

Front cover artwork by Hunter & Parker Sexton



Hunter and Parker Sexton are brothers who live in Northport and are active in their youth group at Christ Harbor Methodist Church. Hunter, a 17 year old junior at TCHS, plays the tenor sax in the Blue Velvet Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, and the Black Warrior Winds. He is in the TC Choir, is a TC ambassador, and a member of Forerunners. Parker, a 13 year old 7th grader at Echols, performs with Tuscaloosa Children's Theatre and the Actors Charitable Theatre. He plays alto sax in the Echols Band and volunteers with Arts n Autism. They both love jazz music, Legos, and Star Wars.

Samantha, Alabama

In the northern part of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama exists a hidden treasure! A wonderful community called Samantha. Named by the first postmaster whose wife was Samantha. Home of The Northside Rams, The Annual Legacy of Love Festival and local landmark Good Shepherd Statue.

It's a country life and southern to the core. You won't find much fine dining. Well, unless you are like us and consider steaks on the grill, fresh vegetables, homemade ice cream and sweet tea or fresh squeezed lemonade fine dining. You won't find any art museums. Well, unless you consider a beautiful blue sky cathedral or the most amazing sunset you have ever seen a piece of art. You won't find a lot of entertainment. Well, unless you consider lots of porch sitting opportunities and sharing a cup of coffee with a friend entertaining. You won't find a lot of industry. Well, unless you consider farming, logging, country stores, produce stands, etc., as way of making a living. You won't find any symphonies. Well, unless you consider birds singing as one of the most melodious sounds you've ever heard. You won't find any Societies or Country Clubs. Well, unless you consider a group of folks who belong to the same

church or Sunday school class such a group. You won't find any colleges or universities. Well, unless you consider the school of common sense, hard work and fear of The Lord as knowledge.

Please visit us soon and often. Travel that country road to the end of the County and experience it for yourself. You won't be disappointed. We promise.





WELCOME

Welcome to Shepherd Hill and the 5th 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. Shepherd Hill an alcohol free, family environment.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. John 10:11



Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Psalm 150:1-6

Schedule of Events

Emcee: Jeff Long

- 11:00 Welcome & Recognition of Design Winners Hunter & Parker Sexton
- 11:15 Jake Dutton, Moulton, Alabama
- 11:45 Shannon Knight, Guin Alabama
- 12:30 James Smith on the Autoharp, Owens Crossroads, AL
- 1:15 Ally Skelton, Samantha, Alabama

1:30 Calling All Kids – Birthday Party Hour

-Katelyn Smith & Mawmaw Becky (1 song)

-Skit w/Becca & Bree Bynum, Katelyn & Maygan Smith and Ava Claire Hughes, Directed by Angel Upchurch

-Drama/Story with Joe Jones

-All Kids interactive songs with Dex & Anna Stanley

-Everyone sings Jesus Loves Me

Cake & Ice Cream

- 2:30 Dex & Anna Stanley, Hartselle, Alabama
- 3:30 Jeff Long Band, Kennedy, AL
- 4:30 Addison Johnson, Nashville, TN
- 5:30 O'liviajade Frizzell, Nashville, TN

Crowd Sings I Saw the Light

 Train Schedule:
 11:00-1:00; 2:30-3:30; 4:00-5:00

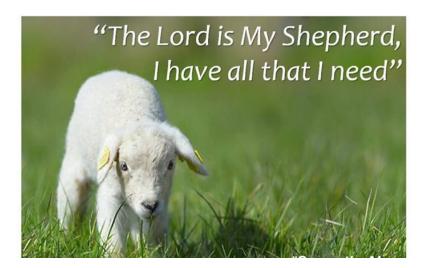
 Pony Schedule:
 11-12:00; 12:30-1:30; 2:30-3:30; 4:30-500 - (15 years old and under)

Jeff Long - Emcee and Event Host



Jeff has been in the ministry since he was 14 years old. He has been the Pastor of Higdon Church in Kennedy, Alabama for nine years. He has served as commissioner for Lamar County, Alabama since 2016 and has been self employed (utility construction) since 1999.

