



CHURCH AT THE MILL

GIVING PLAN 2026

IMPORTANT DATES:

Three Q&A Sessions will be held:

- At the Woodruff Campus on **Monday, December 1**, from 5:00-6:00 PM in the Concourse.
- At the Lake Cooley Campus on **Tuesday, December 2**, from 5:00-6:00 PM in the Ministry Center.
- At the Central Campus on **Wednesday, December 3**, from 5:00-6:00 PM in the Goodtree Cafe.

Church members will vote to approve the 2026 budget, and 2026 new deacons on Sunday, December 7, during the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM worship services across all campuses. Church members who attend the Church at The Mill Español service will be able to vote on December 7 during the 6:00 PM service.

The IRS deadlines for 2025 deductible charitable giving are:

- Checks dropped off at the church office must be received by 12:00 PM on Wednesday, December 31.
- Mailed gifts must be postmarked by midnight December 31.

CENTRAL - MOORE, SC



WOODRUFF - WOODRUFF, SC



LAKE COOLEY - WELLFORD, SC



We desire to be a deeply-faithful, remarkably-healthy, highly-impactful multi-site church.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR D.J.

Frances Genoble and her husband, Don, are with Jesus now. But when I became the pastor of this church, they were the sweetest, most encouraging elderly couple in our fellowship. After Don's death, Frances stayed as active as her health would allow. Always grateful for everything God bestowed upon her, she lived a simple life of Christlike contentment. One day, the front office called to tell me Frances was asking for me. I walked up front to find her smiling with excitement. She could not wait to tell me what she had done. She said, "Pastor, I don't have a lot to give, but today I sold most of my gold jewelry so that I could make a special offering to our efforts to build a new church."

Needless to say, I was stunned. Instead of receiving it willingly, the grandson in me welled up, and I gently rebuked her, saying she did not have to do that with such important keepsakes. She quickly put me in my place, saying, "Nonsense, my old fingers are arthritic, and none of my rings fit anymore. This is exactly what I wanted to do, and I'm honored to help our church."

Frances reminded me that day how God provides for His church. He leads His faithful to love and give. Sometime after her gift, on November 23, 2015, Frances called and left me the sweetest voicemail expressing her love for me. You might wonder how I remember the exact date of her call. Well, it's easy. I still have it on my phone. I've never deleted it, and in fact, I played it at her funeral a few years later.

She gave, and she loved.

This is the call of God on all of our lives.

Enclosed is the plan we will use to make sure that when you love and give to our church, every penny is used in a way that fuels our mission of **being a deeply-faithful, remarkably-healthy, highly-impactful, multi-site church.**

As you reflect on this and begin to take in the information in this document, I have a few requests. First, I want you to read this carefully and thankfully. We really should worship when we see the tangible testimony of God's provision. Second, I want you to feel free to approach any of our leaders with questions about how we manage and invest your tithes and offerings. **Finally, I also want you to realize the amazing opportunity and responsibility you have to help us make these numbers a reality. Budgets are nothing more than prayerful plans and projections. While vital, they don't produce money or fund ministry. You and I have to do that.** I hope you and your family will join Laurel and me in giving sacrificially and faithfully next year. Can you imagine what the next decade holds for us?

WORTH
NOW



I love being your shepherd,

D.J. H
Pastor D.J.

GATHER

For Worship & Small Groups

The church has always gathered for two reasons: corporate worship and making disciples. Gathering for worship focuses on our vertical relationship with God as we worship Him and hear from His Word, and we believe He will continue to bless His church. Gathering in Small Groups focuses on our horizontal relationships and connects us with others for spiritual growth, real relationships and gospel conversations. Resources in this budget fund our Worship and Small Group ministries, allowing us to provide Bible study curriculum, training resources, discipleship materials, Small Group events, equipment, administrative personnel, building and facilities upkeep, and debt retirement. Ultimately, the budgeted resources allow us to further God's work by worshipping Him and making disciples.

First-Time Guests (**As of 10/26/25)

	Individuals	Families
CENTRAL	1,753	630
LAKE COOLEY	341	131
WOODRUFF	349	133
ESPAÑOL	57	
Total	2,500	864

Adult Discipleship

We believe that all followers of Christ need to be genuinely loved through a **Small Group**, specifically trained through an **Equipping Class**, intentionally challenged through a **Mentor Group**, or compassionately helped through our **Biblical Counseling** ministry as they seek to grow in their walk with Christ. This four-part strategy allows us to maximize Adult Discipleship across all three of our campuses.

