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# Working with youths is very rewarding for Pearces

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ROCKY POINT - Both David and Sue Pearce were reared Catholic, but say they felt no strong spiritual relationship and two years ago began searching for Christian enrichment.

They found that fulfillment at Victory Baptist Church, where they and their two younger sons are now very active.

The couple said they not only heard a message to which they could respond, but found love and compassion from the church members there.

David now teaches a class of fourth and fifth graders in Sunday School, is interim church treasurer, sings in the choir, is on the youth advisory committee, and teaches Vacation Bible School.

"The most rewarding thing I've experienced is seeing people touched by the Holy Spirit," Pearce said.

Now church clerk for Victory Baptist, Sue is substitute teacher for a K-3 Sunday School class, is on the youth advisory and decorating committees, and is presently chairman of the nominating committee.

Both David and Sue are involved in the nursing home ministry, where David preaches when asked.

Sue is excited about the growth of youth activities in the church. "Two years ago, we had maybe four teenagers at a service. Now, we have 35-40 - mostly kids whose parents do not go to church," she said.

"Today's children are searching for something," David added. "If that void is not filled by Jesus Christ, they turn elsewhere."

David says that Victory Baptist is growing continually and that the church hopes to add Sunday School facilities soon.

Calling himself an Air Force brat who calls Maine home, David said his father retired to Wilmington, where he graduated from Hoggard High School.

David and Sue are best known for their involvement in Burgaw Dixie Youth Baseball. He has coached eight



DAVID AND SUE PEARCE

years, is a past vice president of the league, and is a past league commissioner. He coached the first place Chloride Babe Ruth team this year.

Dixie Youth was so important to them that when their new home at Heath Estates was finished, the Pearces couldn't move for a while.

David's ball team was in the Dixie Youth State Tournament, and, after that team was officially second in the state, they finally moved.

The young people come first with David and Sue, who have four sons - Robert 23, Chris 21, Jeff 17 and Steven 13 - all of whom are good athletes.

David has been a Webelos Scout leader and an assistant cub scout pack leader for Burgaw Pack 247.

Now that Robert is engaged, the Pearces are looking forward to having a daughter for the first time.

Sue works in the office of McDonald's in Wilmington, and she is a dedicated homemaker. "Otherwise, where David is, I am," she said.

A sheet metal mechanic, David has always worked with young people.

Both David and Sue work with the Victory Baptist youth committee. "The most rewarding thing," Sue says, "is seeing a young person come to know Jesus!"