



Pittsboro Christian Village

Pittsboro, North Carolina

In 1952, Reggie Edwards, B.M. Hancock, David Allen and Len Paschal were led by the Lord to begin a ministry for children. God led them to a building, and to Gene and Sue Hollingsworth, the first administrators of Pittsboro Christian Home. Through prayer and the work of many volunteers from area Assemblies, the Lord transformed a run-down building into a suitable accommodation. Needs of the Home were never publicized, so when they were provided, God's faithfulness was demonstrated, and He received the glory.

For 20 years, Pittsboro Christian Home provided for the physical and spiritual needs of nearly 200 children. In the early 1970s, the licensing authorities for children's homes began to issue directives that were contrary to the mission.

In 1972, the Lord presented the leadership with a new purpose: the care of elderly Christians. Soon, rooms were ready for the first residents. Later, more than a dozen cottages were added to the property.

In 1986, the name was changed to Pittsboro Christian Village (PCV), to better reflect the culture, purpose, and direction of the village. PCV is situated just to the southwest of the Raleigh-Durham area of the North Carolina Piedmont. It is a distinctive Senior Living community for people 55 years old and beyond, who enjoy a life of fellowship around the Lord Jesus Christ.

The community at PCV has been home for generations of like-minded believers in the Lord Jesus Christ whose common Hope provides the basis for friendship and fellowship. It is a place where senior Christians share their interest in the things of the Lord.

Many residents enjoy living in one of the 28 freestanding homes on the campus. These

homes consist of two-bedroom Cottages and Patio Homes, and three-bedroom Heritage and Legacy Homes. The two newest Legacy Homes opened this year in June. Many residents start in one of the homes, later moving into an apartment to simplify their lives and enjoy more free time.

PCV is a licensed Continuing Care Retirement Community providing both Independent and Assisted Living. The North and Northeast Wings have 40 Independent Living apartments. These apartments were designed around the idea of living here, aging in place thus delaying the need for Assisted Living.

Assisted Living residents reside in the licensed Adult Care Home. Everything in our power is done to allow these residents to stay in the Adult Care Home until the Lord takes them Home. Assisted Living services include helping residents with Activities of Daily Living.

There are currently 108 residents at PCV from numerous states and other countries. Since 1972, scores of senior Christians, including many missionaries and commended workers, have benefited from the Christian love and care at PCV.

Residents are viewed as family with PCV being their home. Our caring and compassionate staff does everything possible to make this a safe and comfortable place to live. Great effort is made to lessen life's burdens with services such as meals, maintenance, transportation, housekeeping, and planned activities and events.

The spiritual emphasis in everyday life is what makes PCV distinct among Senior Living communities. All residents are Christians, being required to give their testimony as part of the application process. While there are plenty of recreational

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activities, this community is defined by the daily spiritual activities—Bible studies, prayer meetings, ministry groups, and an Assembly that meets on our campus.

Unique among Christian Retirement Communities, the Pittsboro Bible Assembly is a fully functioning local Assembly that meets in the main building of PCV. Residents living in the main building can attend meetings without having to walk outside. Weekly meetings include the Lord's Supper and two teaching meetings each Lord's Day, a prayer meeting, ongoing men's and women's Bible studies. There are also several conferences held each year. We frequently benefit from the rich teaching of gifted laborers who travel among our assemblies.

Since the beginning, PCV has been a not-for-profit organization, recognized as a 501(c)(3). The Benevolent Fund was established to provide for those who need financial assistance with the monthly fees. This fund, which is supported solely by gifts and donations, has aided numerous residents.

As you are speaking with the Lord daily, please remember the work at PCV. The value of your prayers is inestimable! Please pray specifically for two key leadership positions. The Director of Resident Care has historically been a nurse with direct responsibility for the care of our Assisted Living residents in the Care Home. The Director of Dining Services oversees the daily services of home-cooked food served family style in our Dining Room.



Legacy Home (two new homes just opened in June)

Visit our website to learn more about us at: www.pcvnc.org

Commended Workers

Steve and Karen Allan

I (Steve) was raised in a Christian home where the word of God was heard consistently. My family attended Maplewood Bible Chapel in St. Louis, Missouri. When I was 8 years old, my Dad, Steve, and Mom, Lillian, decided to send my brother Jim and myself to boy's camp at Lake Geneva Youth Camp in Wisconsin.

The campsite was once a dairy farm so it was rough. Our sleeping quarters were metal buildings called chicken houses. We both had a great time, but the special event was that I accepted Christ as my Savior. The folks developing the camp, Ray and Laura Routley, would become special to Karen and me.

The Lord was at work in my life as I grew up, even if I did not always acknowledge it. Two days after beginning my first year of college, I was involved in a serious car accident. This brought home the reality that I was not walking with the Lord. It caused me to rethink what I was really doing for the Lord.

In 1967, I was drafted into the Army spending 2 years serving during the Vietnam War. After being discharged, I followed my folks to south Florida where my Dad had been transferred for work.

