

*4th Annual
Legacy
of Love
Festival*



Designed by Hannah Clay

Saturday, April 15, 2017

Samantha, Alabama

Front cover artwork by Miss Hannah Clay



Hi my name is Hannah Clay. I'm in the 8th grade at Sipsey Valley Middle School. I am 13 years old. My parents are Thomas and Vanessa Clay. I have two older brothers. I thank God every day for the blessings He has given me and I give God all the glory for this drawing.



WELCOME

Welcome to Shepherd Hill and the 4th Annual Legacy of Love Festival. We are so glad you came and we hope you enjoy your time here making memories with us. We believe there is magic in ordinary days!

Thank you so much for speaking only positive and uplifting words to one another. Let us always honor and glorify our Lord and Savior.

This is an alcohol free, family environment.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

John 10:11

Phillip Campbell Emcee and Event Host



I am truly honored to be a part of such a great event.

I work full time for Fred Robertson Wrecker Service. I've been a minister for almost 27 years (credentialed with Church of God Cleveland, Tn.). I'm a member of the Northport Church of God and I serve as an evangelist and sometimes Interim pastor as needed. I love the lord and my family with everything in me.

Schedule of Events

Music and Entertainment

- 10:45 Dixie Rhythm Cloggers
 - 11:15 Anna & Dex Stanley
 - 12:00 Goland Harris
 - 1:00 - Lawrence Shaul
 - 2:00 Birthday Party starts – **“Calling all kids”**
 - 2:10 Kat Taylor & JP Miller
 - 3:00 Shannon Knight
 - 4:00 Greg McDougal
 - 4:45 Bama's Cloggers
 - 5:15 Donnie Lee Strickland
Lulu Roman
- Announce Raffle Winners
Group sings /Saw the Light

Activities

- 11-1:00 Train Rides
- 1:00 Sack Race
- 2:00 Birthday Party – Cake & Homemade Ice Cream Served
- 2:30 CornHole Contest (Adult)
- 2:30-3:30 Train Rides

Legacy of Love Festival

*“The Lord is My Shepherd,
I have all that I need”*



4th Annual Legacy of Love Festival
Saturday, April 15, 2017
(Always the 3rd Saturday in April)