He and his wife Mary have been married for 30 years and have three adult children.







Many thanks to Conductor Jackie McAteer for bringing The Glory Train

Thanks to Sound Engineer, Dex Stanley, Hartselle, Alabama

Dex serves as Worship Team Leader at his church, No Fences Cowboy Church of Morgan County, where he plays lead guitar. He is a production control team member with Toyota Manufacturing in Huntsville. He and his wife, Anna, are expecting their first child in August.

Thanks to Mickey Mouse

Cody Allen Shelby- Cody is a current Disney Cast Member for The Walt Disney Company. He is a licensed Disney Character Performer with the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida. Cody completed the Disney College Program and has now been inducted into the Disney Alumni Association. He also participates in Disney's Adopt-a- School Program for local schools in Tuscaloosa. Cody also serves as our 2018 Goodwill Ambassador for the State Of Alabama. He loves using his God given talents to uplift people and help make their dreams come true.



Thank you Norwood-Wyatt Chapel for providing tents for the Legacy of Love Festival. We appreciate you!





Pony Rides compliments of Wesley, Alaina and Ava Claire Hughes•



O'liviajade is a American Christian Music Singer Songwriter & National Speaker



Although O'liviajade hails from a legendary family in Country Music, the daughter of Country Gospel Music Hall of Famer Allen Frizzell as well as the niece of Country Music legend Lefty Frizzell & Grammy nominated David Frizzell, she has no problem standing on her own two feet. O'liviajade debuted in Zurich Switzerland at the age of four and in her late teen's she scored a top ten Christian Country Music hit with the remake of Christy Lane's classic, "One Day At A Time", featuring Gordon Mote on piano. O'liviajade was featured on the NQC stage along side JD Crowe, The Issac"s and many more Country & Gospel greats. After constantly touring from the East Coast to the West Coast for several years, O'liviajade decided to take a break from music ministry to concentrate on finishing her degree. She attended the esteemed Liberty University, a private, fully accredited Christian University, where she is a 2018 graduate receiving her Bachelors of Science Degree in Psychology with a minor in Religion and cognate focus in Crisis Counseling. During her studies, O'liviajade interned under Dale Phillips who was recently recognized by *People magazine* for his Equine Psychotherapeutic approach called the "Reins Model". The month of April O'liviajade was the featured speaker with "Makin' Music & Makin Friends Anti-Bully Tour" through out the the Mid-Atlantic region.

There is no doubt O'liviajade is a gifted young lady with not only a beautiful voice but a beautiful sincere heart to serve and encourage others with the talents God has given her.

Booking Info: 615 477 6825

frizzellhousemusic@gmail.com



Addison Johnson

Addison is an accomplished neotraditional country singer and songwriter based in Nashville, TN. His latest album debuted at #11 on iTunes Country Charts, and he is currently on a very packed 2018 tour! Check out his music and credentials at AddisonJohnsonMusic.com for more info.



The Jeff Long Band

The Jeff Long Band is a bluegrass-gospel group that travels throughout Mississippi and Alabama spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jeff Long (Lead/Harmony Vocals and Guitar)

Sara Long (Lead/Harmony Vocals and Fiddle)

Jimmy Joe Holsonback (Mandolin)

Randy Glascow (Lead/Harmony Vocals and Banjo)

Greg Turner (Lead Vocals and Upright Bass)



Dex and Anna Stanley, Hartselle, Alabama

Dex and Anna 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 selftaught 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. They serve on the worship team at No Fences Cowboy Church. They are expecting their first child in August.



Bro. Joe Jones

Bro. Joe Jones will be enacting a drama skit titled "The Ragman, The Ragman, The Christ", written by Walter Wangering, Jr. He is a retired Professor with Welch College. He taught Speech and Drama and The Gospel of John. He served as pastor also Pastor, retiring from Salem Baptist Church after 16 years.

