



Watts Reunion Inc.

President's Message

Greetings to cousins, family, and friends.

After almost 15 years of devoting their time and energy to directing and supporting the Watts Family reunion, Fred and Gora Watts feel that it is time to slow down a little. Their leadership and dedication has been a major reason the reunion has continued to be successful and I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to them. They would be the first to tell you that there are many other people who worked just as hard or harder than they did to make the reunion what it is today. And although they are right, their contribution is no less diminished.

At the 2002 reunion, Fred approached me about taking over as President, and in 2003 he made good on that threat. My only reservation was that I didn't know enough about planning, organizing, and running the reunion. Fred told me that I didn't need to; with the officers and directors we have, this would be the easiest job I would ever have. After having attended (I mean held) our planning meeting in October, I am pleased to announce that all indications are he is right.

For those of you who may not know me, let me tell you a little bit about myself. I am a firefighter living in Bowling Green, Ky. With my wonderful wife Caroline and our four daughters: Jane Embry (12), Alexandra and Victoria (both 8), and Elizabeth (5). My parents are Jean Watts and the late David

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Message from Past President

Dear family and friends,

We've had a very busy year with building, moving, and just being "plain old runabouts," but we're having a great time. We've found a church that we really like. We have made a lot of new friends and are finding many opportunities to serve the Lord and our fellow believers in Christ. We're helping with the planning and transportation for the "Prime Timers," our senior citizens group. Enough about us, so let's move onto other good things.

I would like to say that Dee had it all figured out when every year he would say that that was the best reunion yet. I couldn't agree more; for that's just the way it seems to me. It has been an honor to serve as your president these past few years and to have been supported by such a great group of officers and directors. I thank each of you for giving me the opportunity to serve. It was an emotional day for me at the last reunion as I turned over the leadership to a young man that I love and respect a great deal. I had wanted to see Calvin in the office of president, and I am very confident that he will lead us in the tradition that we have enjoyed over the years while adding his own personal touch. I am also pleased with all of the officers and directors that are in place to help him. Let's all support them with our prayers and attendance.

As we're approaching Christmas, let us all remember the reason we celebrate Christmas. May we each allow Christ to rule and reign in our hearts and lives. He has been the joy of my life. May this be your greatest Christmas ever.

Love in Christ,

Fred Watts

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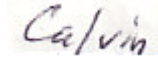
Watts. My grandparents are the late Joe and Callie Watts. I have been attending the reunion longer than I can remember, and have always enjoyed the days at Natural Bridge visiting and learning about my family.

The Watts family has a great history from settling the country, overcoming hardship and trials, building up communities, and telling stories on one another.

As our family has grown, we have added new faces, new last names, and different backgrounds while maintaining one common

thread; we are all Watts's underneath and we are *all* family. I look forward to being able to be a part of the continued success of the reunion, and I hope everyone with a drop of Watts blood and them and their friends will come and be a part of it.

Sincerely,



Calvin Watts
President, Watts Reunion Inc.

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Vice President's Message

Reunion time has come and gone, fall is here and winter is just around the corner. Before we realize it, Christmas will be upon us. So as the season approaches, let us count the many blessings that we have received this year.

The cookbooks are fast dwindling away. We now have less than 20. So it is time for you to get that special souvenir or a nice gift for that special someone. We would be happy to gift wrap your cookbook, enclose a gift card and send it on its way postage free. All you need to do is send \$7.00 to:

Brenda Turner Watts
167 Burton Subdivision Rd.
Nancy, KY 42544

or call me at 606-871-9291 and your *Watts' Cooking* will be on its way before Christmas arrives. We need the name and address of the person you want it sent to plus your \$7.00.

May God Bless you and yours each and everyday and especially throughout this holiday season.

Look forward to seeing each of you at next year's reunion the last Sunday in July.

Sincerely,
Brenda Watts
Vice President, Watts Reunion Inc.

The Next Planning Session for the Watts Reunion is Scheduled for March 6th, 2004 at Natural Bridge State Park.

Correction: The name of Tiffany Godby as a singer was omitted from a recap of the 51st Watts Family reunion. The recap was printed in the *Jackson Times* and *The Voice*. We apologize for this error.

2003 Scholarship Fund Raising at the Reunion

The annual auction at the reunion this year brought in \$391. We greatly appreciate all those who participated in its success. Whether you brought items to be auctioned, purchased items or just got into the fun of bidding, it proved your commitment to furthering the education of our future generations.

Even though we had lots of fun with our stand-in auctioneer Allen Watts, we dearly missed our long-standing Auctioneer Marcus Marcum. Marcus was unable to attend this years Reunion due to illness. For his dedication and commitment to the Scholarship program a donations of \$100 was made to the Scholarship Fund. We would like for everyone to keep Marcus in your prayers and we look forward to seeing him next year to preside over the auction.

Please remember that you can make tax-deductible contributions to the scholarship fund in memory or in honor of someone throughout the year. Just send your requests to: Connie Watts, 130 Happy Hollow, Lost Creek, KY, 41348.

2003-2004 David Watts Memorial Scholarship

Benjamin Charles Watts, the son of William Charles and Kathy Watts, was awarded the 2003-2004 David Watts Memorial Scholarship at the annual Watts Reunion at Natural Bridge State Park on July 27. Benjamin graduated from Carroll County High School last spring and is presently attending Northern Kentucky University. During high school, Benjamin maintained a 3.99 GPA while being actively involved in many extra curricular activities. He was a member of the National Honor Society and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He played 3 years of varsity Basketball, four years of varsity baseball and four years of varsity golf. Benjamin scored distinguished in multiple subjects on the CATS test and was a 2-time winner in the Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest. In addition to this he kept a part-time job.

Sheree Richter, Carroll County High School Guidance Counselor, highly recommended Benjamin for this scholarship because of his "academic, athletic and leadership qualities throughout his high school career". She has witnessed his dedication to his school activities, as well as his dedication to his family and friends.

While attending NKU, Benjamin is also receiving an athletic scholarship to play baseball. Even though playing college baseball has been a childhood dream, Benjamin's main goal in life is obtaining a college education. Benjamin is the grandson of the late Benjamin Taylor Watts Jr. and the great-grandson of Benjamin Taylor Watts, Sr.

We would like to congratulate Benjamin for his current accomplishments and wish him the best in pursuing his life's goals. -- *Connie Watts*

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In the October 26, 2003 business meeting of the Watts Reunion Officers, we discussed the possibility of publishing a booklet of *Stories of Yesterday*. And I can think of no better legacy to pass on to our descendants than the life stories that we now share.

"I know that I would love to have a book of stories of my grandparents life and its too late now for that." This will benefit the reunion in more ways than just the legacy's it will hold. It will bring in a few dollars for the general fund, that we must have to keep the reunion going. It does take money as you know and we had rather find ways of making that money rather than asking everyone to give if that is at all possible.

So, I am asking everyone now, please think of the best story you know, no matter how dull it may seem to you, submit it please, because someone down the line will find it interesting. We will type up the stories, put them in book form and have them for everyone to purchase and keep. I have grandchildren and great grandchildren of my own and I intend to dig up something that I hope they will appreciate in years to come.

Please consider this and start now with sending in your stories. If you want to send them to me, that's fine. My address is: Janet Neace, 175 Burton Subdivision Rd. You may also e-mail them to me at JandD53@aol.com. -- *Janet Neace*

Happy Holidays

May the love of
Christmas fill your heart
and home

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