The 135th Flemister-Baulding family reunion was held at the family reunion site in Dallas, Georgia Sunday, August 27, 2017 begin at approximately 1:30 pm.

Larry Bankston led the congregation in an opening hymn “This Little Light of Mine.”

Pastor Ernest Baulding, son of Thomas Jefferson Baulding II and Leola Roberts Baulding, grandson of William Alfred and Effie Banks Baulding read a scripture from Galatians 3.

Pastor Larry Jones led the family in prayer. Larry is the son of and and the grandson of Charlie and Annie Flemister.

Miss Gia French, daughter of William and Tina French, Granddaughter of Ester and Billy Sims, Great granddaughter of McKinley “Mac” and Odessie Flemister, great granddaughter of Charlie and Annie Flemister welcomed the family to this year’s reunion.

Ike Sims Jr. son Ethel F. Sims and Ike Sims, grandson of Alfred Franklin (Preach) Flemister and Emma Gertrude Heard Flemister led the congregation in a melody of songs Hold My Hand, Let Jesus Led You, and Lay my burden down.

Karen Bell, a member of the Bankston family led the family in reciting the family charge.

President Emeritus Pastor Paul Flemister, eldest son of McKinley “Mac” and Odessie Flemister, grandson of Charlie Flemister led the family in a moment of Prayer of dedication & re-dedication.

Pastor Brendan Jenkins, Pastor of the Rocky Ford Baptist Church led the congregation in song with “Come to Jesus” and opened the floor for Invitation to Discipleship.

President Frank Baulding led the family in a moment of Silent prayer in tribute to our beloved decreased family members as the bell ring in honor of each decreased members.

The final musical selection was provided by the Deacon Wallace Flemister “Let Jesus Lead You”.

**Presentations and Recognition:**

**First time attendees:**

April Reeder, Blue Johnson-Hollins, Donoven Hall, KeAndre Lindsey, Hannah Dobbs, Rodney Richards, Andra Lindsey, Elibeth Robinson, Carla Hockaday, Karen Bell, Mariann Robinson, Myshia Robinson, Jared Murphy, Nikkita Kendrick, Sherita Walker, Keith Walker, Kyara Patton, Yvonne Gibsob and Tanise Blair. Many of the above names are members of the Bankston family from Detriot, MI.

**Newborns:**

Sammy Lynn House born October 24, 2016 to Johnny House and Hillary Brinson. Johnny is the son of Carl and Roxie House. Grandson of Jacqueline House and great grandson of McKinley and Odessia Flemister.

Olivia Walker was born July 2, 2017. Olivia is the daughter of Aleisha Bankston, granddaughter of Jennifer Bankston, great granddaughter of James and Betty Bankston.

**Deaths:**

John and James Bankston, from Detroit MI. James Bankston passed away May 27, 2017. James was the son of Roy and Addie (Williams) Bankston, grandson of Spurgeon and Leila (Flemister) Williams, and great grandson of Charlie and Annie Flemister.

Timothy (TW) Bankston passed away Decemer 24, 2017. James was the son of Roy and Addie (Williams) Bankston, grandson of Spurgeon and Leila (Flemister) Williams, and great grandson of Charlie and Annie Flemister.

**Retirees:**

Karen Bell and Carol Hockney, members of the Bankston family retired from the Army with 23 and 26 years respectively.

**Graduates:**

Syrene Rainey received her PHD. Syrene is the wife for Brain Rainey who is the son of Grant and the late Elsie Flemister Rainey, grandson of McKinley and Odessia Flemister.

Dorian Dobbs, son of Askari Dobbs, grandson of the late Oscar and Pearl Dobbs, great grandson of the late Ransom and Agnes McClarity, great- great grandson of the late Alfred “Preach” and Emma Flemister

**Marriages:**

Jason Bankston married Juanita Ayanna Sawyer on January 16, 2017. Jason is the the son of Timothy and Muriel Bankston. Jason was the grandson of Roy and Addie (Williams) Bankston, great grandson of Spurgeon and Leila (Flemister) Williams, and great-great grandson of Charlie and Annie Flemister.

Celebration of family attending 50+ years or more:

1. Florine Tittle – 92 years
2. Paul Flemister – 84 years
3. Wallace Flemister -82 years
4. Bertha Fitzgerald – 88 years
5. Snodie Flemister
6. Majorie Waldon
7. Esther Sims
8. Eunice Turner
9. Pearl Dobbs
10. Rita Robinson
11. Robert Tittle
12. Frank Baulding
13. Chester Flemister

Military:

1. Donnie Baulding III, Donnie has served two deployments to Afghanistan
2. Ike Sims, III, Army Recruiter- Staff Sergeant
3. Matthew Pollard – E-4 Specialist based at Fort Bliss Texas
4. Elbert Gurley III, Sergeant
5. Lamar Reeder, Marines
6. Malik Brington

Treasury Report was given by Howard Harris, son of Bernard and Effie Flemister Harris. Statements of expenditures were provided for any family member who wished to have a copy.

President Baulding and President Emeritus Paul Flemister provided their comments and thanks for this year’s reunion.

Al Robinson, Chairman of the food committee provided instructions for the serving lines. President Frank Baulding gave the blessing over the food and the2017 meeting was adjourned.