

Pearces native to be guest revival speaker

Dr. Ronald S. Pierce will be a guest speaker at a revival meeting next week at the Pearce Baptist Church.

The revival will begin Tuesday, Oct. 14, and continue each night through Oct. 18. Services will begin at 7:30 nightly. The revival will conclude Sunday, Oct. 19, with the 11 a.m. homecoming worship service.

Pierce is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Pierce of Route 3, Zebulon. He was raised in the Pearces community and was licensed and ordained to the ministry by Pearce Baptist Church.

Pierce holds a bachelor's degree from N.C. State University in Raleigh, a master of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and a doctorate in theology from New Orleans Theological Seminary.

He is married to the former Bonnie Ann Bangs of New Orleans, and they have an 18-month-old daughter, Sherry Ann.

Pierce has held positions with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and with the New Orleans Baptist Theological



Dr. Ronald S. Pierce

Seminary. He has served as interim pastor of churches in North Carolina and Louisiana. He has been pastor of two North Carolina churches, including his present pastorate at New Holmes Baptist Church at Peachland.

Music under the direction of Sandra Hough will be presented at each service during the revival. A picnic lunch will be served at the church annex following the Sunday morning service.

The church is located at Route 3, Zebulon. Members and friends are invited to attend.

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Dr. Pierce answers First Baptist call

On Tuesday, Aug. 1, Dr. Ronald S. Pierce began his duties as senior pastor of First Baptist Church on Randolph Street and will preach his first service as the church minister at the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Aug. 6.

A native of Zebulon, Dr. Pierce came to Thomasville from Brookwood Baptist Church in Jacksonville, N.C.

During the eight years of his ministry there, the membership grew by more than 500 and the church budget increased from \$86,000 to \$989,000.

Several new buildings were constructed, including a sanctuary, which seats nearly 1,000 people, and child care center buildings. Other structures were converted into office, educational, nursery, fellowship and kitchen areas. Over 400 children were involved in church activities.

The church greatly increased its giving to missions. Each year during the last four years Dr. Pierce led in mission trips, including one in



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which he, accompanied by nine men from his church, went to Fastov in the Ukraine to help build a church.

After graduation from Zebulon High School in 1971, Dr. Pierce received a bachelor of arts degree from North Carolina State University in 1975, a master of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist

Theological Seminary in 1978 and a doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1984.

Dr. Pierce was ordained by Pearce Baptist Church in Zebulon in 1978 and served pastorates in Peachland and Fuqua-Varina before going to Jacksonville in 1987.

In addition to church ministry, he has been involved in teaching at Campbell University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and has been active in various capacities in many denominational organizations on both the associational and state levels. He is also a Rotarian.

He has published book reviews and articles in The Theological Educator, Proclaim, Growing Churches and The Biblical Recorder.

Dr. Pierce's wife, Bonnie, is a native of New Orleans, La. They have two children, Sherry Ann, 10, and Ronnie, 6.

His favorite hobbies are golfing, traveling, reading and playing with his children.