A birthday celebration in memory of Johnny Williamson



Many thanks to Conductor Jackie MacAteer

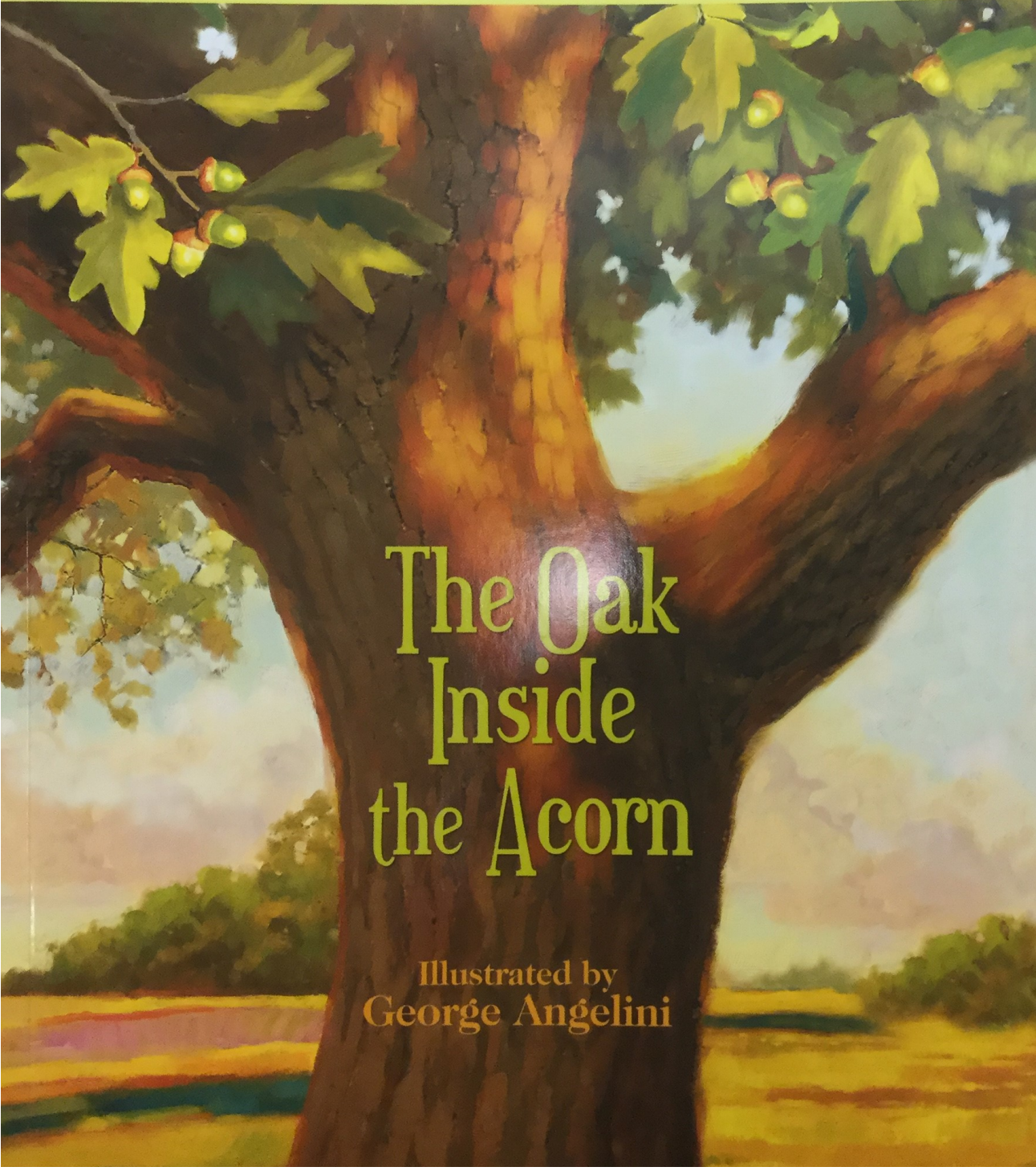


Thanks to Sound Engineer,
Dex Stanley
Hartselle, Alabama

Thanks to Mickey Mouse
Cody Allen Shelby



MAX LUCADO



The Oak
Inside
the Acorn

Illustrated by
George Angelini



LuLu Roman has enjoyed many successes in her life, but also more than her share of disappointments and hardships. She is best known for her side splitting humor and jovial disposition, but a lesser known story lies behind those sparkling radiant eyes which have often been filled with tears, both of pain and of joy.

LuLu is best known as the most requested female cast member on the long running hit television Show "Hee Haw." The show ran from 1969-1993, and is now in reruns on the RFD-TV network. LuLu is also known for her accomplished and celebrated songwriting and singing all over the world.

A native of Dallas, TX, LuLu was born in a home for unwed mothers, and placed in an orphan's home shortly after birth. She was born with a thyroid dysfunction, and it would be in the orphan's home that she first endured the pain of being unaccepted because of her weight. Her weight made her the brunt of much name-calling and teasing, and also prevented her from being adopted into a loving home. It was then she learned to use her sense of humor as a defense mechanism.

LuLu's sense of humor later evolved into a highly successful career as an actress and comedienne with a lead role on "Hee Haw." However, success and wealth proved poisonous to the young actress. LuLu's search for acceptance and happiness eventually lead her to a drug addiction, which sent her down a spiral that nearly destroyed her life and career in 1971.

In 1973, a chance meeting with an old friend lead her to discover a new found faith in the Lord, and changed her life forever. It was in this revelation that she discovered she had a hidden talent in her voice. LuLu then began singing Gospel music, and eventually introduced it to "Hee Haw."

LuLu's new found career as a vocalist proved to be very successful. She is the recipient of a Dove award, and has been nominated many times. She is also a member of the Country Gospel Music and Christian Music halls of fame. LuLu has also been honored with the JD Sumner Living Legend Award and named Favorite Crossover Artist by the Country Gospel Music Association. The TV Land network also awarded LuLu with their prestigious Entertainer's Award.

To date, LuLu has recorded 21 albums and is still singing in churches, seminars, fairs, performing arts centers, and anywhere she is welcomed to share her life story and music.

Her latest gospel project "Seven Times" has garnered an international hit song ("Do You Know How To Fly"), and is still being shared across the globe. It also features one of the last songs her precious friend Dottie Rambo wrote for her, "Move Upon Us."

LuLu has just completed a new project entitled "At Last." The album features 12 of her favorite standards and classics, such as "I Will Always Love You," "Summertime," "You Don't Know Me," "Til I Can Make It On My Own," and the title song. LuLu's dear friends Dolly Parton, T. Graham Brown, Linda Davis, and Georgette Jones also joined her on the album.

In addition to "Hee Haw," LuLu has also been a guest star on such television programs as "The Love Boat" and "Touched By An Angel." She is also an accomplished author, with her autobiography and her cookbook "Kitchen Komforts."

Although she has been performing for over 40 years, she has no plans to rest or retire. LuLu continues to travel sharing her testimony, her humor, and her music.