- We have **2,376** individuals participating in Small Groups across all three campuses.
- We currently have **2,926** individual participants in at least one of our four discipleship environments across all three of our campuses.
- Adult Discipleship at our Lake Cooley Campus boasts **272** people participating in Small Groups and Equipping Classes.
- We continue to see growth in Adult Discipleship at our Woodruff Campus, with **325** people participating in discipleship.
- Fall 2025 saw the largest number of people ever to register for discipleship with **619** registrations for small groups and **250** registrations for equipping groups across all three campuses.

2025

DIGITAL PRESENCE

* Statistics as of November 11, 2025

* % +/- are representative of the same time period from 2025 (Jan 1 - Nov 11)



WEBSITE

HUB

Total website views: 66,000

CENTRAL

Total website views: 47,000

LAKE COOLEY

Total website views: 12,000

WOODRUFF

Total website views: 14,000



APP & EMAILS

This year, we continued to send our email newsletters from our church database system, which ensured that the people receiving the newsletters were the same people who are engaged in our ministries at Church at The Mill. We also transitioned our app from a third-party software to our myCATM app that is integrated with our church database and provides a personalized app experience. This has increased efficiency and lowered overall costs. We can now reach people based on their level of involvement with Church at The Mill.

Average Email Open Rates

Churchwide: **61.3%**

Students at The Mill: **57.1%**

Kids at The Mill: **62.5%**

SOCIAL MEDIA

*Main account only; does not include SATM, KATM, MATM



FOLLOWERS

CENTRAL

11,000

LAKE COOLEY

753

WOODRUFF

2,600



FOLLOWERS

CENTRAL

8,230

LAKE COOLEY

864

WOODRUFF

1,300

GROW

In Quiet Time & Discipleship

In addition to Small Groups, two of the most powerful ways God grows us includes our personal quiet time with Him and through discipleship. At Church at The Mill, our ultimate goal is to make disciples who make disciples. Dollars in this budget fund the spiritual formation of our children, students, and adults, as well as funding our biblical counseling program.

Did you know? In 2025...

- NextGen Ministry has onboarded and trained over **200** new Adult Volunteer Leaders who are now on the front lines of discipleship to the next generation with our team of nearly **800** adult leaders who are making a difference.
- NextGen ministries have served **4,382** kids and students through gospel-centered weekly programming on the campus of CATM.
- NextGen ministries shared the gospel with over **1,800** individuals involved in our VBS/VBX, and over **600** individuals in United Student Camp.
- Over **815** students and adult leaders experienced our life-changing United Student Weekend.
- All-Access Ministry has faithfully served over **180** individuals with special needs through weekly programming, making the gospel available to everyone!
- In NextGen Ministry, we have baptized over **100** kids and students to date in 2025.



COVENANT MEMBERSHIP

444 NEW MEMBERS

- Central Campus: 316
- Lake Cooley Campus: 65
- Woodruff Campus: 63

BAPTISMS

228 BAPTISMS ACROSS THREE CAMPUSES

- Central Campus: 174
- Lake Cooley Campus: 19
- Woodruff Campus: 35

BIBLICAL COUNSELING

The Biblical Counseling Ministry exists to care for people who are hurting and to equip future counselors to do the same. We are accomplishing this by intentionally increasing the number and quality of certified biblical counselors through our ACBC Certified Training Center.

Because of your generous giving, our biblical counseling ministry was able to...

- Successfully complete a rigorous year-long, six-phase certification process to become an ACBC Certified Training Center. This means that CATM may now train and certify our own biblical counselors through ACBC-approved material right here on our campuses.
- Provide Christ-centered counseling to over **200** CATM church attendees this year. Since January 1, we've received **186** new requests for counseling. This has resulted in over **1,800** hours of counseling, which has brought hope, healing and restoration to the lives of many.
- Invest in current and future counselors, by providing over **40** hours of large group theology and counseling training in ACBC Fundamentals, ACBC exam classes and advanced counseling training.
- Equip at least **66** men and women with practical counseling training, from basic fundamental counseling training to continuing education hours.

