

Auxiliary Newsletter

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Let ' s Get To Know President Pierce

President Brenda Pierce is married to Chaplain Ron Pierce who is with the Mobile Office of the FBI and the Sheriff's Office. You may remember Ron and Jerry Brown as well as Brenda and Jerry's wife Lynda as the hosts of the ATS this past year. Ron and Brenda will be married for 35 years this coming March. They had 4 wonderful children together and have been blessed with 5 beautiful grand-children presently. She assures us there is never a dull moment when the family is all together.

Brenda works away from their home as a beauty advisor for Chanel at Dillard's.(That's where all those wonderful samples come from at the ATS!) She also travels as an Inspirational Guest Speaker and Singer when her schedule permits. Brenda has been a member of the ICPC Auxiliary choir for many years and just this last ATS sang with her daughter and son at the Thursday Memorial Service. She recently directed a choir in Leakesville, Mississippi for their Christmas Cantata so you can well imagine

with also working in retail she had a busy holiday season. Brenda is looking forward to getting to know you better in Knoxville!



President Brenda Pierce

A Message From Our President

Well, here is hoping for a great 2009! I pray your health improves, your income increases, your friendships multiply and your family's love grows deeper.

I don't know about you guys, but I am so looking forward to Knoxville. Gee! Ronnie and I even looked at the atlas to

plan our route for Sacramento next year. How funny is that? Any way... be sure to make your plans now for July so we can all be together again and have a great ATS in Tennessee. I know the Committee in Knoxville is working hard and striving to make sure we have a wonderful and successful ATS.

Our week is not complete until we come together,

To honor our God and nourish each other

The help each one needs for the tasks we face

Comes when we worship and draw from His grace

Brenda (Ps.122)



Watch your thoughts for they become

words.

Choose your words

carefully for they become

actions.

Understand your actions

for they become

habits.

Study your habits for they

become your

character.

Develop your character for

that becomes your

destiny.

Submitted by

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Adams



What to know about Knoxville

Since we'll be spending a week in Knoxville, Tennessee this coming July, maybe it's time to learn a little about the city! Knoxville is known for its history, especially its seven historic homes from the Civil War era and the First Frontier. And if you've ever been interested in your family history, the East Tennessee History Center in downtown Knoxville

houses the Southeast's largest resource for genealogical research.

Okay auxiliary choir members (and those of us who wish we could be!) there is a self-guided downtown walking tour that highlights country music in Knoxville. I can already hear you singers walking the streets of Knoxville serenading the locals.

During the summer season you can expect hot and humid temperatures with highs around 88°F and lows to 69°F.

Make sure and check out the Knoxville, Tennessee website at:

www.ci.knoxville.tn.us/

Then scroll down to the visitors section to find out more about our host city. See you in Knoxville!

The Holy Alphabet—submitted by Renee Olthoff

Although things are not perfect

Because of trial or pain

Continue in thanksgiving

Do not begin to blame

Even when the times are hard

Fierce winds are bound to blow

God is forever able

Hold on to what you know

Imagine life without His love

Joy would cease to be

Keep thanking Him for all the things

Love imparts to thee

Move out of "Camp Complaining"

No weapon that is known

On earth can yield the power

Praise can do alone

Quit looking at the future

Redeem the time at hand

Start every day with worship

To "thank" is a command

Until we see Him coming

Victorious in the sky

We'll run the race with gratitude

Xalting God most high

Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...

Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

The Power of Prayer

We would be negligent if we failed to mention two prayer chains that have been circulating in recent months.

Our wonderful Lorraine Nelson has fought cancer for many years and is once again in battle. For those of you who know Lorraine, she has been and will always be the back bone of the ICPC Auxiliary. Her unquestionable support of the spouses and the chaplains has always been amazing. I remember with smiles her first approach to me by the pool in Birmingham, Alabama encouraging me to “get involved”. I also watched her “kick” into nursing gear this past summer when Craig wasn’t feeling well and Stu brought “the love of his life” to check up on Craig. Please continue to pray for grace for Lorraine and God’s help in her times of pain as well as prayers for Stu and their children during this extremely tough time in their lives. We are all blessed to have them in our lives.



ABOVE—Lorraine and Stu Nelson—
ATS Grand Rapids

Yet another strength in our Auxiliary is Immediate Past President Sharon Yarborough. Word reached the prayer chain that Sharon has been having some health issues. Sharon is such a warm and loving person for the ICPC and has welcomed many of us into her embrace. Please continue your prayers for Sharon and Walter.

If you have prayer requests, please forward them to Jan Congram our prayer chain coordinator at jscongram@sympatico.com. Robbi Bourne has been a wonderful help in getting the word out about our two members and we really appreciate the updates.



LEFT—Sharon and Walter Yarborough with “son” Charles Masunungure at the ATS—Grand Rapids.

EDITORIAL NOTE: Word reached the prayer chain on March 2nd that Lorraine Nelson had passed away and is at peace with the Lord. I felt it was still important for the article on prayer to be printed because of Lorraine’s true belief and faith in the power of prayer. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Stu and their family. Lorraine will always be with us at each ATS encouraging us to be strong auxiliary members and supporters of our chaplains. God Bless You Lorraine.

“Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.”

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Anyone who knows me knows that I don't believe in coincidences. I truly believe that all things that occur in my life are a part of God's plan. A perfect example of this happened in September. Craig won a trip to a Sandals resort and we flew to Antigua the beginning of September. Imagine our frustration when we landed...but our luggage did not! But we were not the only couple hunting luggage. A young couple was searching also and we ended up traveling to the resort together and conversation was non stop from that point on. They were married on Tuesday of our week there and we were thrilled to be able to stand up with them. Most people would have said goodbye and not seen each other again. But Craig and I traveled to Missouri to see them in October. We arrived to the wonderful news that they were expecting their first child and while in the middle of our celebration, the young man received a phone call that a member of his platoon that he served with in Iraq had committed suicide. Craig immediately kicked into Chaplain mode and I stepped forward to comfort his wife. NOW, you tell me if our losing our luggage, meeting them, developing a relationship with them and then being with them as they struggled with horrible news was a coincidence. For that matter, isn't it amazing that Craig even won the trip!!! We never know when we will be put in a place for a reason. I encourage you to keep your eyes wide open for all the possibilities in your life. Kathy

If you have any stories, ideas, thoughts or prayers that you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please let me know. You can contact me by email, phone and my home address is 2654 Love Drive, Columbus, OH 43221. I welcome your suggestions and help. If you received this newsletter by Postal Service, please consider giving us your email address so that you can receive an email letting you know when the next newsletter is on the ICPC website. This will help the Auxiliary save money on copying and postage. Just contact me. I look forward to hearing from you!

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(If we have accidently omitted any committee member, please forgive us AND please notify Brenda Pierce or Kathy Hungler)