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Donnie Lee Strickland

Born and raised in North Carolina, you can tell Donnie is from the South as soon as he opens his mouth. His love for Country Music began at the early age of five. He started singing in church and performing in school plays. He was influenced as a child by George Strait, Randy Travis, Reba McEntire, and



Loretta Lynn. Donnie has entertained all across the United States. He was a special guest on the Ernest Tubb Midnite Jamboree in Nashville, TN, singing with Grand Ole Opry Stars Jan Howard and Jean Shepard. Donnie has performed several times on Carnival Cruise ships. He was a top 20 finalist on Fox 50's Gimme the Mic in 2005. He just ended a 14 year run with the cast of the American Music Jubilee country variety show at the Rudy Theater in Selma, NC. Donnie has opened for Country artist Jeff Bates, and has performed in many Conway Twitty and Loretta Lynn Tribute Shows with fellow singer Emily Portman. Often compared to Country crooner Josh Turner, Donnie has rich baritone vocals. He was awarded "Male Vocalist of the Year" in 2014 at the Shepherdsville Country Music Show in Shepherdsville, KY. His most recent recording honors Country Legend Conway Twitty. The newest CD, "Remembering Conway", has proven to be one of his best. He has also been recording an upcoming project in the studio which could be released as early as March 2015. Donnie is currently on the "Country On the

Radio" tour, which will visit many theaters and other venues throughout this year.

Greg McDougal and his family



have been in full time music ministry since 2007. What began as a special cause and need in their lives, God has turned into a great desire for them to go and tell of His mercy and grace in the midst of it all. Greg and Diane moved to Nashville, Tennessee to be in the Country Music Business in 1992. In 1997, Atlantic Records Recording Artist, John Michael Montgomery recorded one of Greg's songs, and it seemed as if Greg and Diane were living a dream. In 1998, they had their first of 4 children, but with three of their four children diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis, life got complicated. It was clear that God had different plans than the ones Greg had been chasing. Greg walked away from a promising career in music and spent the next seven years as a home repair carpenter.

This family will tell you that this is when they first learned how God takes the years that the locusts have eaten and makes them new. It was during this season that God led Greg to record a life changing and award winning CD called The Work of a Carpenter. Because of this project, so many lives across the country and around the world, have been touched by their story of faith, love and determination for the sake of their.

As he speaks, sings, and plays his Martin guitar, you will hear of forgiveness, faith, family, and how God indeed redeems all things through Jesus Christ. And then, the McDougal kids sing. (By the way they won ICM Youth in Music Award in 2013 and 2014)

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Shannon Knight has been singing professionally for many years. He began traveling with the Daryl Williams Trio and has performed on the Gaither Homecoming Videos and Tour. Shannon appears weekly on the Trinity Broadcasting Network's program "Unfolding Majesty". In 2012, Shannon, signed with Crossroads/Skyland Label. Shannon is married to Haley Knight. They have four children, Anna Kate, Gracie, Kiptyn and Paislee

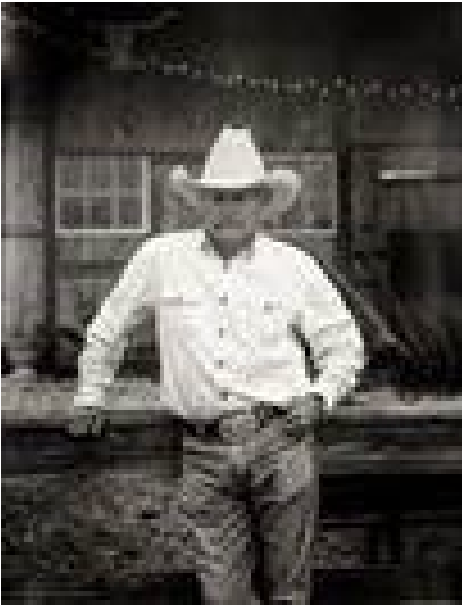


Kat Taylor Born and raised in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Kat Taylor found her love of music early in life. Riding with her father on work trips, she belted out 90s country and cultivated a deep appreciation for the vocal talents of Martina McBride, Faith Hill, and Reba McEntire. At 18 she auditioned for the hit TV program Nashville Star and made it past the first round. During the next round she would have to perform an original tune, which she did not have, so she never went back for the next round of competition. For years, she didn't revisit the idea of songwriting until seeing a flyer for Tips for Tuscaloosa, a charity event held monthly and hosted by singer-songwriter Hope Cassity. Hope, as well as the other songwriters, were all floored with Kat's pristine vocal tone and range. She began to network with local and regional musicians, and before long, had written and co-written several songs. Combining the lyrical influence of Norah Jones and the vocal range and tone of Aretha Franklin, Kat quickly developed a powerful sound all her own. Her regular appearances at Tips

for Tuscaloosa opened doors for her to perform in other local venues and for session work in Tuscaloosa and Nashville. Rarely do the elements of natural talent, beauty, personality, and drive come together in one performer, and it is refreshing to witness in the current music industry. Kat has assembled a band of talented and experienced musicians and is currently booking duo, trio, and full band performances for 2016-2017. Her sets incorporate classic rock favorites, current top 40, soul ballads, and country hits; along with popular original tunes. Kat 's single "Shame on You" is currently charting on country radio. For booking inquiries: kattaylormusic.com or kattaylormusic@gmail.com



John Miller is a firefighter/paramedic for the best department in the United States, The Tuscaloosa Fire Rescue Department. He is also a singer/songwriter and loves to write! He has 2 beautiful children! Son 14 and a 9 year old spit fire daughter. He says he is blessed more than he deserves by our almighty God. Born in Tuscaloosa, Al and a true Crimson Tide faithful . He is President of the Miracle Leage of Tuscaloosa, a 501c3 orgainization that gives the opportunity for children with special needs the ability to play baseball. He graduated Northside High school in 1993. I love being a firefighter and my wife and kids! Life is Good!