Jake Dutton, Moulton, Alabama

Jake leads music at his church, Moulton Community Baptist. He serves as a Gideon with The Gideons International Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While we are often recognized for our work with hotels, we also place and distribute Scriptures in strategic locations so they are available to those who want them, as well as to those who may not know they need them. He and his wife, Connie, have three children and seven grandchildren.



L to R: Maygan Smith, Katelyn Smith, Bree Bynum, Becca Bynum, Ava Claire Hughes

Performing the skit, "It Still Takes the Blood". These precious girls are so full of life all smiles and giggles. They have done a GREAT job getting ready to perform. Maygan and Katelyn are the daughters of Shane & Misty Smith (Johnny's Great Granddaughter's); Bree and Becca are the daughters of Thomas and Alicia Bynum (Johnny's Great-Nieces) and Ava Claire is the daughter of Wesley and Alaina Hughes (Great-Granddaughter of Faye & Jr. Hughes (longtime friends and next-door neighbors of Johnny). Truly a Legacy of Love for Samantha, Alabama.



Angel Upchurch

Angel choreographed the skit to the song "It Still Takes the Blood". She is married to Ronnie Upchurch and together, they have two children, Bailee and Wesley. The Upchurch's have been part of the Samantha community for over 20 years. Angel is a graduate of Tuscaloosa County High School. Ronnie, as well as, Bailee are both graduates of Northside High School and Wesley will be graduating this year from Northside. Angel is a stay at home mom who, along with Ronnie, was active with Northside's

Toybowl football program and with any activities their children participated in during their school years. The Upchurch's have been active members of Arbor Springs Baptist Church since 2005 where Angel assisted with the drama department for 10 years, as well as, along with Ronnie, held other positions around the church. Angel's hobbies include, watching her children play sports, and she loves architectural photography.



Katelyn Faith Smith & Mawmaw Becky

Katelyn sings with her sister, Maygan at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church where her Daddy is the Pastor. She sang on Shepherd Hill Opry stage at last year's festival with Anna Stanley. As she is getting older, stage fright is creeping in. As Mawmaw Becky was convincing her to sing this year with encouraging statements like "there's nothing to be afraid of - you are singing for The Lord—you just belt it out like Anna does" she looked at her and said, "Will you sing with me?" So Mawmaw had to eat her words and join Katelyn on stage. Katelyn is the daughter of Shane

and Misty Smith. She is in the 3rd grade at Walker Elementary School.



Ally Skelton, Samantha, Alabama

Ally is 14 years old and attends Northside Middle School. She is a member of Sulpher Springs Freewill Baptist Church where she is an active member of the praise and worship group as well as choir. She is currently a music student of Mrs. Sarah Beams at Treble Makers Music Studio. She is using music to try and spread the gospel and to reach others. She is looing forward to using music to help her grow in her faith in God.



James Smith

Known as the "Autoharp-Man from Al-la-bam," grew up in Huntsville, Alabama, at the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. He weaves the art of songwriter, poet, story teller and historian with the musicianship of singer and instrumentalist. Smith sings Appalachian-style Old-Time Mountain music and accompanies himself with an Appalachian instrument, the autoharp, made famous by "Mother" Maybelle Carter.

Smith is a retired licensed professional counselor and certified medical psychotherapist, specializing in marriage and family counseling. He is an ordained minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He has been married to Sa-

rah (Wiatt) for 41 years, has three adult children and six grandchildren.



Shannon Knight

Shannon is a singing Evangelist. He holds revivals all over the United States and is currently scheduling "Back to God America" Rallies.

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. In 2012, Shannon, signed with Crossroads/Skyland Label. He sings with Music City Quartet.

Shannon is married to Haley Knight. They have

four children, Anna Kate, Gracie, Kiptyn and Paislee.