Karen grew up in South Florida where she was raised in a strong Christian home. Her parents, Jim and Patricia Coyle, and two sisters were faithful to the meetings at Fort Lauderdale Bible Chapel where Karen was involved in activities at the chapel. With her Mom's leading, Karen received Christ as her Savior at the age of 8 and continued to grow in the Lord.

I met Karen at a young people's meeting at the chapel. She was beginning college as I was finishing. We were married on May 23, 1970.

My brother Jim told us about a work in central Missouri that wanted to start a camp. The property had been a farm with an old house and barn. As I thought about this work I became torn. More demands at work and less time for the church and the youth made me question my priorities.

I talked to friends, elders and parents but was still unsure what we should do. One night Karen and I laid out our thoughts desires before the Lord. I was encouraged by Karen's openness to the Lord's leading in realizing He would have us be a part of the new camp in Missouri.

In 1972, the assembly at Fort Lauderdale Bible Chapel commended us to the Lords work in central Missouri. Karen and our daughter Shayne stayed 30 miles away at my brother's house. I stayed in a camper shell with Phil Smith. We remodeled the

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house, picked up trash and cleared the roads to make it easier to get to the camp.

A couple in Chicago gave two train cars to the camp: a parlor car and a dining car. These were the first chapel, kitchen and dining hall at Turkey Hill Ranch Bible Camp (THRBC). A concrete block building served as the sleeping quarters; it is now the shop.



Ray and Laura Routley were among the first to visit us. Ray was one of the first speakers at THRBC. He and Laura shared priceless wisdom about raising a family, building a camp and ministry. Their insight helped us balance family and camp responsibilities through the years. The Lord blessed us with four wonderful children, Shayne, Kerri, Tracie and Jimmy. It has been such a blessing to raise our family at THRBC.

When we left Ft Lauderdale in 1972, we were totally dependent on our God, who has faithfully provided all along the way. We rested in the Lord who is able to meet all our needs. Today He is still showing us that we can do all things through Christ who strengthen us.

THRBC now has the capacity for 300 people. We can accommodate 200 children with about 100 staff for our weeklong camps, a horse camp most weeks, a day camp for local children three weeks during the summer and a wilderness camp one week each summer.

The Lord has brought staff from all over the world. He is more than faithful to supply staff and buildings as the need arises. Our goal is continue seeing campers that come from all over trust the Lord Jesus as their Savior. It is exciting to hear how many kids have returned home and been great witnesses to their families.

We continue to be active in the camp ministry together with other camp families laboring to win souls for His kingdom. How blessed we have been over the years to enjoy the support of our families and those who have joined in His work here. We are especially thankful for the ministry of the many prayer warriors upholding the ministry at THRBC.

Annual Members Meeting

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Stewards Foundation held its Annual Members Meeting on September 21st at Rice Lake Bible Chapel in Maple Grove, Minnesota. The assembly at Rice Lake graciously offered to host this year's annual meeting. The Christians there not only warmly welcomed all who attended, but provided everything needed for a successful meeting followed by a wonderful homemade lunch. It was especially encouraging to observe the display of a servant's heart on the part of so many.

Approximately 30 individuals from 5 area assemblies attended this year's meeting. Following the Annual Members Meeting, presentations were made by Doug Rice for Stewards Foundation and Rob Sullivan for Believers Stewardship Services and Phil Parsons for Christian Missions in Many Lands. These presentations provided historical background on each organization and information on the services they currently offer. A question and answer session was conducted after the presentations followed by lunch and fellowship.

One of the primary reasons for the Annual Members Meeting is the election of Trustees to the Board of Stewards Foundation. Trustees are elected to alternating three-year terms so that no more than three Trustees are up for re-election in any year. One Trustee was re-elected at this year's meeting, Mr. Scott Leach. Scott was first elected to the Board in September 2013. He is the Vice President of Stewards Foundation, serving on the Nominating Committee, Loan Policy Committee, and as Chairman of the Public Relations Committee. The biographies of all Trustees are available on our website, www.stewardsfoundation.org.

Another important activity at this meeting is reporting on the corporation's financial condition. At the end of each fiscal year, the firm of Cantrell Pearson & Associates, PLLC audits Stewards Foundation's books and financial procedures to produce a financial report based on GAAP – Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. The Board reviews the Auditor's Financial Report for final approval before it is distributed to the member assemblies as a part of Stewards Foundation's commitment to accountability.

Stewards Foundation's fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th, so the report at this year's meeting covered July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The 2019 fiscal year overview included the following:

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Psalms 126:3, "The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad"

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Loans:

New Loans: \$1,357,860
Loan Portfolio: 53 Loans with a balance of \$11,480,498

Healthcare Funding:

Gifts to 285 Workers commended from 170 assemblies

Amount: \$215,565 (includes \$600 from 100% Pass-Thru Fund)

Incomes / Expense:

Gross Income: \$947,784
Cash Income: \$875,728 (excludes unrealized gains, sale of stocks, gifts, 100% Pass-Thru)
Expenses: \$504,950 (excludes Healthcare Gifts and some expenses)
Cash Income: \$370,778



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