

## ***From the Director ... Rev. Michael D. Sharp, DMin***

**Welcome to the 2018 Senior Adult Retreat!** We're so glad you are able to join us for this special week. This peaceful atmosphere will help you to relax and enjoy our time together.

**We are delighted to have as our guest minister Brother Aaron Wilburn.** Some of the songs are famous: *It's Beginning to Rain, That Sounds Like Home to Me, I've Got A New Song to Sing, Four Days Late, and on we could go.* Aaron Wilburn has written and co-written some of the most beloved gospel songs of the past 40 years. He has traveled and ministered with the Happy Goodman Family, Bill and Gloria Gaither, and many others. Aaron was born in Alabama, and early in his life realized he had a dream to be a songwriter. His ministry extended far beyond what he imagined, with chart topping songs, multiple Song of The Year nominations and awards, Dove Awards, and Grammy Nominations. In 2005 Aaron was inducted into the Alabama Music Hall of Fame.

His travels with the Gaither Homecoming Tour and videos brought Aaron to the attention of millions who immediately fell in love with his down-home southern humor and the stories from everyday life. Whether he's talking about the culture of his beloved southern upbringing, his family, the church, or the experiences of being Over 40, the audience connects with him and his take on life. His wit and humor have made Aaron one of the most beloved humorists in the Christian world, and have opened doors into corporate venues where people who may not attend church see and hear the joy of the Lord in Aaron's life. Songs like "If My Nose Was Running Money, I'd Blow It All On You" combine Aaron's family-friendly humor with his unique song writing talent to provide healthy laughter for every age, from grandparents to children.

Since a kidney transplant in May of 2010, with his tremendous testimony of a second chance at life, Aaron has become an ambassador from the stage for the Kidney Foundation. Even with such a serious subject, he will have you in stitches, as he tells of the results in his life from having a female kidney. He finds laughter and joy in every situation, and you will find inspiration and hope in the songs and humor of Aaron Wilburn. Aaron's life and work have exalted Jesus Christ, and have brought joy to millions of people.

**We are also pleased to have Reverend Tony Willis** as music minister during this retreat. He presently serves as Senior Pastor at First Assembly of God in Eufala, Alabama. He married Judy Myers in 1975, and they have two sons, one daughter, and four grandchildren. Tony and Judy have served often in our Seniors Retreats and are looking forward to being with us. The Willis's will be assisted by **Ray Calhoun, Ruth Lambert, and Debra Sharp.**

**May the LORD, the Giver of all Life, grant us life, hope, joy, and peace as we gather in His Name. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!**

## **Schedule of Events**

### **Monday:**

- ◆ Registration 1:00 PM
- ◆ Evening Meal 4:30 – 5:15 PM
- ◆ Evening Service 6:00 PM
- ◆ After Service Fellowship

### **Tuesday:**

- ◆ Coffee Break 7:00 AM
- ◆ Breakfast 7:30 AM
- ◆ Morning Prayer 9:00-9:45 AM
- ◆ Morning Service 10:00 AM
- ◆ Noon Meal 12:00 PM
- ◆ Afternoon Activities 1:00 PM
  - Afternoon Walks
  - Table Games
  - Fishing
  - FREE TIME!
- ◆ Evening Meal 4:30 PM
- ◆ Evening Service 6:00 PM
- ◆ After Service Fellowship (dining hall)

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### Wednesday:

- ◆ Coffee Break 7:00 AM
- ◆ Breakfast 7:30 AM
- ◆ Morning Prayer 9:00-9:45 AM
- ◆ Morning Service 10:00 AM
- ◆ Noon Meal 12:00 PM
- ◆ Afternoon Activities 1:00 PM
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  - Afternoon Walks
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- ◆ Evening Service 6:00 PM
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### Thursday:

- ◆ Coffee Break 7:00 AM
- ◆ Breakfast 7:30 AM
- ◆ Morning Devotion 8:30 AM
- ◆ Prayer and Dismissal 9:00 AM

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**Aaron Wilburn, Guest Speaker**  
**Rev. Tony Willis, Special Music**

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