Contact: (205) 468-8789

In Memory

Beautiful memories silently kept Of one that we loved and will never forget



In Memory of

Rita Watts

2/11/1948-11/17/2017





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

In loving memory of my dad who passed away this year, Bobby Joe Martin. Love Benny Martin



In loving memory of Kenneth M. Jones. Kenneth loved the Samantha Community and he loved Northside High School. Love Wayne Gilliam and Karen Sparks



Left to Right: Wayne Gilliam, Karen Dyer Sparks, Kenneth Jones and Myra Butler

Community Deaths 3/31/2017-April 1, 2018

Baxter, John Wesley 10/5/05-8/28/17 Bigham, Bobby – age 62 DOD: 8/5/17 Clements, Tommy Age 62 - DOD:5/26/17 Collins, Nina, age 82 – DOD: Crawford, Carol Ann, age 70 – DOD: 3/3/18 Eubanks, Clara – Age 86 – DOB: 4/25/17 Jones, Minnie Grace, Age 86 – DOD: 7/29/17 Kimbrell, Cecil, Age 78 – DOD: 3/19/18 Kuykendall, Jimmy - 11/30/1950 - 4/19/2017 Logan, Wesley, age 95 – DOD: 5/10/2017 Long , Robert Mae Gilliam DOD 9/14/17 Moore, John Morris, Sandy, age 56 – DOD: 11/7/17 Moss, Billy, age 87 – DOD: 7/25/17 Nuckols, Rena Muriel, age 88 – DOD: 1/26/18 Nuckols, Robert, Age 62: DOD: 11/27/17 Rogers, Dorothy 4/8/1932 - 12/20/2017 Smalley, Wayne, age 76 – Dod: 2/12/18 Smith, Randy (Snuff), age 60 – DOD: 6/5/17 Thornton, Michael, age 65 – DOD: 5/5/17 Watson, Paulette, age 69 – DOD: 4/23/17 Watts, Rita, age 69 - DOD: 11/17/17 Watts, William, age 85 - DOD: 12/16/17

The names on this list were submitted by community members and family of the decedent

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."



Psalm 150 (KJV)

150 Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

² Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

³ Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

⁴ Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

⁵ Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

⁶ Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

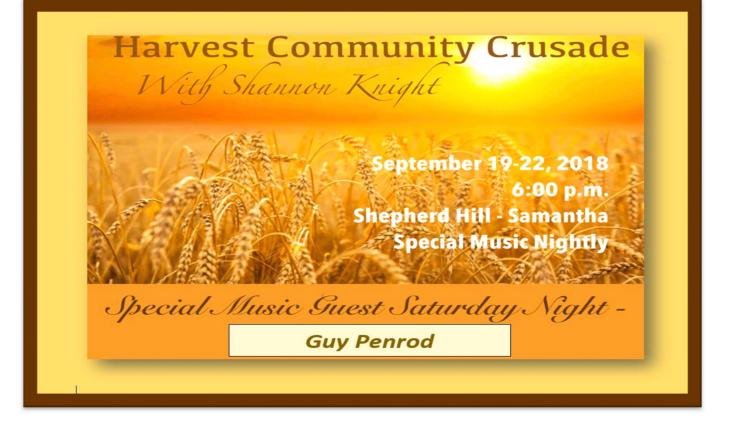
An Evening with Bill Mullis



Saturday, June 2, 2018 6:30 p.m. Shepherd Hill Opry Samantha, Alabama

Free Event Refreshments

Bill Mullis from Brunswick, Georgia is a seasoned Songwriter, Recording Artist, 2005 and 2006 Nominee for the Christian Country Music Associations "Music Evangelist of the Year" -- Winning the award in 2007. https://billmullis.com/home





Saturday, September 22, 2018 6:00 p.m. -Gates Open at 5:00 Shepherd Hill Opry, Samantha, Alabama

