

Godwin/Holt 2026 Family Reunion

Hello family members, I am reaching out to everyone to begin our planning for the great 2026 Godwin/Holt family reunion! Now that the pandemic is for the most part over, we would like to bring as many of our family left together again. As you all know there are many of our loved ones who are no longer with us in body, but their spirit will always remain with us. We have 18 months to put together the best reunion ever! So please let's take it seriously and put our head together and get to work.

I will serve as your go to person to put out information to all the committee members. I would like for you to pick a thing from this list in "progress" that you would like to be in charge of. If you don't want to be in charge of anything but just want to help someone else, that is fine and great, it will all come together just put your name down for something.

These are the things that I have come up with, if you can think of something to add to the list, please, by all means do so and send it back to me and I will share it with the group. The good thing is, our early start gives us time to iron out the kinks and have a good plan in place by early 2026.

I am just going to list these things

1. We would like to make the reunion a three-day function, Friday, Saturday, Sunday.
2. Friday night will be the "Ice breaker" get together to relax
3. Saturday will be the main event
4. Sunday will be a church event for whom every want to attend Bethal Church
5. We were looking into a place in Selma, I think the civic center for Saturday event
6. For Friday we were looking into a VFW post or something similar for the ice breaker. We would like for this place to be free, I am a life time member of all VFW, or we can use a park, or building, not someone house
7. We would like to have door prizes. My thought is each committee person should donate 2 prizes at a minimum price of \$40.00 each. Just to make it clear, if you have 3 or 4 people helping pay the \$ 375.00 it's just two door prize per group.

8. We need to have a photographer to take “pose” picture for people and just picture in general for the group. Pose picture would be for a cost to the people who want them. The photographer will have a back ground set up
9. We would like to have speaker to speak on difference subject, like health care, life and death insurance or any other thing we can come up with, and find a free speaker for it. We have people in our family who can step up.
10. Name tags for family members, you will be surprise who name you do not know
11. Some sort of entertainment between whatever we are doing. One thing will be the door prize give away, or singing and dancing
12. We should encourage everyone to sign up their name and address so we can stay in touch and send thank-you card or email
13. One thing that always go over well is the money give away, like, anyone who wants can buy a 50/50 raffle ticket for \$1 to \$5 dollars for a chance to win at the end of our event for the final drawing, half will go to the church.
14. The door prize’s I hope everyone get behind, should be drawn every 30 min to make people stay around for a while. So, with 10 folks on the list, that’s 20 gifts. Example of gift, Gas card, manicure certificates, food card, ear buds just to name a few things. Two @ \$40.00 dollars each, think about, if you won would you not want something you can use.

That’s all I can think of, as you know each one of the things I listed will have planning to make it work. Think about all the things and let’s let everyone know what you think or what you want to add or take away.

Now the main thing for the reunion is the cost. The cost of \$375.00 each for 10 people on the list to pay does not have to be individually paid, it can be family members who are willing to help you. Like for me, my wife Fe, and the kids, will help me pay the \$375.00, I am not going to call out any other name, you know who in your family will help out with this great event we are trying to put on.

Next, I would ask that you send the money to me on the 15 of each month starting in April, any amount you like, I ask that it be a money order so you can keep the stub to keep tract, I, in turn will send you a receipt the next month on the 15th. It does not work out well with 10 people sending money to the bank at 10 difference times. My thoughts are that, if everyone knows the 15th each month

is” pay for the reunion” time, then by the end of the month I can make one payment to the bank and report to you, our progress.

Another thing and the most important is, or will be the menu, everyone put your thought in about what we would like to eat.

So, everyone please, three weeks’ time should be enough time to turn around an answer to our letter.

My Address and phone number is correct, I don’t work so I am available most any time, the afternoon is best for me 12pm to 9pm central time.

That’s all for me at this time, please stay in touch.

JUST REMEMBER A FAMILY THAT PRAY TOGETHER STAY TOGETHER