Lawrence Shaul was born in Macon, Mississippi in 1947. He spent his early youth in Pickens County, Alabama. It was there where his parents were friends with a local DJ and bandleader, Carl Sauceman. The dances that Lawrence attended were family-oriented events at the VFW hall where he was encouraged to sing along. That was his first exposure to live music and he was hooked from the start.

In second grade, Lawrence performed Hank Williams' classic, "Your Cheating Heart," in a talent show at Aliceville Elementary, winning second place.

Wanting to be a musician, Lawrence tried the guitar, but he didn't think he was too good at it, and with the large number of guitar players in the business, he chose another instrument – the organ. Over the next 18 years, Lawrence worked clubs from New York to Florida and local clubs such as Sammy's Supper Club, the Five O'clock Club, the Patio, Diamond Jim's, the Boom Boom Room, the Pussycat a Go Go and Constantine's at the Sheraton. He worked with such bands as the Roadrunners, the Premiers, Little Hugh and the Mad Men, the K'Otics, the Classics IV, and many others that he can't remember. Over the years he was in tour packages which included Sam The Sham, the

Shangri-Las, Lonnie Mack, Mitch Ryder, Johnny Rivers, the Drifters, and Ace Cannon.

In 1980, Lawrence played his last club, then drove a truck for a while, and then helped run the family business. He presently lives in Cottondale, Alabama. Lawrence and his wife Gena have three children and six grandchildren. He participates in cowboy mounted shooting and sings in Cowboy Church on Sundays for these events. Lawrence is a member of the Alabama Music Hall of Fame as an achiever. He has lately been doing some gospel music; he says "trying to pay the Lord back for allowing me to live such a blessed life."



Golan Harris is from Lawrence County, Alabama. He has been singing Good Ole Southern Gospel Music for more than 20 years and has been a born again Christian for 55 years. He and his wife, Dorothy have been married 51 years. They have two children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Dex and Anna Stanley found love through music and together they are in the band at No Fences Cowboy Church of Morgan County, AL. Dex is Johnny's grandson- Becky's youngest son. He is a self-taught guitarist and acknowledges that his talent and passion for music is a gift from God.

Anna was born into a family of musicians and at a young age developed a love for singing. She enjoys using her talent to glorify God and to bring joy to others. While music is not their career, it is a big part of their life together.



Dixie Rhythm Cloggers is a group of 20 to 30 girls...ages range between 5 and 20 under the direction of Suzanne Norris. They have been dancing about 5 years., have performed at events at Shelton State, competed in group competitions in Georgia and Tennessee. Several of the girls have won or placed in individual competitions; 12 who have finished 2nd to the National Clogging Champs in group competitions in 2015.



Bama's Cloggers was founded by Bama Renfroe Bates in 1973. This group includes cloggers from several surrounding counties who meet weekly in Fayette County to practice and fellowship. Bama Cloggers enjoy performing at local festivals and events when requested.. Clogging can be enjoyed at any stage in life and tends to lift the spirit of cloggers and spectators alike. We love what we do and welcome any new members that would like to add an enjoyable workout to their routine.

Call Bama Renfroe Bates @ (205) 442-3503 for more information.

Left to Right: Suzanne Norris, Rosemary Blakney, Beretta Henderson, Bama Renfroe Bates, Rhonda Terry, Barbara Reeves Not pictured: Tammie Johnson, Sheila Files, Janice Ballinger

LOVE OVERFLOWS
AND JOY NEVER ENDS
IN A HOME THAT'S BLESSED
WITH
Family & Friends

**In Memory of
Mae Ola Harbin**

November 18, 1933 – March 21, 2017



Linda Skelton, Sue Kimbrell, Jo Sanford, Kathleen Kimbrell, Billy Williamson, Mae Harbin



In Memory of
Henry Coolidge Taylor
April 24, 1933 - January 29, 2017

Love Dora Lee, Charlotte & Tony

{FAMILY}
a legacy of love

Coolidge was Johnny's uncle. He and Pearl Williamson were brother and sister.

In memory of
Eloise Irene Martin
June 16, 1936 - April 23, 2016
Love Benny

Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

Deut. 5:33 (NKJV)

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)

Benny Martin serves on The Little Closet Community Food Pantry Operations Board, a ministry of The Johnny Williamson Good Shepherd Foundation.



