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Adult & Teen Challenge

South Carolina

Dear Friends,

Growing up in the era of Elvis Presley's rise to fame and eventual death leaves me with a life lesson. His worldwide fanatical following caused him to be labeled the **KING OF ROCK AND ROLL**. His success in music and the financial empire built around him brought a dilemma to his inner soul. The story is told that Elvis summoned a well-known music friend to a hotel balcony in Las Vegas to talk about his personal struggles. It was said that Elvis made the statement, "I can buy anything you can see on the Las Vegas strip and still not be happy". He even admitted he would like to get out of the entertainment rat race. But, he felt trapped because **SO MANY PEOPLE DEPENDED UPON HIM** for their income to support their families.

His sudden untimely death changed everything. I remember exactly where I was in Mobile, Alabama when the news came across the car radio of his death. It really seemed like the world stopped for a moment.

To put this in focus in today's world, there is a parallel which has developed in the rise of **ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**.

The success we have enjoyed has been likened to a turtle that was found sitting on top of a fence post. Simply saying, I did not get to this success without the help of a lot of people lifting us to this level. I was not capable of doing this alone and I needed friends to lift me to this point. WOW, my mind is racing through a **LONG** list of names who have been there year after year "lifting me up". **I THANK GOD FOR EVERYONE OF YOU!**



Unlike Elvis, my success is not in an ability to sing or play a guitar or even sway the crowds with lights and sounds. All that goes away when the curtains drop and the lights are turned off.

What doesn't go away is the lost kid sitting in a drug house with needle marks up his arm and an empty stomach because of addiction. **OR**, what about the wife who is left with children to raise because of alcoholism which has stolen her marriage. The longing for acceptance, love and self-worth has to be met by those who know the answer is found in Jesus. That is where **YOU** come into the equation and continue to lift us up to the top of the fence post.

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Your **MONTHLY SUPPORT** tells us to go after the next student. It says, someone has our back when evil is so dark. It gives us energy and resources to make another person's hopelessness go away. I am convinced 2025 will be a **BREAKOUT YEAR** as we gather steam in this effort to provide more opportunities for our students. **YES, THE FENCE POST IS REAL AND YOU ARE PART OF THE ANSWER! THANK YOU FOR BEING A FRIEND.**

Rev. Wayne Powell

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Executive Director



This Month's Church Service

Sunday, February 23rd

10:30 a.m.

First Assembly of God
Manning, SC



Honors & Memorials

In Honor of Wayne & Karen Powell

Given by: Rev. & Mrs. Paul Allen
Chapin, SC

In Honor of Susan Shanks

Given by: Mr. Donald Shanks
Myrtle Beach, SC

In Honor of Donald & Susan Shanks

In Celebration of Christ's Birth
Given by: Jonathan Shanks
Surfside Beach, SC

In Honor of Hal Thompson

Given by: Carolyn Brewer
Manning, SC

In Honor of Vivian Graham

Given by: Janie Prince
Loris, SC

In Memory of Lee Edwards

Given by: Maxey Myers
Lake City, SC

In Memory of Brian Anderson

Given by: Mary Brinson
North Charleston, SC

In Memory of Dwayne Coxé

Given by: Frances Coxé
Surfside Beach, SC

In Memory of Kim Ball

Given by: Ruth Smith
Port Royal, SC

In Memory of Margaret Moore

Given by: Rev. Gordon Moore
Easley, SC

In Memory of Ella Kay Poston

Given by: Maxey Myers
Georgetown, SC

In Memory of John Adrian Beam

Given by: Myra Beam
Bessemer City, NC

In Memory of Payton Price

Given by: Shirley Knorpp
St. Louis, MO

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