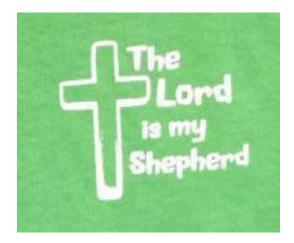
Parking Offsite with shuttle to event. Look for signs on Highway 43 North. BRING A LAWN CHAIR-- NO ADMISSION CHARGE

The Good Shepherd Foundation is so excited for the opportunity to bring Guy Penrod back to Shepherd Hill Opry. September 22nd has been reserved, but we need your help. We believe our call is to minister to our neighbors and in doing so offer access to fellowship, music, food and the love of Christ at no cost to anyone who wants to come. The only way we can do this is with partners who share this same heart. We believe and trust that bringing Guy Penrod back to rural Samantha will have great, positive impact on our community as we fellowship together and he glorifies God through his music under the blue sky and twinkling stars of the open air. *Please prayerfully consider partnering with us financially. Even the smallest amount makes a difference.* For more information go to our event page @ goodshepherdfound.org/guy-penrod.html or call (205) 233-3794. P.O. Box 83, Samantha, Alabama, 35482





Saturday, April 20, 2019



Johnny Williamson Good Shepherd Foundation A Legacy of Love in Action The Little Closet Community Food Pantry Shepherd Hill Opry • Pearl-Frances Chapel A 501(c)(3), Faith-Based Organization

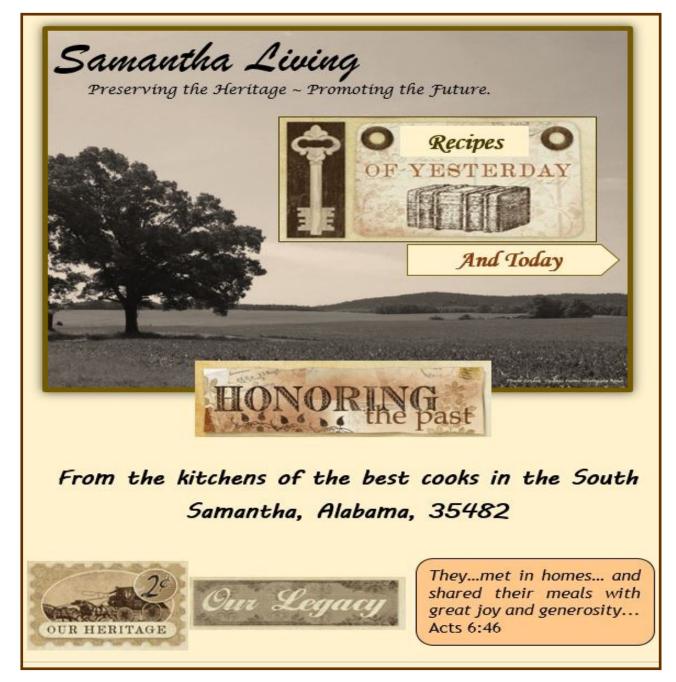
2018 Shepherd Hill Schedule of Events

(Dates and Times Subject to Change) Additional Events Added Periodically – Check Website for Updates February 27th The Little Closet Community Food Pantry Distribution 4:00-6:00 pm. March 27th The Little Closet Community Food Pantry Distribution 4:00-6:00 pm. April 14th Workday on Shepherd Hill 5th Annual Legacy of Love Festival April 21st April 24th The Little Closet Community Food Pantry Distribution 4:00-6:00 pm. May 22nd The Little Closet Community Food Pantry Distribution 4:00-6:00 pm. June 2nd Concert on The Hill with Bill Mullis, Brunswick, Georgia June 26th The Little Closet Community Food Pantry Distribution 4:00-6:00 pm. July 24th The Little Closet Community Food Pantry Distribution 4:00-6:00 pm. August 28th The Little Closet Community Food Pantry Distribution 4:00-6:00 pm. September 19-21st Harvest Community Crusade with Shannon Knight – Special Music Nightly September 22nd Guy Penrod (pending financial sponsorship) September 25th The Little Closet Community Food Pantry Distribution 4:00-6:00 pm. October 13th Samantha Trade Day, Tractor Show and Fish Fry Kenzy @ (205) 292-0045 October 23rd The Little Closet Community Food Pantry Distribution 4:00-6:00 pm. November 20th The Little Closet Community Food Pantry Distribution 4:00-6:00 pm. December 5 Old Fashioned Christmas Carols & Tree Lighting on Shepherd Hill December 18th

