
TFA News Flash

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What's Changed

At the 2025 Thrasher Family Association Annual Meeting in Chattanooga, we voted to scale back our annual reunions because of rising expenses and a decline in participation. Instead of having “destination” reunions requiring that the TFA enter into contracts guaranteeing a minimum number for hotel rooms, food services, and group tour tickets, we decided to try something different. In 2026 we are hosting a one-day event. In the future, we may consider doing a more expanded format if there is sufficient interest.

This Year

The 2026 TFA Reunion will be held on Saturday, June 13, at the Historic Salem Methodist Church located at 3280 Salem Road in south Oconee County. The Clarke County Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) will conduct a ceremony honoring our patriot ancestor John Thrasher Jr. (1758-1844). He served with the North Carolina Militia during the Revolutionary War.



Historic Salem Methodist Church

We will have a program in the church to honor the life of John Thrasher Jr. and his wife Susan Barton Thrasher (1766-1837). After the program in the church, we will

proceed outside to the cemetery for the ceremony to be conducted by the Clarke County SAR.



Jacob Wang at a previous SAR ceremony

At the conclusion of the SAR ceremony, we will reconvene in the church for our annual meeting.

For those interested in lunch and a visit together, we can drive up the road to Watkinsville for some food and fellowship. After lunch, we can visit some sites of interest in Oconee County.

For out-of-town guests needing overnight accommodations on Friday and Saturday, we recommend the SpringHill Suites located at 3500 Daniells Bridge Road. The hotel is four miles from Watkinsville and about 15 miles from Salem Methodist Church. If you prefer, there are several Airbnb properties in the Oconee County area. Also, there are many hotels in downtown Athens. Athens is about eight miles from Watkinsville and about 20 miles from Salem Methodist Church.

If you plan to attend the reunion or have questions, please contact John Paul Thrasher. The host committee composed of our members in the Athens-Watkinsville area hope to see many of our “cousins” at the 2026 TFA Reunion.

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