

Williams, Grant, Stephens Family Reunion

Celebrate our Family Reunion in Tennessee June 25-28, 2015

Dear Family Members:

The 2015 Williams, Grant, Stephens family reunion committee is very pleased to announce the details of our exciting reunion. We have noticed that our family has grown in size and so this is our attempt to get everyone together, share our history, and create new memories.

We are honored to plan and host our Family Reunion and hope this will be one of the most memorable reunions. We have worked tirelessly to put together a weekend of activities and entertainment that all will enjoy.

We have planned activities so everyone can have some free time to spend with whomever they please. We have also planned a variety of meals everyday where we can all get together and (hopefully) catch up.

Pigeon Forge is a great central location for our family as it serves as a midpoint for most that live in the North or further South. Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg, Sevierville, and Knoxville have many fun activities and offerings including museums, trolley rides, shopping, several amusement activities, and access to many events.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any suggestions.

Sincerely,

Your Family Reunion Planning Committee.

In this family reunion registration packet, you will find

- Tentative Itinerary
- Hotel Information and Directions
- Registration Form
- Things To Do In Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg
- Family Reunion Planning Committee

Tentative Itinerary

Thursday, June 25, 2015

MEET AND GREET

3:00pm Check-In @ MainStay Suites for Family Reunion

4:00pm-5:30pm
 Registration: pick up bags, t-shirts, and information in the lobby

5:30 pm -10:00 pm After Check-In/Registration there will be a Get Together in the

Pavilion. *Hawaiian Luau*-wear your best Hawaiian outfit (optional)

Food will be served.

Friday, June 26, 2015

7:00 am-8:00 am
 Full breakfast served in the lobby area

8:00 am
 Board buses to visit the beautiful Great Smoky Mountains

Stop in *Gatlinburg* to shop, tour, and experience sights.

Ride the tram up the mountains, walk up to the space needle, taste taffy, etc.

Come smell and taste the true moonshine culture at the Ole Smoky Moonshine

Distillery-21 years old and older only please.

■ 1:00 pm-4:00 pm BBQ/Fish Fry: smoked chicken, Boston Butt, hamburger, hot dog, variety of fish,

variety of vegetables, salads, desserts, and beverages.

Talent Show

■ 5:00 pm Live Entertainment

■ 8:00 pm Free time

Saturday, June 27, 2015

7:00 am
 Full breakfast served in the lobby area

Free time to explore the city

A list of suggestions for activities is listed on the following page

5:30 pm Banquet Buffet come dressed to impress while walking on the red carpet.

Colors: Black and White Live Entertainment

Pictures will be available for purchase.

Sunday, June 28, 2015

11:00 am **Church Services**

Peace and Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church

1723 Washington Avenue Knoxville, TN 37917

Lunch will be served after the morning services at the Warner's

house.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The reunion planning committee has selected the MainStay Suites as our host hotel for the family reunion. The MainStay Suites offers a central location that's near restaurants, shopping malls, and Pigeon Forge.

The suite has a refrigerator, stovetop, microwave, dishwasher, flat panel TV and free Wi-Fi. They also have a heated seasonal outdoor pool, Lazy River, Kiddie Pool with Umbrella Falls, Hot Tub, Exercise Room, and an indoor pool. A free full breakfast including hot biscuits, gravy, sausage patties, waffles, eggs, fruit, oatmeal, and more! Pigeon Forge Trolley stops right out front to take you to the Parkway or you can take a short 5 minute walk to get there. There is also parking for RVs.

Address & Phone Number:

MainStay Suites
410 Pine Mountain Road

1-888-428-8350

One Bedroom Suite sleeps up to 4 people Double bed sleeps up to 6 people

Thursday rooms are \$109.00

Friday/Saturday rooms are \$119.00 each night

http://www.mainstaypigeonforge.com

Instructions When Making Room Reservations:

- Call 1-888-428-8350 to make your hotel reservation at the group rate. Please ask for the Williams, Grant, Stephens Family Reunion.
- **Cut-off Date**: Reservations received after **March 31, 2015** will be provided on a space-available basis at prevailing rates. Rooms have been known to sell out fast.
- From I-40 eastbound from Knoxville
- Follow I-40 E toward Sevierville
- Take exit 407 for TN-66 toward Sevierville/Pigeon Forge
- Merge right onto Winfield Dunn Pkwy and continue for 8.7 miles
- Turn right onto Parkway/US-441 Scenic S and continue for 5.2 miles
- Turn right onto Pine Mountain Road (Traffic light #6)

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<u>Directions to Pigeon Forge (Sevierville) From I-40 westbound & I-81 southbound</u>

Follow I-81 and I-40 to Winfield Dunn Pkwy in Sevierville
Take exit 407 for TN-66 toward Sevierville/Pigeon Forge.
Merge left onto Winfield Dunn Pkwy and continue for 8.7 miles
Turn right onto Parkway/US-441 Scenic S and continue for 5.2 miles
Turn right onto Pine Mountain Road (Traffic light #6)
MainStay Suites will be on the right.

2015 Family Reunion Registration Information

Please be sure to complete this entire form and return it with your Registration Dues and T-Shirt Order Form.

