



Dear Family Members,

4 Jan 2021

Greetings to all. We pray everyone is doing well, staying vigilant and taking care of each other. The COVID-19 pandemic has created a truly unprecedented situation, which is affecting us all. Our hearts go out to you, your family and friends who have been affected by the virus. In times like this, we are reminded of how interconnected we are and God's love for us.

After many meetings and discussions, we decided to cancel the 2021 reunion and start preparing for the 2022 reunion. This was a tough decision, but we made the best decision for the family. Especially, since we have individuals who are senior in age (young at heart ☺) and those individuals who are high risk or have underlying health conditions for this pandemic. We don't want to lose any family members, because we continued with the 2021 reunion.

I highly recommend having a small gathering with your immediate family members for July 2021. Please upload your photos to the Bellinger website or send the photos to Mr. Torrance Jacobs or Ms. Roz Bellinger. Remember, we will resume the Bellinger Family Reunion in 2022, in Winston-Salem N.C. We will keep everyone posted via email, website or snail mail.

This is IMPORTANT – As of Dec 2020 financial statement, the Bellinger Family Reunion (BFU) account balance was \$110.72. We have incurred expenses of \$300.00 to mail previous statements; which left us with a NEGATIVE balance. As we continue with the reunion planning, we are requesting a \$50.00 per adult love to help offset the reunion cost. We had 60 adults at the 2019 reunion.

If every adult makes a conscious decision to send a love offering/donation, by October 2021. We will have balance of approximately \$3,000 and will kick off the 2022 reunion with a financial BANG!

Now, as the executive committee, we have to lead by example. So, through our commitment, loyalty and dedication for the family; each adult member of the Executive Committee decided to pledge \$50.00 towards the BFU account. We are praying, you will join us on this journey to reach our goal of \$3,000 by Oct 2021.

As a point of clarification, when you make this love offering/donation **it will not** offset your registration fee. If you would like to get an early start paying for 2022 reunion, you can send the funds to our treasurer. An early projection for adult-only registration costs will be at least \$100-\$120 per adult. You can send donations or early registration to our treasurer, Veronica Perry. Here are the options:

1) **Zelle (using any bank that has affiliation with Zelle):**

Email Address: bellingerfamily2021@gmail.com Account name: Veronica Perry

2) **Cash App:** \$bellingerfamily2021 (Veronica Perry)

3) **Check via US Mail:** Veronica Perry - 2308 Elendil Lane - Charlotte, NC 28269

4) **Direct Bank Deposit: First Citizen Bank//** Acct Name: Veronica Bellinger Perry// Acct No. (last four digits) 6904 **Note: If writing a check, please make out to Veronica Perry, memo line: Bellinger Family Reunion**

Please specify on the letter, check or electronic payment, whether it is a donation/love offering or pre-registration payment. We “thank you” for your contribution and steadfast commitment to the Bellinger Family Reunion.

Additionally, please have your children/youth ages 13 – 21, please contact Aurelia Williams 803.306.2307 or email - Kumahni2004@gmail.com. She is the point of contact for our young people to share their input/ideas for the upcoming reunion.

We want to extend our thoughts and prayers to family members; we have lost during this year, especially those affected by COVID-19. It has been an unusual year. As we prepare for the new normal, we know GOD, our father is in control. He will never leave us or forsake us. It is truly a blessing to have a loving family that supports, love on each other and fellowshiping.

We are looking forward to seeing one another again for the 2022 reunion. ***GOD bless you all!***

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Very Respectably,

Garvis Leak, President
Bellinger Family Reunion