GIVE

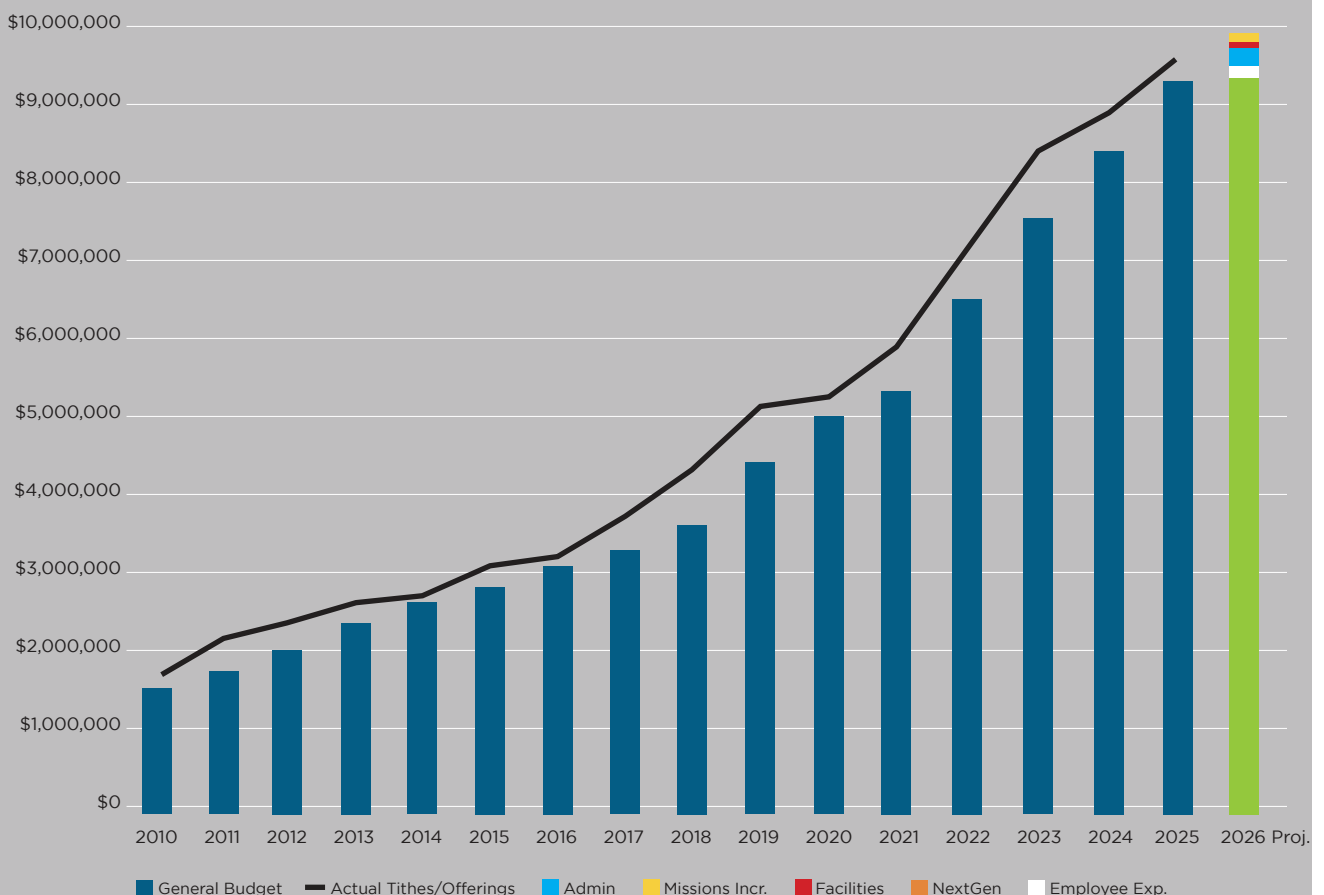
Financially & Through Service

We give in two ways as Christ followers at Church at The Mill; (1) We give our time as servants by doing ministry. (2) We give our treasure (money/resources) as stewards of what God has so graciously provided in our lives.

Dollars in this budget reflect our giving as a church body by means of tithes and offerings, which are separate from the financial gifts given to Acts 1:8 and More Than Ever. Tithes and offerings are used to pay for all the operational expenses of Church at The Mill, including facility, administrative and ministry expenses, while also investing in local and international missions. God has blessed our church deeply as it ministers to more people than ever before, both within our church walls and outside, as we strive to encourage and strengthen like-minded churches!



