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Dear GCS Families, Alumni, and Friends,

I am very excited to share some news from Gaston Christian School. We have recently appointed Phil Winter as our first ever Director of Alumni Affairs at GCS.

Phil and his family are familiar faces at Gaston Christian School. In addition to opening car doors in the morning for pre-school and elementary students for the last 15 years, Phil has also announced Middle School, Junior Varsity, and Varsity basketball games at GCS for the last 13 years. He added Middle School, JV, and Varsity Volleyball, along with softball to the rotation schedule as announcer 11 years ago.

In addition, Phil served on the GCS Board from 2004-2011, his wife Teresa has been a teacher at GCS for 15 years, their children are both GCS graduates (2007 and 2012) and daughter Lindsey is in her third year as an elementary teacher at GCS.

Phil retired earlier this year after a 35-year career as an advertising professional and had this to say about his years of service to GCS and his new professional calling:

“God blessed me in my career with jobs that allowed me the freedom to do volunteer work at Gaston Christian. Having retired earlier this year, His plan for me to further my involvement with GCS became clear when Dr. Stout approached me with an idea. After several conversations and prayerful consideration, I gratefully accepted Dr. Stout’s gracious offer to serve GCS as Director of Alumni Affairs. God is good.”

As Director of Alumni Affairs, Phil will organize events for alums, build a data base to enhance communication and publish two magazines annually with updates on all GCS alums.

Please know that our number one priority is engagement, not fundraising. We feel that our alums need to hear about the success of their peers and share their own stories as well.

We will be having a Steering Committee meeting for the GCS Alumni Group in January. If you are interested in attending, please email Phil (pwinter@gastonchristian.org), and he will send you the details as they become available.

Thank you in advance for your thoughts and prayers. God is doing some exciting things at GCS and your involvement will help make things even better.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc Stout".