

# Retirees Serving the Lord through Construction



## Overview

As most people look toward retirement, they see a time for hard-earned rest.

A group of retired men from [First Baptist Simpsonville / Upstate Church](#) (FBS/UC) have chosen a different path.

“We retired from the work we were doing, but we tried to retire to something that was worthwhile,” Tony Brown, a member of FBS/UC and a leader in this collaboration, said. For years, these men have dedicated their time in retirement to serving their community, particularly through construction projects that benefit various Christian organizations. One of their most cherished partnerships is with [Camp McCall](#), an SCBaptist Camp and Retreat Center started in 1960.

## Construction at Camp McCall

The relationship between this group of men and Camp McCall runs deep, spanning decades of shared experiences and mutual support. Brown recalled his involvement with Camp McCall in the late '70s. “I was RA director and sent kids up there to their Lad Camp,” he said.

Once Brown’s sons were old enough to attend, he would accompany them to camp as a chaperone. Over the years, this initial connection led to a longstanding relationship, with Brown and his fellow church members actively engaging in service projects at the camp.

About a decade ago, spurred by a desire to contribute meaningfully to the community, Brown and Matt “Spinner” Allen, Camp McCall Director, discussed construction projects at the camp. What started as small weekend endeavors gradually evolved into significant undertakings, including the renovation of the chapel and the remodeling of the missions guest house.

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