



Adult & Teen Challenge

South Carolina

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this, August will be over, and a new chapter will have begun for Adult & Teen Challenge SC. This new chapter is filled with excitement and anticipation as we transition into the next season. Please do not put this down until you read about what transpired in August.

It is no secret that I have been searching for a way to step back from the hectic responsibilities of leadership that I have carried for the past 35 years. At 70 years old, with some health issues and numerous changes in technology and culture, I realized that the daily operations have simply outgrown me. In my desperation, I cried out to God for help.

During that time of hope, affliction, and prayer (Romans 12:12), we joined forces with Sandhills Adult & Teen Challenge in North Carolina at the beginning of 2025. While we continue to operate independently in terms of finances and day-to-day operations, each campus offers unique and beneficial resources for our students. Our partners in North Carolina recognized our need for help, and they sent the support we desperately needed. This enabled us to better utilize the resources we already had on hand.

Pastor Hiliary, Mrs. Esther, and Ronda formed a core team that could accommodate more students. We began receiving students energized from a detox program in Pinehurst, NC. Many steps were taken to integrate schedules, staff, classes, and ministry. A beautiful picture began to come together.



Wayne and Karen celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary

During this period, God did not forget about me. While everything else was spinning, weaving, and settling into new routines, a successful leader from within the NC network emerged, and we found a strong connection. We worked behind the scenes for a while, discussing and listening to each other.

Guess what?! It is my absolute honor to announce my successor as Program Director of Adult and Teen Challenge of South Carolina! The process clearly has God's hand guiding it. Jeff, along with his wife Stephanie and their two precious children, have made the move to Georgetown, SC! Jeff and Stephanie have asked me not to desert them. I have agreed to this transition and feel honored that they want me to remain close by.

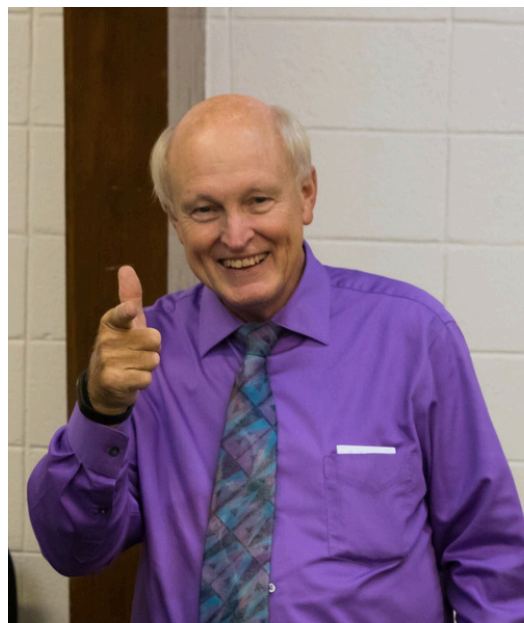
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As of August 27th, Karen and I completed 35 years in this ministry. Karen retired in January, and I made the decision to hand over the keys and the title of "Program Director" to Jeff in August.

I am not "retiring"; I am reloading. To borrow a phrase from GPS, I'm "recalculating." My new role will still involve traveling in ministry with Jeff and introducing him to our wonderful donor base as the new Program Director. I will also assist in raising awareness of the program and raising funds for Adult & Teen Challenge of SC. This will allow Jeff time to adjust and learn more details of this program. The pressure of raising over \$1,000 per day will not be solely on his shoulders.



The Gautier Family on campus with Wayne and Karen



Please help me as I step into this assisting role by continuing or even increasing your financial support. When transitions happen, it is common to lose some ground, but I know my friends, and I trust you will go the extra mile to welcome and support what God is doing.

My dream of building a facility and staffing it has been accomplished. Now, it's time for this new generation to elevate the work to a higher level than I have been able to do.

I told Jeff, "I want to drive by this location years from now and smile, knowing that God allowed a young country boy from Alabama to begin something bigger than any one person could do." I am a blessed man!

Thank you to everyone who has sacrificed for my success and for praying for my successor to shine like the sun.

A public celebration is being planned for the fall season, and I look forward to shaking hands and embracing you all as we "switch horses" on this journey. Be watching for the details of this event. **WE WANT YOU THERE!**

Helping Hurting People,

Rev. Wayne Powell

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Public Relations

From Our Program Director



As I reflect on the past five and a half years, I'm truly amazed at how God has led my family to Georgetown, SC. It feels like just yesterday I was graduating from Sandhills Adult & Teen Challenge in North Carolina

in 2021. Just a year later, I stepped into the role of Center Director in Elizabethtown, NC, and in 2023, I was honored to help establish the groundbreaking Military Specialization Program (M.S.P.) for Adult & Teen Challenge.

It has been both humbling and a tremendous honor to be invited by Pastor Wayne to serve here in South Carolina. I know how deeply committed he has been to

this ministry for over 35 years, and it is truly a privilege to continue the important work he founded.

My heartfelt desire is to honor his remarkable legacy and to build upon the strong foundation he has laid with such dedication and faithfulness to God.

I am committed to carrying forward this vital ministry—supporting those in need with compassion, purpose, and a deep reliance on God's guidance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffery Gautier".

Jeff Gautier
Program Director

Around the Center



Our cook, Rhonda, is hard at work making healthy and nutritious meals for our students!

This Month's Church Services

Highway PH Church

Elgin, SC • Sunday, September 7th • 11:00 a.m.

Rhems IPHC

Georgetown, SC • Sunday, September 14th • 11:00 a.m.

Praise Assembly of God

Beaufort, SC • Sunday, September 24th • 7:00 p.m.



Honors & Memorials



In Honor of Susan B. Shanks

Given by: Mr. Donald Shanks
Myrtle Beach, SC

In Memory of Daniel Beard

Given by: Barbara Beard
Pawleys Island, SC

In Honor of Jim Black Happy 90th Birthday!

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Daniels
Manning, SC

In Honor of Walt Peterson Happy Birthday!

Given by: Genie Peterson
Georgetown, SC

In Memory of Maurice Amendola & Genevieve Haven

Given by: Mr. & Mrs. David Amendola
Manalapan, NJ