In Memory of
Lottie May (Polly) Powell Elliott
Sept. 27, 1929 - March 20, 2016

Love Kathy



I Wish for You an Angel

I wish for you angel
To guard you day by day
To walk with you, to lighten your load
As you journey on your way.

I wish for you an angel
Always at your beck and call
To catch you if you stumble
And never let you fall.

I wish for you an angel
An ever present guide
To walk with you though shadows
To be always at your side.

I wish for you God's blessings
Of joys too numerous to behold
That you walk one day, hand in hand
With God, on streets of gold.

To all my family,
Polly Elliott
September 25, 1999

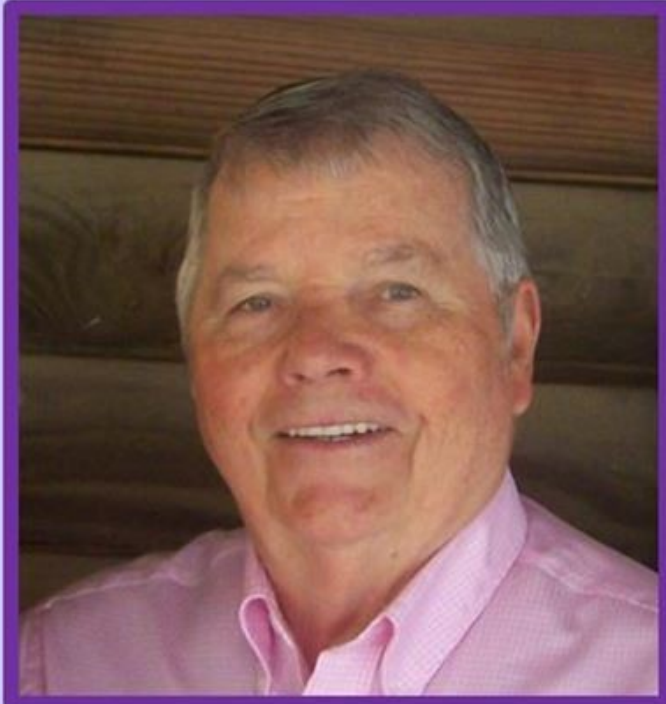
James Thelton Long

Passed away on March 12, 2017 @ 92



Paw Paw you were my best man in my wedding and in life. You forever more will be missed by so many. I love you Paw Paw. Tell maw maw I miss and love her too. I'll be seeing you. You did everything from teaching me how to fish to taking care of me when I almost lost my mother. You were my definition of a real man and if I could become half of what you were then I'll be doing well. Blessed to have had you all my life. 92 years God bless you and may you rest in peace.

Love Wesley



In Loving Memory of

Billy H Hall

11/16/37-2/5/17

*and his love of
Country•Bluegrass•Gospel Music
on Shepherd Hill•*

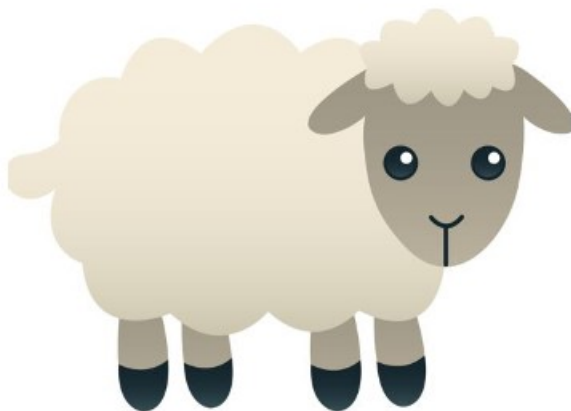
Love Wanda

Wanda serves on The Little Closet Community Food Pantry Operations Board

Build your spiritual
legacy:

Create new reasons to
celebrate with your
family.

"Ours is the responsibility to care for the
flock. ... May we each step up to serve."



"We are the Lord's hands
here upon the earth, with
the mandate to serve and
to lift His children."

Did you know my brother Johnny? Well, let me tell you a little about him. This young boy married at the age of 15 and had to become a man. His young bride of 13 had to become a woman and this they both did. They went through good times and bad times. They had so much ahead of them; a young couple that hardly knew anything, but to take hold of life and go. Johnny worked his whole life. They had five children and they never had to go hungry, or unclothed and were always taken care of and loved. He worked hard but he did it with pride and satisfaction. Doris became one of the best cooks, good housekeeper's and mother, keeping five kids clean and neat. So when we start making excuses, just think of these two teenagers with determination and faith.

Now do you know my brother Johnny?

I'm thankful that I can say – "he was my brother"!

Love you all,
Kat
3/31/17

When I was thinking of special memories of Johnny, there were so many. They all included him "working" and "giving" because of his love for people. I would like to share a few of those "givings".

