

# Grief Workshop



*Facing Life's Issues  
of Grief and Loss*

**September 24-26**

*w/ Ron & Don Williams*

## Workshop Conducted By Ron & Don Williams

**Ron Williams** graduated from Freed-Hardeman University with a B.A. degree in Bible and received his Masters of Science in Counseling from Southern Christian University. He has served in ministry since 1978 and is currently the pulpit minister for the Lincoln church of Christ in Huntsville, Alabama, where he has served since 1997.

Ron is co-author with his twin brother, Don, of the book, *Walking with Those Who Weep: A Guide to Grief Support*. Ron has taught community grief support classes since 1992 and has conducted grief education classes for congregations, ministers, funeral homes and hospitals. He has also been involved in facilitating "Dealing with Grief and Loss" seminars for congregations and other agencies since 1998. He has served as Associate Chaplain for Crestwood Medical Center in Huntsville. He has led a monthly grief support class in association with Laughlin Funeral Home and the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center. He is a certified hospice worker. He has taught classes in Bible and counseling and personal development for Faulkner University.

Ron is married to his childhood sweetheart, Bonnie Lawler. They have two sons, Jon Michael, a firefighter, who is married to Whitney Hopper, a grandson, Luke, and another son, Stephen, who lives in Huntsville and works in the restaurant industry.

**Don Williams** is a third-generation preacher. He graduated from Freed-Hardeman University and received his Masters in Ministry from Harding Graduate School of Religion. After 30 years in Ministry, Don has worked for the last two years as the Executive Director of the North Alabama Christian Children's Home.

For 18 years, he has taught an area grief support class. In addition, he has spoken on various facets of grief to preachers, nurses, Chaplains and health care professionals. He is a Palliative Care chaplain with E.C.M. Hospital, and a Volunteer Fire Chaplain and Police Chaplain for the Sheriff's Department of Lauderdale County.

In 1996, he and his twin brother Ron wrote a grief book entitled, *Walking with Those Who Weep: A Guide to Grief Support*. In 1999, Don completed a second book on grief entitled, *Hope For Those Who Struggle: Coping with the Losses of Life*. In 2000, Don completed a four-year certificate of completion in the field of Thanatology (study of death) from the University of Alabama College of Continuing Studies.

Don has been married to his wife Leisa for 32 years. They have 2 sons, Matt and Ben. Matt is married to the former Amanda Savage, and they have two children, Braden and Kenzlee. Ben is married to the former Hailey Tate.

# **Seminar Schedule**

## **Friday, September 24**

- 7:00 p.m.      **What a Person Should  
Know About Grief and Loss**
- 8:00 p.m.      **Dealing with the Pain  
of Grief and Loss**

## **Saturday, September 25**

- 7:00 p.m.      **Dealing with the Emotions  
of Grief and Loss**
- 8:00 p.m.      **How to Continue to Live  
in Grief and Loss**

## **Sunday, September 26**

- 9:00 a.m.      **How to Minister  
to the Hurting**
- 10:00 a.m.     **What the Bible Says About  
Grief and Loss**
- 5:00 p.m.      **What Christians Need to  
Know About Depression**
- 6:00 p.m.      **How Can This Congregation  
Help People in Grief?**

## **Have you experienced...**

*Loss of a job?*

*Loss of health?*

*Loss of a life?*

*Loss of family structure?*

*Loss of faith?*

## **Do you want to know what the Bible says...**

*About grief and loss?*

*About ways to avoid depression?*

## **Would you like to be able to...**

*Learn how to cope better in dealing with loss?*

*Learn more about helping others deal with loss?*

**Then this workshop is for you!**

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