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Dr. Charles R. Swindoll Announces Retirement After 26 Years of Service at Stonebriar Community Church

Frisco, TX—After 26 years of faithful service, Dr. Charles R. Swindoll has announced his retirement from his pastoral role at Stonebriar Community Church. Dr. Swindoll will deliver his final sermon at Stonebriar on Sunday, October 20, 2024.

Reflecting on his decision, Dr. Swindoll shared with the congregation: “This decision was not made lightly. Each moment spent with you has shaped me, taught me, and filled my heart with joy.” He added, “I am endlessly grateful for the privilege of serving this church and witnessing the transformative power of God in our lives. While my role may be changing, my commitment to the mission and vision we uphold will never fade.”

Following his retirement in October 2024, Dr. Swindoll will turn his full attention to Insight for Living, the global Bible-teaching ministry he co-founded with his wife, Cynthia. “This has been a vibrant part of our lives for more than 45 years,” Dr. Swindoll shared, “and I could not be more thrilled to continue this work.” Through this platform, he will continue to inspire and guide individuals worldwide with his teachings, writing, and mentorship.

Under Dr. Swindoll’s leadership, Stonebriar Community Church has grown significantly since its founding in 1998, evolving into a thriving community with more than 3,000 in-person attendees and 16,000 online viewers each Sunday. In the spring of 2024, Dr. Swindoll transitioned to the role of Founding Pastor, passing day-to-day leadership responsibilities to Senior Pastor Dr. Jonathan Murphy, a close friend and longtime mentee.

“Chuck is truly a living legend,” Dr. Murphy said of Dr. Swindoll, “not only for his incredible service and leadership but for the inspiration he has been to so many, including me. Personally, I’ve had the privilege of walking alongside him, learning from his wisdom, and I’m honored to continue calling him my mentor. Even after his retirement from Stonebriar, I will continue to lean on his friendship, wisdom, and guidance. It’s a pleasure knowing that he’s still cheering me on from the pews. His presence and encouragement mean the world to me and to all of us who have had the joy of doing ministry with him. Thank you, Chuck, for faithfully serving our Lord. And thank You, Lord, for blessing us with Chuck Swindoll.”

Dr. Murphy will continue in his role as Senior Pastor, overseeing both preaching and the church’s operations as Stonebriar moves forward in its mission to love God and love others.