



EXPLORING PEACHTREE

WELCOME

The great Christian writer, C. S. Lewis once wrote, “Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another, “What! You too? I thought I was the only one!”

We discover friendship when we realize we are not alone. For some strange reason, we often think that we can do it ourselves. Every once in a while, a rare tenderness and vulnerability breaks through the surface of our self-sufficiency. That is the moment when we allow someone to draw close enough to be a friend.

Joining a church is not an organizational transaction, but a relational transformation. Peachtree is a community of friends gathered because of God’s great grace in Jesus Christ. “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.” (John 15:12-14)

Our orders are to love one another. So, welcome to this portion of the loving family of God. We look forward to getting to know you and walking alongside you together as you explore Peachtree. You are not alone.



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick' followed by a large, looping 'K'.

Dr. Richard Kannwischer
Senior Pastor

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THE STORY OF PEACHTREE



C. S. Honour



Ida Honour

Experience the entire
100+ year history of
Peachtree Presbyterian
Church in our specially
designed History Room,
located off of the
Harrington Library on
the second floor of
the main building.

On a spring day in 1910, on the way home from the funeral of their three-month-old son, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. and Ida Honour saw the children of the Buckhead neighborhood playing, and recognized they did not have a place to learn about Jesus. In memory of their son, they started a Sunday school for the children in the neighborhood. That mission Sunday School for youth subsequently grew into a full congregation, which was chartered November 3, 1919, as Peachtree Road Presbyterian Church.

Over time, Peachtree grew with the neighborhood, and eventually moved to its current location in May 1960, dropping Road from its name. In its current location, the church has continued to thrive, and in the late 2000s completed a building project which expanded the campus to 26 total acres, with facilities on both sides of Roswell Road in the growing Buckhead area of Atlanta.

The story of the Honour family is the genesis story of Peachtree and continues to inspire our mission today.

Unexpected Togetherness

From the beginning, Peachtree has placed a high value on the body of Christ that is multiple ages and generations, all worshipping and joining together for fellowship.

Peachtree continues this tradition today with programs and activities for people of all ages, even as we continue to grow younger. The total number of people under Peachtree's care, including all ages, is over 10,200 people, with the official membership of confirmation age adults over 7,000 and growing. Fourteen percent of Peachtree are from birth to ten years old and fifteen percent are over 66 years, making this a wonderfully symmetrical

multi-generational congregation. The average age at Peachtree is 37 years old, and we have more nine year olds than any other age.

With 100+ year church history, God continues to bring all ages to Peachtree for Unexpected Togetherness.

Gentle Reverence

By establishing a Sunday school, the Honors understood the power of changing lives of the young children of Buckhead by enriching their minds.

Today, Peachtree continues to believe in the importance of sharing and studying the gospel which has the power to transform us and our culture. The foundation of this belief is a commitment to share scripture with the love of Jesus Christ.

In our current climate, it is too often the case that churches are either confrontational in their emphasis on doctrine or in an effort to appear loving, they are neglectful of our need for change and growth. Peachtree believes that it is crucial to be committed to both truth and grace.

Disruptive Compassion

The Honour family saw a neighborhood that needed Jesus and acted to make a difference. Throughout its history and continuing today, we at Peachtree have sought to serve the most vulnerable in Atlanta and around the world.

We partner with a number of organizations that seek to restore the lives of vulnerable children, including LaAmistad, our after school program for Latino students that has now been replicated in ten other locations. In addition, we have built 154 Habitat for Humanity homes, and provide life insurance for every Atlanta Police Officer and Fireman.

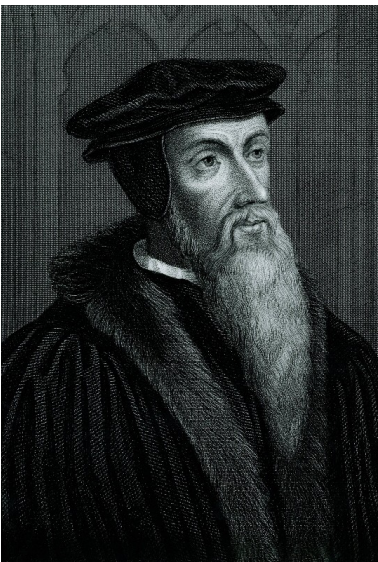
The Honours' calling now extends through efforts such as education and fighting human trafficking in a dozen countries around the world.

Peachtree continues to build on the foundation of the Honours' legacy by joining Christ daily in the restoration of all things.

PRESBYTERIAN

The word “Presbyterian” comes from the Greek word *presbuteros*, which means “elder.” This concept defines our system of church government, which is structured around a group of elders elected by the congregation. This is the same system of government upon which our country’s democratic philosophies were founded. To be Presbyterian also means we are Presbyterian or “Reformed” in our theology. Reformed theology is a systematic way of understanding Christian beliefs. These essential beliefs include the sovereignty of God, salvation through faith in Jesus Christ alone, the authority of the Bible for faith and life, and our individual duty to be a minister of Christ at all times and in all places.