Deadline to Register is: March 30, 2015

Registration dues include the T-shirt. Additional t-shirts \$10 each. Please add \$2.00 to the registration due if you are ordering adult sizes 2X or larger.

T-shirts for children 3 and under is \$8.00.

	Name and Age (As of June 20, 2015)	Adult ages 13 and older \$95 T-shirt included	Youth ages 4-12 \$45 T-shirt included	Children ages 3 and under Free Registration T-shirt \$8	Youth Sizes S, M, L	Adult Sizes S, M, L, XL,	Adult Sizes 2X, 3X, 4X add \$2 to registration	Amount
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Fill out Online, Email or Mail forms to:

Rudy and Ruby Warner

204 George Bounds Road

Knoxville, TN 37924

Please make copies of this form or forward registration packet by email to family members that we may have missed. For questions, please contact:

[Rudy and Ruby Warner 865-567-7426 or <u>warnersblessed@comcast.net</u>]

If you would like to participate in the family talent show, please contact:

Laronica Maurer @ laronicam@gmail.com or Francesca Blue @ fmblue3@gmail.com

FIRST 33 PAID IN FULL REGISTRATION FORMS RECEIVED WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL GIFT!!!!!!!!!

Things To Do In Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg

Attractions of all kinds can be found in Pigeon Forge and the surrounding towns. You can catch some great live performances at the various junctions. A great place to hang out is on the Parkway.

We have listed our favorite things to do in Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg below and if you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask either of us.

Gatlinburg: Nestled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, Gatlinburg is a town that's easy to park and get around in once you arrive. And, since most of the attractions, restaurants and much of the shopping downtown are within walking distance, you'll be able to explore at your own pace. If you don't feel like walking, you can always climb on to one of the convenient trolleys that will take you to popular spots. Getting around couldn't be easier; just leave the car parked. Ripley's Believe It or Not is always a family favorite. Let's not forget the Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies-America's #1 Aquarium.

The town of Cherokee in western North Carolina, home to the federally recognized tribe of the same name, is less than an hour and a half from Gatlinburg. Cherokee's biggest attraction is Harrah's Cherokee Casino. If you don't want to drive yourself, from March to October, Cherokee Transit offers shuttle buses from the Gatlinburg area to Cherokee through Great Smoky Mountains National Park. From May onward, there are four round-trips offered daily. Buses depart from the Gatlinburg Visitor's Center at red light #3. The bus makes a 10-minute stop at the Newfound Gap within the Park for passengers to take photos.

Pigeon Forge: Highlights in Pigeon Forge include the <u>Titanic Museum Attraction</u>, which features interactive exhibits and a collection artifacts, including a grand staircase built from the blueprints of the original ship, and <u>Dollywood</u>, a 150-acre theme park that's only 13 minutes away from Gatlinburg. **WonderWorks** is a place that will just leave you wondering how everything works-another fun adventure for the family. **The Island** host the 3rd largest Ferris Wheel in the world. **Nascar Speedpark-25** is a fun and exciting family attraction.

Sightseeing....

Trolleys are absolutely the best way to soak up Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg. They have great tours that will take you around Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg. Right on the Parkway you can find just about anything you like. Try it and you'll thank us.

You can even go by air-Helicopter rides or hot air balloon rides are different ways to sightsee.

Like to walk? The Parkway makes a good walking tour as well as getting your exercise in.

Hiking.. Want some fresh air? There are tons of local hikes in Gatlinburg. **Hikinginthesmokeys.com. These hikes are ranked from easy to strenuous.**

Whitewater rafting... Like a little adventure on the water? Fun for the whole family! Look up this website: http://www.smokymountainrafting.com Shopping... Oh wow! So many outlets, shops, stores to choose from that you will need a few days to get in all the shops.

The Tanger Outlet is just one of the popular outlets which houses several specialty shops. You know that you will have to get something for everyone ©

These are just a few things that you can with the family.

The Family Reunion Planning Committee

Finance Committee: [Rudy and Ruby Warner]

Genealogist: [Evelyn Wheeler]

Activities Committee: [Jaleesa Warner and Brittany Echevarria]

Hospitality Committee: [Francesca Blue and Laronica Maurer]

Registration Committee: [Mary Marks, Catherine Jackson, Vanita Frederick, Cherry Carter]

Music and Entertainment Committee: [Rudy Warner]

Communications Committee: [Beverly McCurry, Curley McKenzie, Bishop Randall Maurer and

Elder Ernest Blue]

Transportation Committee: [Rudy Warner]

Awards: [Cherry, Ruby, Laronica, Francesca, Jaleesa]

Family Booklet: [Cherry Carter - wcarter533@verizon.net] 863-428-1725

Please upload pictures, poems, recipes, tribute to family member, or scriptures if you want them in the family booklet to Cherry Carter. Please limit pictures to a maximum of 3. Please include names of the people in the pictures. Also add whether family member is Williams, Grant, or Stephens.

Please submit all information to Cousin Cherry by March 31, 2015.

Logistics and Set-up Committee: [All Family Members]

Thank you for your input. We truly appreciate it.

All suggestions will be considered.

For further information call: [865-567-7426]