Goodshepherdfound.org Email: info@goodshepherdfound.org

thelittlecloset.org/events.html Phone: (205) 233-3794

The Little Closet Community Food Pantry Distribution 4:00-6:00 pm.



We are compiling a Cookbook of delicious recipes from the great cooks in our community. We want to preserve the tried and true dishes of past generations. So, dig through your boxes and kitchen drawers for your Mother's, Grandmother's and Aunt's favorites that you remember from family reunions and church functions. We also want new recipes, so jot down your go to dishes so we can all enjoy them for years to come.

You can drop handwritten or typed recipes in the box at the Samantha Post Office; mail them to PO Box 83, Samantha, AL, 35482; or email to <u>editor@samanthaliving.com</u>.

BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME WITH YOUR RECIPE

Please ask your family and friends to join us in this great project and help us preserve our heritage for our Daughters and Granddaughters.



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.

We look forward to seeing you on Shepherd Hill.

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 10:11, 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. <u>The Good Shepherd Statue is intended to be</u> <u>such a memorial.</u> 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

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 Cloget.

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 Mission of The Little Closet Community Food Pantry is to serve those in need of food with kindness, respect, and confidentiality. Partnering to serve our community by providing nourishment of body, mind and spirit with the love of Christ.

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

The Little Closet Operations Board

Anders, Kathy - President Williamson, LaWanda – Vice-President

Amerson, Ashley Anders, Mike Andrews, Terrance Beams, Charles Blumthall, Dane Blumthall, Raye Childers, Jason Childers, Ruth Christian, Wanda Clark, Jeanette Dockery, Ed Dockery, Susan Gooch, Dee Gooch, Jimmy Hall, Wanda Martin, Angela Martin, Becky, Founding Member Martin, Benny Norris, John Sparks, Karen Williamson, Danita Williamson, Larry, Founding Member Williamson, Ricky, Founding Member

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.

Larry & Danita Williamson Ricky & LaWanda Williamson Benny & Becky Williamson-Martin

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.

"Momma's Kitchen"

No gathering is complete without food. So, we are in the planning stages of building a little snack shack.

Growing up, Momma (Doris Rebecca Williamson), spent many hours in the kitchen daily showing love to her family making each one their favorite dish. Sometimes cooking breakfast at three different times to accommodate everyone's schedule. The Williamson family gathered at the table every evening to share a meal together. And, although her devoted service was not fully appreciated then, the lessons she taught about the importance of having a family meal together are forever engrained in the hearts of her children. Jesus also left us many examples of fellowship with others by breaking bread with those He loved.

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.

Live Music, Children's Activities, Food and of course Homemade Ice Cream and more.

This is a free event.

Community Venue

We enjoy birthday parties and family gatherings on Shepherd Hill so much that we want to make it available to our community to use. Next time you are looking for an outdoor venue for your family reunion, birthday party, or simple country wedding, give us a call. Great porch sitting opportunities on The Little Closet Community Food Pantry porch, Shepherd Hill Opry stage for live music, picnic area and a stage for square dancing or clogging. Fun children's area with slide and swings. Or you might just want to have a game of checkers, dominoes or cards, share some stories and make memories with your family and friends and celebrate life. If so come on by.

We only ask a nominal donation to cover costs to use.

Donations

Our funding comes from family donations and community support through individuals, businesses and local churches.

