Minutes of the 77th Young Family Reunion
Date: October 10, 2026
Location: Palmyra Global Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Germanton NC
Attendance: 25 Family Members

The Young Family convened at the PGMC Fellowship Hall on October 10, 2026, beginning at 4:00 PM to celebrate our 77th annual family reunion. We moved the reunion from the Young Pavillion due to Hurricane Isaias which brought cold temps and rain to the area.

Opening Remarks and Dinner
Around 5:00 PM, President Randy Young extended a warm welcome to all attendees. Hassell Caudle gave grace before we enjoyed our dinner of Ham and Fried Chicken along with an assortment of sides and desserts brought by each guest.

History
Courtney Stevens gave a history of her side of the family tree. We heard stories about Albert Calvin Young and others that confirmed most of what we have been told over the years but also gave us some interesting tidbits that helped us understand the complete story of his interactions during the Civil War and his business relationship with R.J. Reynolds.

John Young gave a PowerPoint presentation on our relationship to Tom and Dick Smothers aka The Smothers Brothers. Their great grandmother was Martha Jane Young born in Stokes County and was a gg granddaughter of Benjamin Young. Their father grew up in Winston-Salem and attended R.J. Reynolds High School and West Point in the 1920's.

Hassel Caudle shared some jokes with us to make us laugh.

Kim Ferrell had a table setup with past pictures and documents on the Young Family History. She also mentioned the deaths of Loretta Watts Bowen and Emma Mabe.

Officers will remain the same for the 78th Reunion
- Randy Young – President (Send out reunion reminders, arrange presentation and/or entertainment)
- Danny Young – Vice President (Find and confirm reunion location)
- Reid Young – Treasurer (Collect donations, manage funds, track budget)
- John Young – Secretary / Historian (Keep minutes, update family tree and history website)
- Renee Himmelspach – Vice President of Decorating
- Hassell Caudle – Meal Chairman (Provide drinks, plates, napkins, and miscellaneous items)
- Kim Ferrell – Lead Photographer
- Melissa Coleman – Vice President of Awards and Door Prizes

Recognition Prizes
Melissa Coleman awarded prizes to the following attendees:
- Hassell Caudle - Oldest in Attendance (97)
- Vivian Young - Youngest in Attendance (7)
- Kevin Caudle - Farthest Traveled (Chattanooga, TN)
- Kim Ferrell - Most Family Members in Attendance (5)

Next Year's Reunion
The next reunion is scheduled for Saturday, October 9th, 2027, coinciding with Columbus Day weekend.

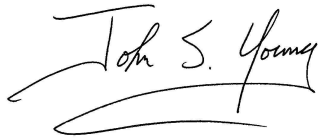
Closing Remarks
At approximately 8:00 PM, President Randy Young concluded the 77th Young Family Reunion.

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand 10/11/2025	$1166.84	
Ham, Fried Chicken and Supplies	$284.62	
Donation to Palmyra GMC	$60.00	
Total Expenses	$344.62	
Donations for Reunion	$380.00	
Current Cash on Hand 10/10/2026	$1202.22	

Treasurer - Reid Young

These minutes reflect the proceedings and sentiments of our gathering. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the success of this memorable event.



Secretary & Historian
John Spencer Young
10/21/2026