I remember how excited momma was when he got her first automatic washer and dryer and then later when he brought them a brand new car to drive. I remember watching a small girl, my own, so excited she could hardly stand it when he delivered her a new go-cart. She, along with Shane and Kelly, had a lot of fun from that one unselfish act. Another memory was when he had a flower shop deliver around 20 dozen roses in vases to Delmarie's house. He along with some of his family delivered them to his wife, daughters, daughters-in-law, mother, mother-in-law, his sisters, and sisters-in-law, as well as a couple of friends.

He loved to work and thought everybody else needed to like it. I will always remember his love and unselfishness, as well his need to be responsible. I am proud he was my big brother.

Linda Shelton

(Johnny's baby sister born on his birthday)

Written on March 29, 2017

Family Legacy
It's not what you leave
TO your children,
It's what you leave
IN your children.

The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith.

Billy Graham

Compliments of Doris Rebecca Williamson

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:13-18 (KJV)

Compliments of Shane, Misty, Dakotah, Maygan & Katelyn Smith

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Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

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I have shewed you all things, how
that so labouring ye ought to
support the weak, and to
remember the words of the Lord
Jesus, how he said, It is more
blessed to give than to receive.

Acts 20:35



*You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free.
But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh;
rather, serve one another humbly in love.*

Galatians 5:13



I didn't really grow up in Samantha most of my childhood and have been away all of my adult life, but home is where your heart and family are and it always feels like home when I'm on Shepherd Hill. Over the years my kids would never want to leave when we'd come for visits. Who could blame them? I have so many wonderful memories myself of playing with my cousins here, helping Granddaddy Johnny shell peas, and eating Grandmother Doris' cocoa syrup for breakfast and vegetable soup for supper. Now that was a perfect day! Granddaddy always exemplified hard work, giving to others, and was always sweet to us, asking us about our life and giving an abundance of hugs out.♥As I grew older, I learned to value our adult conversation and would always ponder our talks afterwards... what precious memories now! I am so proud of my family legacy, and I know he is, too. I imagine him looking down on us grinnin' right now....
Trish

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This is my Pawpaw John. Working in a massive garden where things grown there would be given to people in his community and really anyone that God would place in pawpaw's path. I heard that one time he literally gave someone the shirt off his back. He walked out love and was so much the hands and feet of Jesus. Holy Spirit brings pawpaw to remembrance today, a picture of how my mother adored him. She was happiest in his presence. Sitting on the front porch talking, walking in the garden with each other, sharing life stories. In the middle of chaos, my mom rested in his mere presence. Rest and peace were brought to her not by what he bought for her or did for her. Those things he did for her and she valued them, but it couldn't touch those walks in the garden or front porch talks. Did you know that you can be positioned right in the middle of chaos and disaster but still have the peace, rest, and security of your Father? He longs to walk in the garden with you. It's what He created you for in the first place. You are changed in His presence and all of a sudden His grace is sufficient and His presence is enough. Even when He isn't giving and doing things our human brains think should be done, HE IS ENOUGH. He is enough in the wasteland. He is enough in the chaos. HE IS ENOUGH. HIS BLOOD IS ENOUGH. HIS LOVE IS ALWAYS ENOUGH.

Written on November 20, 2015

Submitted by Caroline Olive Mockler

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One of my fondest memories of Granddaddy Johnny was one day when we peeled tomatoes together and talked about God and life while sitting on his front porch. That was a special day because I was able to spend quality time, just me and my Granddad. I can still picture that day in my mind. Neither of us were in a hurry, nor too busy to share our time together. It was one of those days you wish would never end. That day brought us closer together and I thank the Lord for it.

God teaches us to always keep his words in our heart and to share them with those around us, especially our family. What a privilege and blessing it is when you can share with your family the teachings and blessings of God.

By Kim Oliver

These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (CSB).

Now the God of peace,
who brought up from the dead
the great Shepherd of the sheep
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
even Jesus our Lord,
equip you in every good thing to do His will,
working in us that which is pleasing in His sight,
through Jesus Christ,
to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.
Hebrews 13:20-21

In Christ's Love,
Jason, Kelly, Connor, Natalie and Warren Clark
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*But if we are living in
the light, as God is in
the light, then we have
fellowship with each
other, and the blood of
Jesus, his Son, cleanses
us from all sin.*

1 John 1:7 NLT

Compliments of
Dex & Anna Stanley



Stormy Marie Williamson

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
-1 Corin. 13:4-7

Family

*like branches on a tree,
we all grow in different
directions, yet our roots remain as one*

Daddy, when you didn't realize I was watching, I saw you...

In your pressed khakis and white button down as I sat on your lap on the pew at New Hope each Sunday morning when I was a little girl.

Buy a washer and dryer for a lady who we saw hanging out clothes on a cold winter day.

Show love with the touch of your big hands when I was sick and you would rub my forehead.