Donations can be made by credit card through our website at goodshepherdfound.org or by check. Please contact us if you would like to sponsor a family. Event sponsorships are available.

We believe your tithes belong to your local church. Your donations to our organization are received as offerings to support the needs of our community.

The Good Shepherd Foundation is a (501)(c)(3), Faith-Based, registered non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible. EIN #46-3243772. If you would like to partner with us or if you would like to have someone come speak to your group, church or organization, please call (205) 233-3794.

On the Web:

- www.goodshepherdfound.org
- <u>facebook.com/TheGoodShepherdStatueat</u>
 <u>PawpawJohns</u>
- www.thelittlecloset.org

To contact The Little Closet Community Food Pantry, call (205) 534-3104

Our Location:

<u>The Good Shepherd Statue</u> is located on Highway 43 North, in Samantha, Alabama between mile markers 216 and 217.

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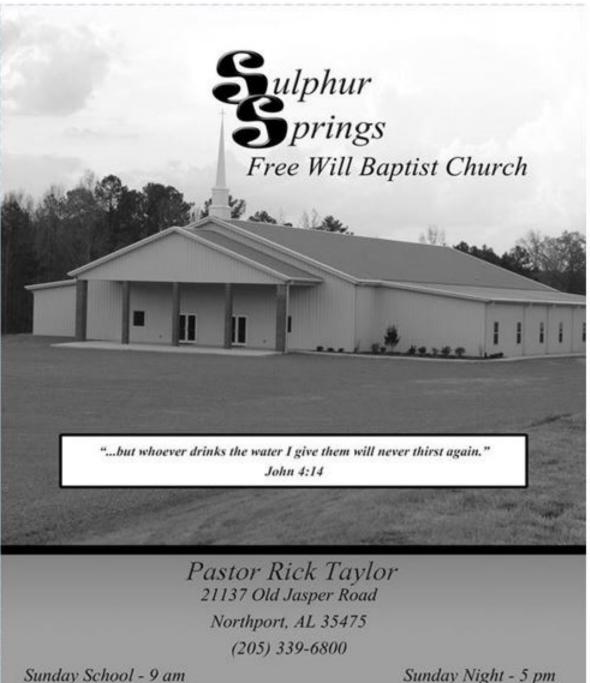
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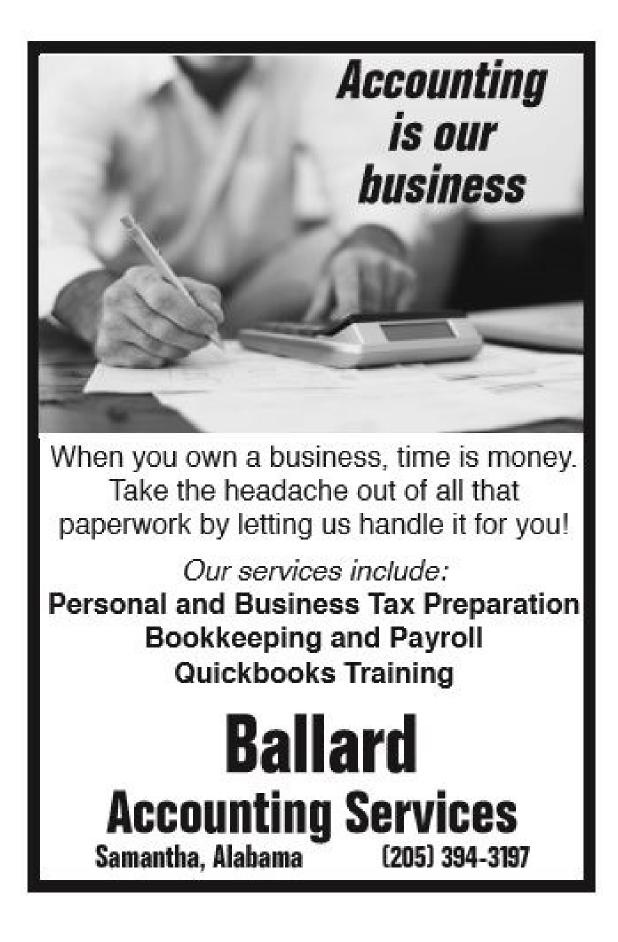


