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Chaplain Gwendolyn Denise Pierce is a preacher, teacher and a motivational speaker. She is a native of Birmingham, Alabama where she attended public school. Presently, Chaplain Pierce is a doctoral candidate at Wesley Theological Seminary, concentrating in "Faith and Health in the Communities." She holds a Master of Divinity Degree from Howard University School of Divinity; Master of Fine Arts Degree from Howard University in Electronic Studio. She taught Computer Graphics as an intern at Howard University School of Fine Arts. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Marymount University in Graphic Design with a minor in Communication Design, with a specializing in Advertising Design. Chaplain Pierce also attended Ebenezer Bible Institute and Evangel Cathedral Bible School of Healing. She has resided in the Washington DC metropolitan area since 1986, after serving 15.5 years in the United States Army.

Chaplain Pierce preached her initial sermon at Royal Oak Pentecostal Church, Landover, Maryland. She is a current member of the Association of Professional Chaplains, member of the American Psychotherapy Association (APA), Academy of Certified Master Chaplain Level III, and (ABCBS I) American Board for Certification in Homeland Security as a certified Chaplain. In 2004, Chaplain Pierce became licensed and ordained at Faith Temple Church for all Nations, Pentecostal Deliverance Ministry in Washington, DC.

Chaplain Pierce presently serves as the Assistant to the Pastor at Petworth United Methodist Church and Van Buren United Methodist Church in Washington DC. She has also served as an Intern Hospital Chaplain at the Washington Hospital Center in Washington DC, and presently serves as a Pastoral Care Volunteer Critical Care Chaplain at Doctors Community Hospital in Lanham, Maryland.

Chaplain Pierce has held numerous positions of leadership, both inside and outside the church, including Bible Study, Prison Ministry, and Pastoral Care/Counseling. Chaplain Pierce is the founder of, "Matters of the Heart Outreach Ministries, Inc." and P.R.A.Y.E.R.™ for the Youth Christian Rites-of-Passage Paradigm for at risk and disadvantaged youth. She is a self-published author of the book, "Nothing But The Truth", and is now working on her second book, due to come out soon.

Chaplain Pierce also writes of a monthly electronic newsletter called "The Good News" - Discerning the Power of the Holy Spirit; Winning Souls to Christ." Chaplain is the mother of two sons: Kireem and Karlos, and a proud grandmother of four: Diamond, Krystal, Kireem, Kartez, and goddaughter Jada.



Chaplain Pierce is a professionally trained and Board Certified Health Care Chaplain, offering pastoral counselling service and spiritual direction to the death, dying, and the grief. This support is done in a professional and confidential manner.

Chaplain Pierce delivers educational and motivational seminars & workshops - established to assist individuals, organizations, churches, schools, and companies discover and develop their personal potential for excellence and spiritual growth. Chaplain Pierce stimulates to motivate, demonstrate, and educate people from all lifestyles. She is available for lectures all across the country.

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P.R.A.Y.E.R.™ For the Youth
Christian Rites of Passage Paradigm
for At Risk and Disadvantaged Youth

Conference Speaker

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- Faith and Health
- Pastoral Care Counselor
- Women's Seminar
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"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound!" -Isaiah 61:1

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to motivate, demonstrate,
and educate
God's people from all lifestyles*

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The Development Program for The At Risk & Disadvantage Youth

This is a Christian Rites-of-Passage Paradigm development program for **at risk** and **disadvantage youth** whose parents are incarcerated, and or on in drug addiction program for self-development to break the habit to drugs and alcohol.

In this program, we will be able to demonstrate to the youth that someone does care about their well-being, spiritual growth, career enhancement, and lifeskills development. we will be able to educate, demonstrate, and motivate P.R.A.Y.E.R.™ (Purpose/Perseverance, Restoration, Altitude vs. Attitude, Yearning to, Enhance and Empower Respect within the community, school, and self within the Mind, Body, and Soul-mentally, physically emotionally, and spiritually) with enthusiasm, responsibility and encouragement.

This Christian Rites-of Passage Paradigm will consist of an eight-week program, with two weeks enhancing spiritual growth. During the third week, the youth will walk in the newness of life and be restored as a new Christian; the fourth week, we will be able to enhance the youths life skills and determine what they want out of life, and instill in them that they could be whatever they want out of life and instill in their minds the "I CAN" attitude – I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me, and empower them to PRAY the power of P.R.A.Y.E.R.™ In the fifth week, we will work on their self-esteem. In the sixth week, we will pair them up with a mentor. For example, if the youth wants to be a doctor, he or she will be partnered up with a doctor and participate in shadowing activity with a doctor. The seventh week will be the completion of the program. The eighth week is graduation and walking in the newness of life with a fresh start and a new beginning in tier Christian walk.

This program will be introduced to the communities and all parents, churches, school administrators, hospital/ health care, government officials (i.e.) Police Department, Mayor and Congress) throughout the Washington D.C. Metropolitan area. To be used as a tool to **SAVE** our **YOUTH** instead of leaving them behind. This program will outsource the "No Child Left Behind Act" which is used as a tool to leave behind at risk and disadvantaged youth.

We will be able to motivate the youth and teach them that someone loves them and to refrain from sex, smoking, drugs and alcohol, bad behaviors, attitudes, and gangs and to focus on loving themselves just like Christ loves them. In conclusion, this program will teach them not to be angry all of the time, increase self-esteem, mentor/tutoring, and educate, motivate, and demonstrate the power of P.R.A.Y.E.R.™ We want to be able to encourage them that it is better to have life in the valley of spiritual guidance, walk in love and peace, and not in hate and war as in fighting among themselves. This program will motivate youth to improve low self-esteem, refrain from peer pressure and to maintain peace within the community.



THE VISION for P.R.A.Y.E.R.™

To participate in the process of leading the at risk youth of the community and church into a personal and vital relationship with self and Jesus Christ.

To provide a firm spiritual foundation for discernment in their faith; and to encourage, equip, and impassion them for discipleship and witness in family, church, community, and the world.

The organization also offers innovative peer-based HIV/AIDS education for young people ages 12 to 18, known as LET's TALK IT OUT.

Empowers and teaches young girls as young as 12 about this killer disease called HIV/AIDS. Encourage them to stay a virgin and walk down the aisle in covenant and not to be rolled down the aisle in a coffin.

P.R.A.Y.E.R.™ will provide strong support and group counseling for the youth and transform the lifestyle of young girls into virtuous women of God.

We produce supplemental program resources, recommend retreat and workshop, and other events to support our youth who are our future leaders.

Donate Now

This organization is a 501(c)(3)Public Charity.* This organization is not required to file an annual return with the IRS because its income is less than \$25,000.* If you need additional information, feel free to contact us at www.mattersoftheheartmin.org

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P.R.A.Y.E.R.™ for the Youth
Christian-Rites-of Passage Paradigm
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