

Chaplain Paul J. (Joe) Willis
Chaplain Recruiter/Endorser
Foundations Baptist Fellowship International



Chaplain Paul (Joe) Willis was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1963, the youngest of seven children.

He went into the Army National Guard in 1980 on split option between his Junior and Senior year of high school in Columbia, South Carolina, finished Basic and Advanced Individual Training, and then entered college.

He graduated from Morehead State University with a Biology and Military Sciences Degree in 1985. [Pre-med student]

Upon graduation in May 1985, Joe was commissioned as a 2LT in the Regular Army. In November 1985, Joe married Sherri Kaser from Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

He served as an Army Chemical Officer with the 1st Armored Division. He then served as a Chemical Recon Plt leader and later as the DISCOM Chemical officer in Germany. In July 1986, Joe accepted Christ as his Savior at a Ron Comfort revival meeting in Nurnberg, Germany.

November 1989: Went to Fort Riley, Kansas, where he served as the DIVARTY CM Officer, 1st ID and the later commanded the 12th CM Co.

In 1992, he got off active duty and went to Bob Jones University to begin his Master of Divinity degree.

In 1996, he re-entered the Army Reserves as a Chaplain Candidate.

In 1997, Joe graduated from Heart of America Seminary and was ordained as a Baptist minister in Kansas City, Missouri. He was the assistant pastor of two churches from 1998-2006. In Ohio, Joe also served as the Chaplain for the Allen Co. Sheriff's Dept.

In 2005, was called back to active duty and served as the base chaplain at Soto Cano Air Base in Honduras.

In 2006 he was assigned as the Operations and Plans Chaplain and eventually the Deputy Command Chaplain of US Central Command Headquarters,

Joe became the FBFI chaplain recruiter in November 2014 and the Endorser on May 1, 2017.

Joe and his wife, Sherri, have been married for 32 years and have seven children: Christi, Daniel, Matthew, Katelyn, Charissa, Micah, and Katrina. The Willises currently reside in Adams, Tennessee.