We do not want to leave anyone out!

Don't Forget to Bring the Children!

Deadlines to Remember

- June 14, 2026** Reunion Souvenir Book submissions and T-shirt payment
- June 14, 2026** Names and Bio for Scholarship
- June 14, 2026** Reunion Dues

Contacts:

Jackie Whitmore- 803-779-7758 (home) 803 724-0971 (Cell) jwhitm@yahoo.com
Andrea Vaughn- 803-238-0918
Diane Wolfe- 803-387-7671
Angela Edmonds- 803-553-0548

Airports

Columbia (CAE - Columbia Metropolitan Airport)- 30 Minutes from Downtown Columbia

Charlotte (CLT - Charlotte-Douglas Intl.)- 1 hour from Columbia

If you are flying to SC you may want to consider renting a vehicle to get around. Fort Motte and Lone Star are 45 minutes from Columbia.

If you are coming to the reunion and do not drive let us know so that we can help assist you. A lot of family members will be staying at the hotel and will be willing to help as well.

The United Family Reunion- Sites to see in Columbia

The McCord House Historical Marker on site (Built by slaves from Lang Syne)-
1431 Pendelton St Columbia SC (House is occupied)

Allen University 1530 Harden Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29204. 803-376-5900

Benedict College

1600 Harden Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29204
Phone: (803) 253-5000 (*Campus Operator*)

Columbia Museum Of Art: 1515 Main Street- 803-799-2810

The Our Story Matters Gallery is a partnership between The Columbia Museum of Art, the **USC Center for Civil Rights History and Research**, and **Columbia SC 63: Our Story Matters**. It features preeminent exhibitions on African American life and culture in Columbia from Reconstruction through the student activism of the 1960s and 1970s.

The current exhibition, *Intersections on Main Street: African American Life in Columbia*, shares the stories of African American life in Columbia from Reconstruction through the 1970s, using a wide variety of materials including photographs, newspaper clippings, maps, and historical artifacts that highlight people's lives and experiences in downtown Columbia. Images from the studio of famed photographer Richard Samuel Roberts form the core of this exhibition focused on African American history, resilience, and ingenuity.

Riverbank Zoo- 500 Wildlife Pwky, Columbia SC 29210. 803-779-8717

Columbianna Centre (Mall)-100 Columbianna Circle, Columbia SC 29212 (803) 781-1000

S.C. State Museum Exhibits 301 Gervais St, Columbia SC 803-898-4921

Columbia River Walk Park 312 Laurel St Columbia SC 29201

Columbia Vista- Gervais St (Columbia- Shops and Restaurants)

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Please list all family members attending the reunion and/or if purchasing a t-shirt. Place the amount of the reunion for the family member and the t-shirt size (if purchasing a t-shirt) below. Please return this form along with **payment to: Jackie Whitmore**
In the Memo Section Notate: United Family Reunion

Mail to: The United Family Reunion, 255 Jordan Springs Cir, Columbia, SC 29229.

Reunion Fee:

Adults: **\$75.00** ages 15 and up

Children ages (5-14): \$60.00

Children under 5 (free)

Designate in the "Other" Column for specific contributions (Reunion book, Cemetery Clean Up and Maintenance, Book Scholarship etc.)

T-shirt All children sizes (S, M, L) \$20.00- Adult: S-M-L-XL \$23.00- 2X and up: \$25.00

Name	Reunion	T-Shirt/Size	Other

Reunion Total _____

T-Shirt Total _____

Other Total _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Please make checks and money orders payable to: **Jackie Whitmore**
In the Memo Section Notate: The United Family Reunion.

Book Scholarship College Verification:

Name _____ College _____ Classification _____

Email Address: _____