

(Bill) William O. Paris III



Bill was born in Atlanta Georgia in the late 1940's. Most of his school years were spent there; but with his family's move to Nashville, he graduated High School here. Bill graduated from Vanderbilt University with a degree in Electrical Engineering. However his favorite subjects were actually accounting & finance which he later studied at the University of Tennessee.

While attending Vanderbilt University, Bill met the love of his life, Shirley through the Wesley Foundation (Methodist Organization for Christian Activity). They were attracted through common interest, shared faith & friends. Bill & Shirley were married in 1966. They have two wonderful children, Amy who lives in Denver & Michael who lives in Brentwood. For the first few years of their marriage, Shirley shared Bill's weekends with Uncle Sam via Bill's six years of service in the Tennessee National Guard's Aviation Signal Division.

Bill has enjoyed playing pretty much all types of sports, basketball, baseball, softball, football, soccer, etc. For about 10 years he shared his enthusiasm of soccer as he enjoyed coaching with the Williamson County Soccer Association.

The Paris' are devoted members of Brentwood United Methodist Church. Bill first became an active participant with Habitat 15 to 20 years ago through his Church's sponsorship of homes with the Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity affiliate.

Since the inception of our affiliate, Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County, Bill has participated with his Church's sponsorship of eleven homes constructed in Williamson County. He presently serves on our Construction Committee & is Chairman of the Construction Crew Leader Sub-committee. Bill gives of his time & energy because of his love of community & his passionate desire to see his neighbors prosper. He shares the vision as all Crew Leaders do of Habitat's mission of eliminating sub-standard housing in Williamson County by providing affordable housing with our partner families.