

- In Memory -

Stanley Williams

November 3, 1932 — May 11, 2024

*Far beyond the clouds of sorrow, in a city built four-square,
In that city there are mansions, for the soul that is prepared.
Far beyond the clouds of sorrow, Saints will hear the Savior say,
Enter in my faithful servant, you've been faithful all the way.*

- Broadus E. Smith -

A Time To Every Purpose

Solomon's wonderful wisdom, is brought to us powerfully in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, where he mentions many categories of life: "A time to be born, and a time to die ..."

There are events in our lives that we eagerly anticipate, while other events we dread, even fear. It is God's purpose that we build and break down, plant and pluck up what we've planted.

When we read of all these different events that are necessary, we can thank God that He has made such wonderful provisions for our work, lives and well-being.

As we age, we become more and more thankful that God has made provision for us to pass from this life into an eternal home. We are thankful that disease, suffering, disappointments, tears, pain and all the rest will pass away (Revelation 21:4).

As we ponder this, we realize that there is a time to obey God, a time to live for Him, a time to forgive others, a time to heal from hurts and renew our spirits, and a time to urge our friends and family to prepare for eventual death.

- John Wright, Woodbine Church of Christ, Nashville, TN -

Let Every Heart Rejoice

- Psalm 100 -

- God is the **Song** (100:1-2) — We are His singers.
- God is the **Creator** (100:3) — We are His creation.
- God is the **Shepherd** (100:3) — We are His sheep.
- God is the **Blessed One** (100:4) — We are the blessed ones.
- God is **Love** (100:5) — We are His loved ones.

- Gus Nichols (deceased) -

Cast your care on Him; He cares for you.

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To the **Williams Family:** Peggy, Susan, Rick and Laura, the grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and extended family members at the passing of **Stan**. Stan was a quiet, kind, gentle man who was dedicated to God and his family. He will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him. God's blessings and comfort to the family.

SYMPATHY: To **Albert & Nancy Farley** at the recent passing of their son, Scott, who was killed in a car accident. Albert & Nancy were here in April for our Senior Day. Their address: **501 Sand Gap Road, Pennsboro, WV 26415.**

BAPTISM: **John Edwin Micheals**, 52 Park Place #2, Chester, WV 26034. Phone: (304) 559-3511.

CONVERT'S CLASS: Each **Thursday at 11:00 a.m.** Open to all.

GRADUATION PARTY: For **Maysun Reardon**, **Saturday, June 1st, Noon to 2:00 p.m.** at the Fellowship Bldg.

OUR VBS: **June 10-14, 10:00 a.m. to Noon.** For ALL ages.

PANTRY: Lima Beans.

REMEMBER THESE SICK & SHUT-IN: **At Home:** Zachary Guidy (Tim Martin's grandson), Dean Spencer, Peggy Linger, Claudette Miller, Nancy Cox, Barbara DeLong, David Strum, Cheryl Renfro Walker, David Michaels (Ed's brother), Todd Grimes (Cindy Miskimen's nephew), Lori Stocks (Karen Strum's niece), Eric Martin (friend of Joe Brubaker), Rich Shilling (relative of Iris Durbin). **Fox - Chester:** Audrey Geer (Linda Hall's mother), Janice Hutchins, Mary Johnson. **Elsewhere:** **Carol Williams** (Sharon Sprout's mother), 104 N. Clayton, Carlsbad, NM 88220. **Herman McHan**, 7401 Elmwood Dr., Lisbon, OH 44432.

The Language of Prayer

Developing a strong prayer life is very much like learning a new language. The linguist Yancey writes: "If I want fluency in a foreign language, I must set aside time, no doubt giving up something else in the process. I must keep working at it, persisting despite the awkward feelings of a beginner. I persevere only because I value the final result. Nearly everything worthwhile involves the same process."

To develop this language of Prayer we need to:

1. Find a Place.
2. Find a Time.
3. Establish a Routine.
4. Be Present (Get away from the distractions of daily life).
5. Be Persistent.
6. Adjust Expectations. (Give God time to work.)



To learn any language you must study and practice the language and be around those that speak it. It's the same with learning to pray. How fluent are you in the language of prayer?

Dennis Doughty, *Magnolia Messenger*, Kosciusko, MS