Presbyterians trace our history to the 16th century and the Protestant Reformation. Our theological heritage begins with the French lawyer, John Calvin (1509–1564), whose writings crystallize reformed theology. The first American Presbytery was organized in 1706. Presbyterians are distinctive in two ways: we are Reformed in our theology and connectional in our polity.



John Calvin (1509–1564)

› Reformed

- Sovereignty of God
 - Grace
 - Faith
 - Scripture
 - Christ
 - Glory to God
- Sacraments

› Connectional

- Presbyterian
 - Form of Government
 - Session, Presbytery, Synod, General Assembly
 - The Fellowship
- The Global Church



MISSION & VALUES

PEACHTREE'S MISSION

*Joining Christ daily
in the restoration of all things.*

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church.

— Colossians 1:15–18

PEACHTREE'S VALUES

- › **Unexpected Togetherness** because the gospel brings us all to the table.
- › **Gentle Reverence** because the gospel requires both grace and truth.
- › **Disruptive Compassion** because the gospel changes us all for good.

FAITH

FAITH IN CHRIST

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. —Genesis 1:27

We are created in the image of God with a desire for _____.

I am the way, the truth, and the life. — John 14:6

The hole in our heart

Lord, you have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in you.

—Augustine, 4th century bishop

Our relationship with God is broken through our

_____.

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. —Romans 3:23

Sin is filling our God-shaped hole in our heart with anything but God.

God loves us and sent His son to heal our broken relationship.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

— John 3:16 We respond in _____ to the good news that the crucified and risen Jesus is the Lord of the world.

The result of the gospel is that we can have a relationship with God restored, be forgiven of our sins, join his mission to the world, and experience eternal life.

Our faith is evidence that we are indeed saved and believe that Jesus is our _____ and _____.

Our recognition of Jesus as Lord is an invitation to join Him daily in the restoration of all things.

Jesus invites us to _____ wherever we are.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. —Ephesians 2:8-10

The Christian life is participation in the encounter of Christ with the world. —Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The life of joining Christ daily is a life of _____.

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

—2 Corinthians 3:18

YOUR STORY

God is at work in your life. Your story is a part of His larger story.

Take a moment and think about the significant moments in your life story, and consider these questions as you mark your timeline below.

- › When did you first experience God?
- › Who in your life has pointed you to God? When?
- › When did you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior?
- › How is God at work in your life right now?



MISSION MEASURE: GRACE

GrATEFUL

instead of entitled

AVAILIBLE

instead of hurried

CURIOUS

instead of self-centered

ENCOURAGING

instead of critical

STRATEGY: BEHOLD, BELONG, BECOME

- › **Behold in Worship:** a weekly celebration and calibration of God's grace.
- › **Belong to a Community:** a mid-size fellowship (30–80 people) to learn, gather, care, and serve.
- › **Become on a Journey:** an intentional community of 2–4 people for deep exploration.

BEHOLD, BELONG, BECOME

BEHOLD IN WORSHIP

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up,
and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as
was his custom.

—Luke 4:16

Worship Services

8:20 am Communion Service
8:45, 10:00 am Traditional Service
11:15 am Contemporary Service

Worship is _____ with our
entire life.

I am learning to live my life as Jesus would live my life if
He were I.

—Dallas Willard

BELONG TO A COMMUNITY

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. —Hebrews 10:24–25

Belong Communities: big enough to dare, small enough to care

- › Mid-size fellowship
- › 30–80 people
- › Gather - Weekly
- › Learn
- › Serve
- › Care

40+ Belong Communities

- › Sunday Morning
- › Women
- › IRONMEN
- › Young Adults
- › Grand Adults
- › Peachtree Neighborhood Communities
- › Choir

BECOME ON A JOURNEY

An intentional community of 2–4 people for deep exploration.

**The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world,
and all who live in it.** —Psalm 24:1

Stewards of what God has given us— _____,
_____, and _____.

Think and pray about how you will participate at Peachtree
at giving and serving.

Serve at Peachtree with your Belong community, in Atlanta,
or around the world.

**The place God calls you is the place where your deep
gladness
and the world's deep hunger meet.** —Frederick Buechner



- › Fill out Next Steps card
- › Receive *100-Year History of Peachtree*
- › Email to follow with website links to connect at Peachtree
- › Weekly *Can't Wait for Sunday*
- › Connect over coffee or email
- › Peachtree tour—second Sunday of each month
- › Next Exploring Peachtree classes
- › New member introduction at the service you attend
- › New member dinner
- › Baptism
- › Meet your Peachtree Elders
- › Session meeting

Q & A

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If you are professing your faith in Jesus Christ for the first time, you will join by **profession of faith and baptism**. Before being baptized, you will meet with a pastor and talk about baptism and following Jesus.

If you have been an active member of a church, you will join by **transfer of your letter**. We will notify your previous church that you have joined Peachtree.

You will join by **reaffirmation of faith** if you professed your faith in Jesus in the past, but you have not been active in a faith community recently.

At today's meeting, you will be asked to answer the following questions about your own faith in Jesus Christ:

1. Who is your Lord & Savior?
Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.
2. Do you trust in Him?
I do.
3. Do you intend to be His disciple, obey His Word, and show His love?
I do.
4. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of your self in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?
I will.