Take off your boots at night and I would smell the sawdust that fell on the floor.

With a big smile on your face the day you took me to Standard Furniture and bought my cedar chest.

Welcome my friends and treat them with kindness, love and respect.

Mop the kitchen floor late at night because you saw that Momma was tired too.

Give Momma a list of duties for us to do in the summer because you wanted us to learn to work and to stay out of trouble.

Angry at a boy who had wrong motives toward me.

Act goofy with the manikin at Gayfers the night you took me to buy my sewing machine.

Glowing with joy and pride when we walked together to the nursery window to see my new born babies.

Plant strawberries for Kelly because you knew my baby daughter loved them so.

Give Shane important tasks because you trusted his character.

Do without your farm truck so that Dex would have a way to go to work.

Push through difficulties and pain because you were the strongest man I knew.

Sacrifice your time, your body, your resources, your own needs to provide for our family.

Grieve so deep when your Mother died and it taught me how important our family heritage is.

Try to tell me you were about to leave us and every word is forever branded in my heart and mind.

You taught me that the Bible is full of treasures and it gave me a hunger to find them. You taught me that Philippians 4:13 is true – that we CAN do all things through Christ who strengthens us and that NOTHING is impossible with Christ just as it says in Matthew 19:26. I learned that Christ was the source of your endurance, your grit, your supernatural strength and your ability to love the unlovely. You taught me that my mistakes and bad decisions didn't have to keep me from moving forward. You taught me to never give up and to always look up just as Psalm 121 tells me where to find help. You taught me that The Lord is MY Shepherd!

You taught me Joshua 4!

Becky Williamson Martin

4/4/17



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"Always be aware of your surroundings"



Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

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Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves. Philippians 2:3





Becky & Benny Martin

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But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31



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The Lord make His face shine upon you,

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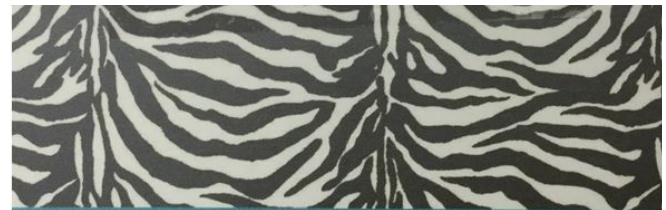
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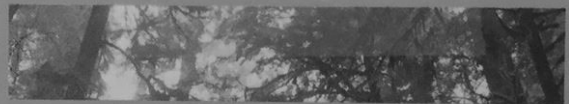
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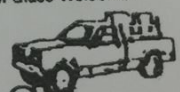
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About Us

The Little Closet Community Food Pantry



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Samantha, Alabama

Every family has a story...

Welcome

To Ours...

We come from a long line of love – a family of deep roots. And like redwood trees whose roots reach out and intertwine with each other in order to stand strong, we recognize that we need our neighbors and friends support to help make our community strong.

We believe God wants us to be like giant redwood trees supporting each other and planting shade trees for others to sit under. We invite you to join us.

It is our desire to always honor and glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in all we do.

Good Shepherd Foundation

A 501(c)(3), Faith-Based Organization

Johnny Williamson was driven to help others and he practiced the act of giving daily. He was always prepared to provide a need for his neighbor, never asking for anything in return. It was out of his love for his Savior (The Good Shepherd) that he loved others. *Whoever is generous to the needy gives to the Lord. Proverbs 19:17*

Out of community need and requests from his friends after his death, his children started the Johnny Williamson Good Shepherd Foundation. It is our desire and prayer to fulfill this *legacy of love*.

Our Purpose:

As we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those of the household of faith.
Galatians 6:10

Our Mission:

To continue the legacy of love for others by providing support and assistance of daily essentials to individuals and families in the Samantha and surrounding communities.

The Good Shepherd Statue

After the death of his mother, Pearlie Mae Williamson, Johnny Williamson was inspired to create a *representation* of the 23rd Psalm. It was her favorite scripture.

A cypress log was chosen for *The Good Shepherd Statue* because of the longstanding belief that the Cypress is the “gopher wood” (or kopher which is the Hebrew word for waterproof) that Noah used to build the ark. He worked alongside longtime friend and local artist/sculptor, Willie Logan (1940-2010), to carve the 6-1/2 foot statue of *The Good Shepherd*.

The best recognized example of a symbolic shepherd is in the Son of God, Jesus. In John 1:11, *Jesus spoke of himself, I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.*

Joshua 4 teaches us to set up memorials as reminders of what God has lead us through and to give us opportunity to teach our children about our spiritual heritage to glorify God. **The Good Shepherd Statue is intended to be such a memorial.** It is located on Highway 43 North, approximately 2 miles north of Northside High School.

We respectfully request that the statue be referred to as The Good Shepherd and not Jesus in a box!