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Share The Gospel

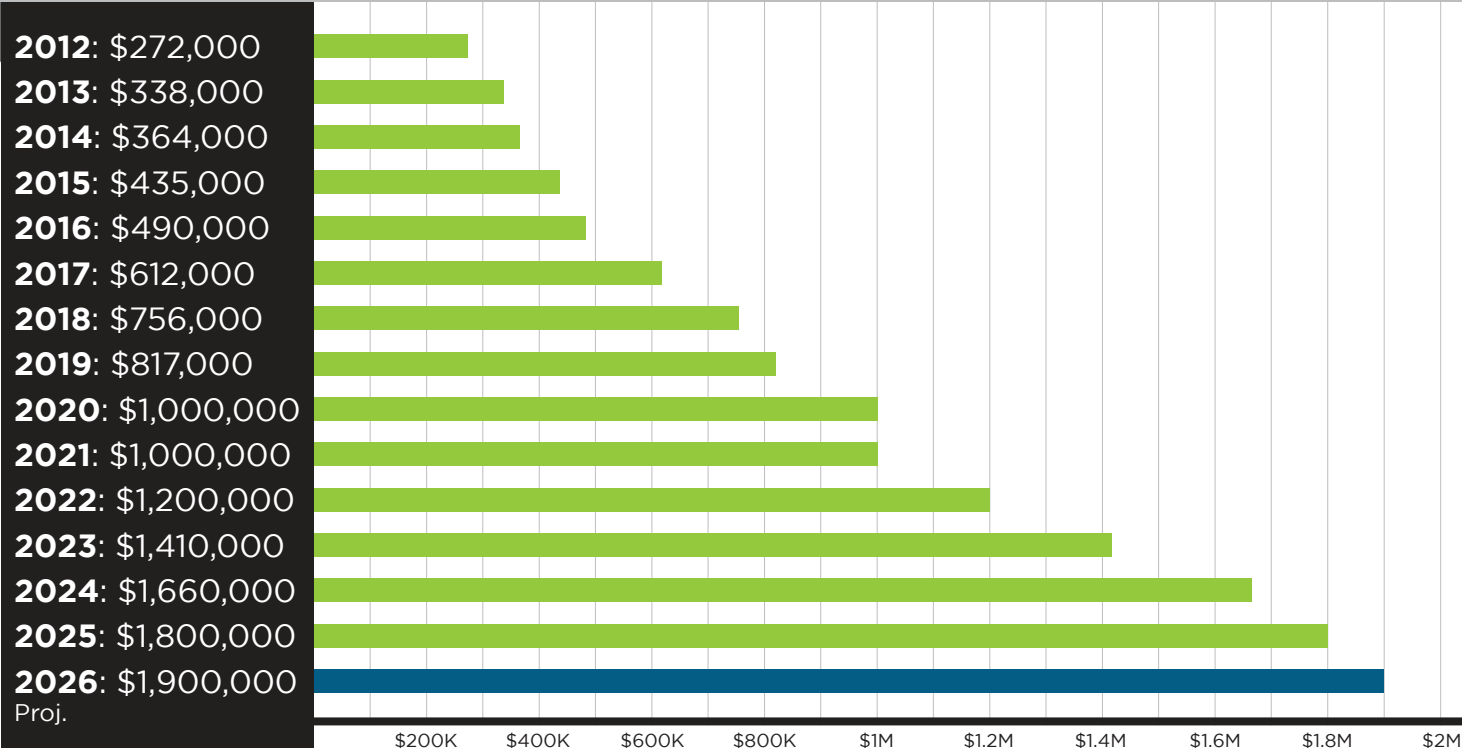
The gospel is not a “come see” religion. It is a “go tell” message of redemption! We are called to go into the world to make disciples, and we do this primarily in two ways; (1) We share our faith daily with those around us (locally). (2) We leave our daily lives to engage those we do not normally encounter (internationally).

Did you know?

