



## *Who Hurts The Worst When A Student Walks Away?*

While returning from an emotional 11-hour road trip to Alabama to visit with my dying mother, I got a phone call that a student was walking away. The news was NOT what I needed to hear while traveling. My thoughts wrapped around ONE QUESTION, “Who hurts the worst when someone walks away?”

The first person that comes to mind is the mother who gave birth to someone who simply chooses to NOT do the right thing. I’ve seen mothers cry in despair. Maternal love coupled with rejection, cuts to the core of a parent. It hurts to hear one say, “YOU’RE ON YOUR OWN SON, BECAUSE I’VE DONE ALL I KNOW TO DO”.

Another person who gets hurt is a loving Pastor who has laid their life on the line for their sheep, and one of those has gone astray. Jesus identified with this in John 6:67 when the crowds were scattering because of the persecution and He asked His disciples, “Are you going to leave too?” When the going gets tough, some people bail out on a good thing.

My staff, who gives tirelessly and serves those who are struggling with unholy affections, get hurt. Sometimes they ask if there is a reason we put up with all the rejection. The good result in this is they remember “but for the Grace of God”, they were in the same situation just a year or two prior to this today. Somehow, they buck up under the load and move on to the next challenge.

I can’t leave this without saying, I get hurt when the enemy wins one. He throws it up in my face that I failed this one. He tries to say, “we have to give in to the culture”. He says, “We need to change what we are doing to suit the addicts wishes”. The accusations run hard and cut deep; but, I know there is a better day coming. The Bible says, “Be not weary in well doing, for in due season you will reap if you don’t give up too soon”.

Finally, the one that walks away gets hurt the worst according to the scriptures. Jesus taught that if a house (addict) is swept clean and a guard is not put in place (Jesus), the demons will return and see the house empty and gather up 7 more demons and return; so, the end is worse than the first. One of the lessons in the 38 year old lame man at the Pool of Bethesda was in Jesus words, “leave your life of sin”.

Yet, another student will show up that will accept the gift of eternal life and a new life in Christ. This is the hope we live for and the hope we share.

Your help this month is very much appreciated, as we shoulder the load and refuse to allow the enemy to take our joy. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TODAY.

Helping Hurting People,

*Rev. Wayne Powell*  
Rev. Wayne Powell  
Executive Director

P.O. Box 1437  
Georgetown, SC 29442  
Phone: 843-520-4888 / Fax: 843-527-4140



# ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE BULLETIN BOARD

[www.teenchallengesc.com](http://www.teenchallengesc.com) or

Adult & Teen Challenge South Carolina on Facebook

Volume 24 Issue 3  
March 2023

## In Honor of:

All Graduates

Given by: Pine Grove Baptist Church  
Sumter, SC

Jermone Underwood

Given by: Rose Wood  
Dalzell, SC



Spring Forward  
March 12th

## March 2023 Service Schedule

Sunday, March 5th - 10:00 a.m.

Faith Baptist  
Bishopville, SC

Sunday, March 12th - 10:30 a.m.

Faith Walk  
Hemingway, SC

If you are involved in a church or any community groups, Auxiliary Meetings, Ladies and Men's Meetings, we would love to come visit, give a presentation of our ministry and help spread word of Adult & Teen Challenge.

## In Memory of:

Wally Avant

Given by: Glenda Avant  
Georgetown, SC

Sally Graham

Given by: Maxey Myers  
Lake City, SC

Glenn Prosser

Given by: Donna Prosser  
New Zion, SC

Payton Price

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Merlo  
Fenton, MO

Einer Thomas

Given by: Gloria Thomas  
Huger, SC

Jerry Tate

Given by: Doris Tate  
Anderson, SC

Margie Cox

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Morris Perry  
Johnsonville, SC

Oren Baxley

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Morris Perry  
Johnsonville, SC

Donald Mercer

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. David Wiggins, II  
Andrews, SC