Shepherd Hill Opry

The outdoor Amphitheatre was built in memory of Johnny Williamson by his children on the property where he called home and created deep roots.

Johnny called family gatherings parties, which consisted of family, friends, food and music. He instructed his children to continue having parties on his property after he was gone. This site is intended to glorify God and continue Johnny's legacy in the community he loved so dearly with his multitude of friends. All net proceeds benefit the Johnny Williamson Good Shepherd Foundation.

Concerts are held throughout the year. Well-known artists Allen Frizzell (Lefty Frizzell's younger brother), Marty Raybon (lead singer with Shenandoah), Lulu Roman (former Hee Haw Star), Clinton Gregory Bluegrass Band, Jennifer Brantley, Gerald Smith, and Addison Johnson and Donnie Lee Strickland have performed at Shepherd Hill Opry as well as Shannon Knight formerly with The Gaithers. It is a tradition that the last song is always *I Saw the Light* with all the crowd joining in.

This is an alcohol free venue.

Shepherd Hill Opry is a ministry of Johnny Williamson Good Shepherd Foundation, a 501(c)(3) Faith-Based organization.

Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Corin. 10:30

Pearl-Frances Chapel

October 6, 2016 The charming, historic *New Lexington Voting House* was relocated from Highway 43 North across from Big Al's Restaurant in New Lexington, Alabama, to its new home on Shepherd Hill and will soon begin its transformation into *Pearl-Frances Chapel*. It was acquired from previous owners, John and Peggy Walker. Named for The Williamson Siblings' grandmothers, Pearl Williamson and Frances Keaton.

When complete, with steeple, cross and bell, the chapel will make a perfect venue for an intimate, country wedding, vow renewal, baby dedication or any special occasion with family and friends.

It is our hope *Pearl-Frances Chapel* will provide a place for our community to stop in for special prayer needs or to have a moment with The Lord and that it will serve to strengthen our community.

***The Little Closet
Community Food Pantry***

Neighbors Helping Neighbors. The Little Closet Community Food Pantry is supported through a cooperative with the local churches and partnership with local businesses and individual support. It is governed by an Operations Board of volunteers who live in the Samantha and surrounding communities.

The story behind the name: ***The Little Closet.***

Johnny's mother, Pearl Williamson, was an avid gardener like her son and worked feverishly to preserve the bounty of her labor so that she could share it with neighbors and all who entered her home. She called her pantry, the little closet. We can still hear the echoes of her saying "Hun, go in the little closet and get you some beans or whatever you want". She always kept the door open to this room. *A Legacy of Love in Action.*

The Little Closet Food Pantry offers this same "open door" welcome to anyone who needs a hand-up.

MISSION: The Little Closet Community Food Pantry is dedicated to providing for the needs of hungry people by collection and distributing food and grocery products, educating the community about hunger, and collaborating with others who address basic human needs.

The Little Closet Community Food Pantry is a ministry of Johnny Williamson Good Shepherd Foundation.

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Our Vision

The Foundation is two-pronged. In addition to meeting the basic daily essentials we want to build up our community with encouragement and promote good will and relationship with our neighbors. The purpose of the concerts and parties we host on Shepherd Hill is not just to raise money to fund The Foundation and The Little Closet but to also encourage, provide folks something to do, buildup and strengthen relationships in the Samantha and surrounding communities. That's how we come to find out each other's needs, through relationships. Communities grow stronger when folks regularly and persistently do a variety of simple things together that give them opportunities to connect with others, build trust and get involved in doing things together. Relationships grow from people sharing food, helping others, listening to music under the stars, and just joining together. It serves the purposes of connecting people, building trust, and involving people with each other. What matters to the quality of community life is the number of people who regularly connect and mix it up with one another.

There is more to overcoming social inclusion and social needs than taking actions like these, but these are good

practices to build a stronger, foundation for our common life.

Sharing the love of Jesus is at the very heart of anything and everything we do. We have the desire to meet our neighbors social needs/daily essentials (food, clothing, housing, heat, etc.) because we have experienced His love and our Daddy demonstrated this for us. (Galatians 6:10). However, we don't want to socialize the gospel. We want to gospelize the social - So that the gospel addresses every social condition that we ever encounter. We are not just a humanitarian organization addressing temporal needs. We are concerned with the eternal. We want to share the good news. (John 3:16). We envision Shepherd Hill as a place for all needs not just a place for the needy. We don't often think of daily essentials including our emotional and spiritual needs but we all have those needs. It's not just food and clothing. We are responsible for our neighbor's physical AND spiritual wellbeing.

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So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people.
Acts 2:46-47

Legacy of Love Festival

Johnny called gatherings a party. He told his children to continue having parties on his property after he was gone.

The Legacy of Love Festival is a community party celebrating the memory of Johnny's birthday, April 19th. It is held on the 3rd Saturday of April each year on Shepherd Hill in Samantha, Alabama.

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Matthew 20:35



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