

Life Legacy Award 2021



The class of '95 has the honor of selecting **Pastor Ron Cook** as the recipient of a Georgia-Cumberland Academy Life Legacy Award. Between 1988 and 1995, Ron served as a GCA chaplain, junior/senior Bible teacher, and pastor of the academy church. His wife, Marilyn worked in the cafeteria as the assistant cook and later had a position as the administrative assistant in the school office.

Ron's students feel blessed to have been in his classes and experienced his spiritual leadership. Russell Dick, '95 recalls, "Pastor Ron Cook could be counted on to have a smile on his face. He was dedicated to helping young people establish

a solid relationship with Christ. I can honestly say that because of the foundation he helped to lay, I am fervently waiting for my Savior to return and take me home!"

Kerry Tankersley, '95, remembers, "Ron Cook always displayed kindness and guidance, and was a role model during my time at boarding school. His religion classes were among my favorite, as they were for most of the class."

Joy (Mashak) Reeves, '95, shares, "Pastor Ron was more than a chaplain, religion teacher, and friend. He was a father figure who showed me Christ's unconditional love."

The Cooks are now retired and living in Sacramento near their daughter Gina (Cook) Villalobos, '95, and her husband Oscar. Ron continues ministry in retirement as the president of Broken Chains for Humanity, a non-profit organization that provides free medical clinics, clothing, food, and Bible seminars to the inhabitants of remote mountain villages in Guatemala.

Congratulations, Pastor Cook, on being chosen for the Life Legacy Award from Georgia-Cumberland Academy! We love you and are so happy to have you receive this award!