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Adult & Teen Challenge

South Carolina

Dear Friends,

*****WHEW***** 2025 has brought incredible changes! It's been a whirlwind, almost too fast to keep up with. Thankfully, our amazing staff, family, and friends have been our constant support. Some of you have reached out with questions and concerns, and I wanted to address everything clearly in this newsletter.

About five years ago, the Board and I at Adult & Teen Challenge SC began planning for the future, anticipating the day when I would need to step aside due to age or physical limitations. We often discussed finding someone to train, a sort of "armor bearer" or "Joshua." The word "retirement" never quite sat right with me, as I deeply love this work and can't imagine doing anything else but helping people.

Last June, at a National Conference in Dallas, the message was clear: in ministry, you don't retire from your calling. There, I reconnected with Russ Cambria, the Executive Director of Adult & Teen Challenge in Sandhills, North Carolina, and shared my thoughts. We left the conference still seeking God's direction.

Soon after, Russ visited our Georgetown campus and proposed a collaboration that would benefit both our ministries and students. Karen's desire to retire but still be involved was strong after three decades of partnership. Her significant workload also made replacement challenging. This ministry has been "our baby," making it hard to let go. Russ's proposal offered a simple solution: outsourcing Karen's bookkeeping to their existing network. **PROBLEM SOLVED!** She could retire, and the work would continue seamlessly.



Sam and Rudy are Georgetown students who have moved to Sandhills for the final phase of the program. Please keep them in your prayers.

Regarding donations, please continue to mail your envelopes to the Georgetown Post Office. Your contributions will still be processed as **ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE SUPPORT FOR THE GEORGETOWN FACILITY**, and Mandy will handle it.

Other operational aspects aligned smoothly as we integrated the two organizations. This transition led to the outsourcing of our newsletter creation. We hope you enjoy the new look! After 25 years of in-house production, we're still adjusting to this new process.

Another significant change is the reduction of our initial induction program from 12 months to four. Now, our students will transition to NC for the next phase of training. There, if a man chooses to enter their intern program, he can qualify for free college tuition in Welding and HVAC. This creates a powerful network of five campuses with abundant resources. One campus focuses on veterans dealing with PTSD and substance abuse, and we've also opened a women's campus near Raleigh. Exciting things are happening!

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In March, I celebrated my 70th birthday, grateful for God's many years and nearly 35 with Adult & Teen Challenge. The word "**RETIREMENT**" still feels foreign, and Russ understands that well.

Our search for our "Joshua" has had a few false starts, but God has consistently shown us that His timing is perfect. The search continues, now at a more deliberate and thoughtful pace. When the right person is chosen, he will come to the Georgetown campus to work alongside me for a period before being announced as the Director of Georgetown Adult & Teen Challenge. You will hear it directly from me when our leadership team is confident in our choice - I might even shout it! My hope is that 20 years from now, God willing, we will know that God brought someone to elevate this ministry beyond what I could achieve alone. I promise to introduce him and assure you that all is well in Georgetown. Our three-decade legacy will continue strong as we follow God's plan for Karen and me.

WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT, instead of simply leaving, I've agreed to transition into a new role within the organization, working with Russ. I'll focus on fundraising and provide support as needed. I'll hand over the daily operational keys but will work from home (or my truck) to nurture vital relationships that support Adult & Teen Challenge SC. Instead of **RETIREMENT**, think **RELOAD** and **REFIRE**!

The love and support you have shown Karen and me are deeply appreciated and hard to express in words. As God leads, the ministry will continue to grow under Russ's commitment. We love you and thank you for believing in us!

Helping Hurting People,

Rev. Wayne Powell

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Executive Director

This Month's Church Services

Forward Church

Myrtle Beach, SC

Sunday, June 8th • 11:00 a.m.

Campmeeting Week

IPHC Headquarters

June 22nd - 26th • Lake City, SC

Cornerstone Family Worship Center

York, SC

Sunday, June 29th • 10:30 a.m.



Honors & Memorials



In Memory of Kirstin Grasty

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Somers
Ladson, SC

In Memory of Martha Huggins

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. James Daniel
Manning, SC

In Memory of Payton Price

Given by: Sandra Allen
Vancouver, WA

In Honor of Bernice Bohler

Given by: Rev. Gerald Bohler
Easley, SC

In Honor of Valerie Birkner

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Thomas
Manchester, NJ

In Honor of Billy Roush

Given by: Sandra Allen
Vancouver, WA

In Memory of Timothy Dudley

Given by: Ms. Jane Goude
Georgetown, SC