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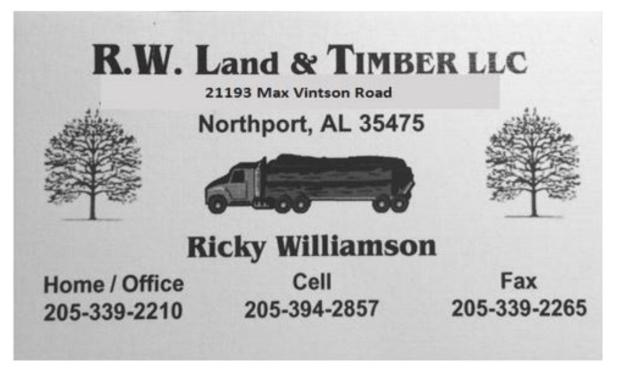
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> Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves. Philippians 2:3





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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.

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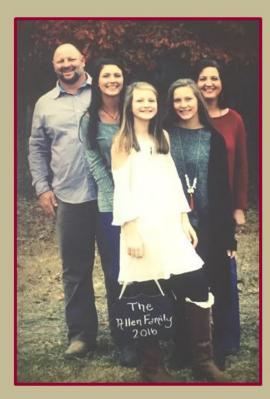
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For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,



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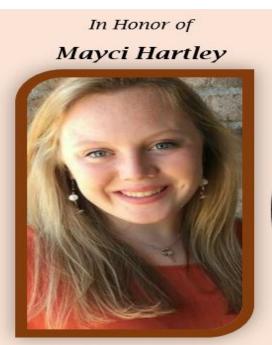
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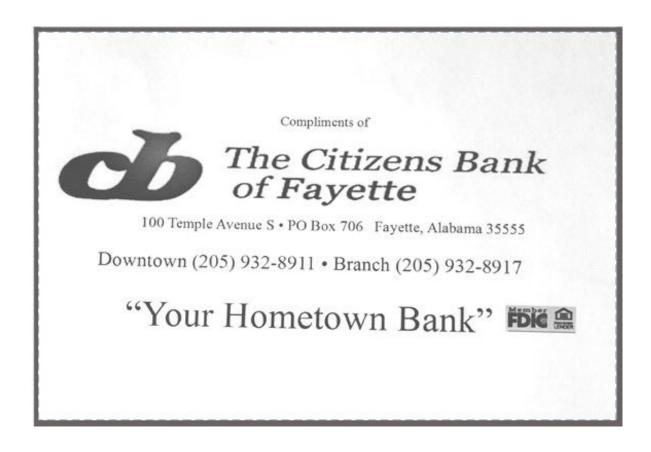
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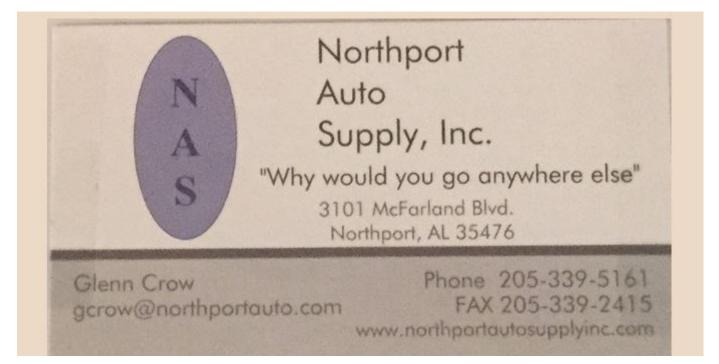
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