- His Storehouse Food Pantry at Lake Cooley serves over 30 families each month by providing healthy canned goods, fresh meat, and produce.
- In 2025, we will give over \$500,000 combined to organizations like the International Missions Board (IMB), North American Mission Board (NAMB) and the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program to help send missionaries and church planters to the mission field.
- Each month, we serve over 90 families in need by providing household goods through the His Storehouse ministry at our Central Campus. We help provide hygiene supplies, household cleaning products, paper goods and other things so our neighbors can budget their funds, often their fixed income, in other areas.
- Each year, we designate funds to operate the Upstate Missions Conference. In 2025, we hosted hundreds from CATM and people from 24 other churches who came to be equipped for serving locally and around the world.
- This year we helped provide funds to support 24 local ministry partners, 10 international partners and domestic church plants. Because of the generosity of our annual giving, we are able to say ‘yes’ and proudly partner with organizations making a difference for the kingdom.



Missions Giving Budget from 2012-2026





PREPARING FOR 2026

God has richly blessed our church to prepare us for 2026. In 2025, your faithful giving allowed Church at The Mill to continue to grow and reach more people than ever before. We have seen an average of 600 more people attend a Sunday service compared to 2024. In fact, your investment in Church at The Mill has resulted in having a place to worship, resulting in more baptisms, more students, more children, and more people involved in Small Groups than ever before! Also, 2025 marks the first full year where we have 5 congregations across three campuses! We are thrilled to see how God is using Church at The Mill for His glory!

In 2026, we will need to invest more in our ministry areas to meet the higher participation levels we are experiencing. We want to make sure our ministries are positioned for success as they encounter the growing demand from people of all ages wanting to grow and develop in their faith.

In addition, we will be increasing our facilities investments across our campuses, simply to meet the needs of our growing church attendance. From cleaning supplies to added security, all aspects of our facilities have growing needs.

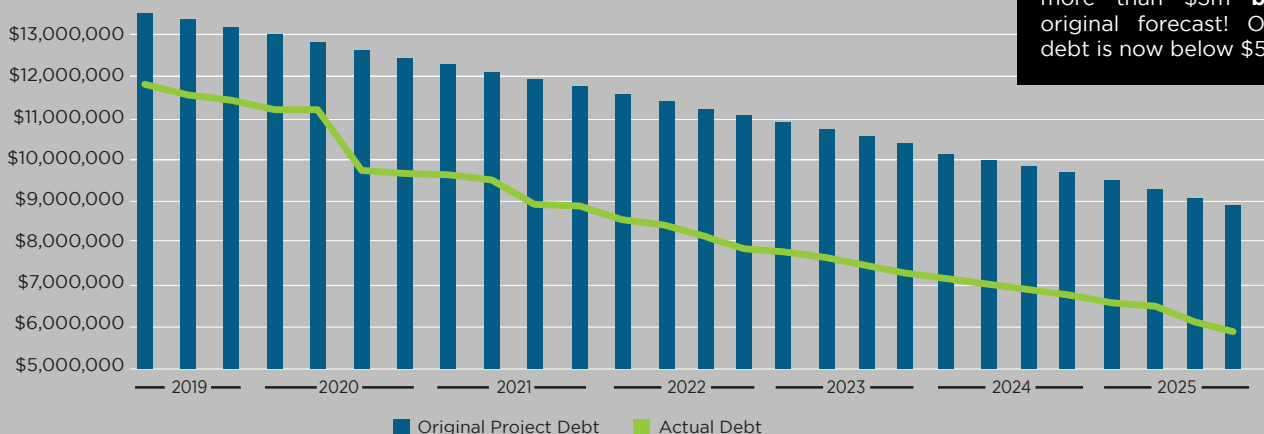
Lastly, we will be increasing our Missions budget by another \$100,000, bringing our total missions giving (from our general offering) to \$1,900,000. This amount represents 20% of our total budget that is earmarked for missions. We are so thankful for how God continues to bless the growth of His church!



Continued focus on debt reduction...

Over \$800,000, or 8% of our 2026 budget, is dedicated to capital funding and debt retirement. This is above and beyond the amount received by our congregation's generous gifts designated to reduce our current debt through More Than Ever.

DEBT REDUCTION



DID YOU KNOW?

Thanks to your generous giving, Church at The Mill's debt is more than \$3m **below** our original forecast! Our overall debt is now below \$5.9m!

