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### **THE CONTINUED GROWTH OF CONGAREE POINTE BRINGS MORE HOMES AND RENEWED OPPORTUNITY TO ATLAS ROAD**

**Multi-phase Senior Living Development Scheduled for the Atlas Road Community in 2020**

**Columbia, SC** – Over 13 years ago, in October of 2006, Bible Way Church of Atlas Road purchased 106+ acres in Southeast Columbia. This mixed-use development project, Congaree Pointe, highlighted a tremendous economic endeavor for faith-based institutions. It is solely a project between the church and private industry. While not the first project of this nature, it is certainly one of a few of this type and one of the most comprehensive in the United States.

Initial development began in 2007, in what was a joint venture between Bible Way Church of Atlas Road and Hallmark Homes, led by Columbia based developer, Don Tomlin. This initial phase of Congaree Pointe resulted in over 60 new homes being built on Atlas Road. More recently, residents have seen the addition of a Dollar General at the intersection of Atlas and Bluff Roads and the renovation and upgrade of a long-standing gas station into a more modern Circle K.

For over 50 years, Bible Way Church of Atlas Road has been a catalyst for growth and positive change in the Lower Richland Community. The steady revitalization and redevelopment of the surrounding communities continue to improve the standard of living for homeowners, small businesses and the church itself. Since 2000, the church has worked to revitalize and redevelop the overall community, and to stimulate economic growth. In fact, the church has aggressively pursued opportunities to bring businesses and services to the Atlas Road community, investing more than \$17 million dollars for property and land acquisitions and the renovation of existing dwellings. As a result, property values have increased, the church campus has become a safe and secure environment for many civic and community activities, and local contractors and businesses have benefitted. Now, Bible Way Church of Atlas Road is anticipating another groundbreaking,

which is scheduled for the first quarter of 2020, as the church announces the building of the Reunion at Congaree Pointe; a full-service Senior Living Community.

“The need for quality housing for seniors in South Carolina is tremendous,” said Darrell Jackson, Senior Pastor for the Bible Way Church of Atlas Road. “Our church has fully engaged with our community stakeholders in order to address this pressing need.”

Armada Development, LLC and Sugar Valley Capital are developing this phase of the project. “It is important to us that senior adults and their families are provided with the best living communities possible; communities like this include nice residential units, wonderful amenities, and walkable spaces,” said John Gantt, President of the Armada Realty Group. “We are proud to partner with Bible Way Church of Atlas Road to design a state-of-the-art senior living community where older adults can live, work, play and age safely within a community that they love,” adds Gantt.

Plans for the Reunion at Congaree Pointe are for a resort style Community Residential Care Facility that will be situated on the Bible Way Church of Atlas Road campus, and located at the corner of Bluff and Atlas Roads with an egress just beyond the newly renovated Circle K.

“I am incredibly grateful to Pastor Darrell Jackson, and the entire Bible Way Church of Atlas Road family, for their faith-based leadership in our community,” said Mayor Steve Benjamin. “As the Midlands continues to grow, the need for quality and affordable senior housing will as well. The Reunion at Congaree is an exciting revitalization in affordable and workforce housing in Columbia.

This development will contain 15 Independent Living Units, 40 Assisted Living Units and 20 Memory Care Units. Amenities for the Reunion at Congaree Pointe will include a full-service restaurant, walking trails, patios, gardening, multi-purpose rooms, a library, transportation, housekeeping, meal plans, structured wellness programs, laundry services, and 24-hour security.

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