## **Upcoming Events**

## Mark Your Calendar

**April 29th - May 3rd, 2018** 

You are Invited to an Exciting, Encouraging, and Uplifting Gospel Meeting!

## Our guest speaker will be brother Willie Franklin



Willie was born in Monroe, Louisiana in 1949. His family moved to San Diego, California in 1959 where he graduated from Abraham Lincoln High school in 1968, later earning "All-American" in football and track, as well as state runner-up in wrestling at Mesa Community Junior

College. He attended the University of Oklahoma to play football & graduated in 1972 with a degree in Education. He was a walk-on with the Baltimore Colts (now Indianapolis) in 1971 and made the team, playing almost two years. He was converted to Christ in 1973.

Willie signed with the Los Angeles Rams in 1974, but his heart was in the Lord's work. He gave up pro-football to attend Harding University for a two year preaching program in 1975, finishing in 1977, and going to Clinton, Oklahoma to serve the Lord. He returned to Harding University in 1979 as campus minister and as a recruiter for students to attend at Harding. He married Pam Albanese in 1983 and they soon moved to Papua New Guinea where they served the Lord for seven years. They also worked among the churches of Christ in Australia.

After returning to the United States, Willie continued pursuing his evangelistic passion, serving in several states. He is currently serving with the church of Christ in Aubrey, Texas, and preaches numerous gospel meetings every year. He and Pam have four children, Natalie, Janelle, Rachelle and James.

We are honored that brother Franklin is planning to bring Christ's message to Brookville, and we hope you will make plans to attend!