DEACON 2026



Russell Austin

Russell and Kacey Austin have two children, Joshua (13) and Adalyn (10). The Austin family has been attending Church at The Mill since 2016, started leading small groups in 2017, and hasn't looked back. Church at The Mill provides the opportunity to serve, meets the needs of their children, and gives them a platform to lead a small group that feels like family. Russell is excited to serve as a deacon to help the church's direction and decision-making.



Kyle Henry

Kyle Henry and his family of five have been attending Church at The Mill for eleven years. They originally began attending Church at The Mill for their children, but Kyle soon discovered he and his wife, Danielle, needed it also. Kyle is excited to serve alongside the other deacons in his 2nd term.



Wayne Huggins

Wayne Huggins and his wife, Sarah, have been married for fifteen years. They have four children: Michael, Rebecca, Reece, and Austin-Kate. They have been members of Church at The Mill for five years. They first came to CATM because of All-Access, where Sarah serves, but stayed for a million reasons. Wayne is most excited to be a deacon because it provides different opportunities to share the Gospel and love of Christ.



Alan Kafitz

Alan Kafitz is blessed to be retired and even more blessed to have been guided to Church at The Mill in 2022. He has grown immensely in his Christian walk through the discipleship, Bible study, and worship opportunities that this church offers. He enjoys serving as an usher and volunteering for other needs throughout the year. He considers it a blessing to give of his gifts and talents and will be humbled to serve as a deacon.



Michael Lindsey

Michael Lindsey and his wife, Tammy, have been married for thirty-eight years and have three children. Michael has been attending Church at The Mill for fifteen years, after another family recommended that they visit. He has been attending Bible Study Fellowship for ten years and has been a BSF Group Leader for seven years. Michael had been praying for more opportunities to serve at Church at The Mill since retiring, when the opportunity to serve as a deacon presented itself.



Rusty Mathis

Russ Mathis and his wife, Pam, have had the joy of attending Church at The Mill for the past thirteen years. They have two married children, Kyle (Rebecca) and Kelsea (Trey Elder), and five wonderful grandchildren: Heaton, Henning, Hembree, Annie Ruth, and Marlowe. He considers it a privilege to serve in both the Music Ministry and Missions Ministry, where he has witnessed firsthand how God moves through worship and outreach. He is deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside the Leadership Team as they continue to meet the needs of the church and community, sharing the love of Christ in all that they do.



Bobby Pannell

Bobby Pannell and his wife, Lauren, have four boys: Will, Ben, Sam, and Jake. He is the director of engineering at PotlatchDeltic. Bobby and his family have been attending Church at The Mill since 2020. He is looking forward to serving the congregation while getting to know others beyond his small group and the other areas where he currently serves.



Chad Phillips

Chad Phillips and his wife, Bekki, attend Church at The Mill Woodruff Campus. They have been attending there since the start. They have been married thirty-two years, have three grandchildren, and two more on the way. Chad is excited to be a deacon and to serve as Jesus set the example in Matthew 20:28, "Even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."



David Roddy

David Roddy has been married to Tammy for forty-one years. They have three daughters and five grandchildren. David has been driving a truck for forty years. He was serving as a deacon at Lake Cooley Baptist Church when the transition took place, and it became Church at The Mill Lake Cooley. He is excited to serve as a deacon because he believes God called him to serve wherever needed.



Kevin Stanley

Kevin Stanley has been a follower of Christ for thirty-three years. He has been married to his wonderful bride, Tanya, for the same number of years, and they have been blessed with two wonderful children and six grandchildren. God drew them to Church at The Mill fifteen years ago, and they rejoice in their service to the Lord through the church. Kevin is excited for this opportunity to serve as a deacon for CATM because it gives him another opportunity to serve others in a way that will bless him as much as he prayerfully hopes to bless others.



Adam Wofford

Adam Wofford has been a member of Church at The Mill since 2009. He is married to his beautiful wife, Rebecca, and they have four children in the house: Chase (13), Mila (11), Maylie (5), and AJ (2). He is an employee at Sealed Air and has worked as a research and development technician for the past five years. He is excited to serve on this deacon board and considers it a great honor to have the opportunity to serve CATM alongside these wonderful men.

CENTRAL

4455 ANDERSON MILL RD.
MOORE, SC 29369

WOODRUFF

517 CROSS ANCHOR RD.
WOODRUFF, SC 29388

LAKE COOLEY

2589 BALLENGER RD.
WELLFORD, SC 29385

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