BELONG & SERVE

FOR CHILDREN (BIRTH - 4TH GRADE)

PeachtreeChurch.com/ChildrenMinistry
Minister to Children and Families: Deanne Townsend
[404.842.5845](tel:404.842.5845) | DTownsend@PeachtreeChurch.com

Children's ministries at Peachtree are divided by age. The annual highlight of Children and Family Ministry is Vacation Bible School, a four-day experience with worship, Bible stories, games, and family fellowship held in June. While other events happen during the year, the following occur every Sunday morning:

The Nest

Who: Children 8 weeks to age 2

Where: Located on the first floor in the north end of the main building (to the right of Family Commons). Enter through Family Commons or the back of the building adjacent to the playground.

The River

Who: Children who were age 2 prior to September 1 of the current school year through children enrolled in kindergarten.

Where: Located on the first floor in the north end of the main building (to the left of Family Commons). Enter through Family Commons.

The Fort

Who: Children in 1st through 4th grades

Where: Located on the 2nd floor in the north end of the building, upstairs and to the right when you enter Family Commons.

FOR STUDENTS (5TH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL)

PeachtreeChurch.com/StudentMinistry

Director of Student Ministries: Kevin Sheehan

404.842.4227 | KSheehan@PeachtreeChurch.com

Our mission is to invite into our ministry and disciple every student, wherever they are spiritually, and assist them in becoming devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Students are invited to participate in our Sunday morning programs at 10 am as well as small groups, retreats, events, and service projects. We commit to partnering with students and their parents during this time with the goal of providing students a foundation of faith that will prepare them for life.

Fifty6

Who: 5th and 6th grade students

Where: Room 4108 in The Lodge

Director of Fifty6: Leslie Lambert

404.842.5866 | LLambert@PeachtreeChurch.com

Middle School—Plugged-In

Who: 7th and 8th grade students

Where: Room 4107 in The Lodge

Director of Middle School: Wes Nichols

404.842.2195 | WNichols@PeachtreeChurch.com

High School—Wired

Who: 9th–12th grade students

Where: Room 4111 in The Lodge

High School Associate: Alex Alderman

404.842.5857 | AAlderman@PeachtreeChurch.com

High School Associate: Mary-Wade Ballou

404.842.5894 | MWBallou@PeachtreeChurch.com

FOR ADULTS

At Peachtree, we want you to be a part of a Belong Community, a mid-size fellowship of 30–80 people, to gather, learn, serve, and care. We believe that it is a vital part of your spiritual growth in becoming a disciple of Christ. We have over 40 Belong Communities for you to join—including Sunday morning, Women, Men, Young Adults, and Neighborhood communities—from which to choose.

Sunday Morning

PeachtreeChurch.com/SundaySchool

Belong Communities Coordinator: Donna Psalmonds

404.842.5867 | DPsalmonds@PeachtreeChurch.com

Sunday morning communities meet between 9:00 am–12:00 pm. They provide a time to gather, learn, serve, and care. Many of these Sunday morning communities host social events and many serve together in various mission opportunities.

Women

PeachtreeChurch.com/Women

Director of Connections & Women's Ministry: Rebecca Madden

404.842.2173 | RMadden@PeachtreeChurch.com

Throughout the week, women can gather in Belong Communities for connection and spiritual growth. Options include:

- › Fall, Spring, and Summer studies
- › MOPS and Feast & Flourish—for mothers of preschoolers or elementary age children
- › Presbyterian Women—for women of all ages who meet monthly for fellowship, Bible study, and service
- › Women's Community Bible Study—for women of all denominations who meet weekly at Peachtree to worship God and study the Bible

Men

PeachtreeChurch.com/Ironmen

Pastor for Congregational Life: Chuck Roberts

[404.842.5883](tel:404.842.5883) | CRoberts@PeachtreeChurch.com

Ironmen is a Tuesday morning community for men that encourage and equip men to become a positive impact for Jesus at home, at work, and in the community. It is held on Tuesday at 7:00 am at the Lodge.

Young Adults

PeachtreeChurch.com/YoungAdults

Young Adults Minister

[404.842.3158](tel:404.842.3158) | CJensen@PeachtreeChurch.com

Our young adult communities offer opportunities to gather, learn, serve, and care for singles and couples on Sunday mornings as well as at numerous events scheduled throughout the year.

Grand Adults

PeachtreeChurch.com/GrandAdults

Pastor for Grand Adults: Scott Tucker

[404.842.3172](tel:404.842.3172) | STucker@PeachtreeChurch.com

Peachtree offers Grand Adult environments that emphasize fellowship and growing in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. The Grand Adults Ministry provides exciting periodic gatherings, and Sunday morning communities.

Peachtree Neighborhood Communities

Pastor for Spiritual Formation: Barry Gaeddert

404.842.2192 | BGaeddert@PeachtreeChurch.com

Annual event opportunities like the Peachtree Neighborhood Communities Picnic gather the people of Peachtree in their geographic communities for a time of connection and fun. We allow each individual Peachtree Neighborhood Community to choose how they will gather throughout the year. These may be six week book or current sermon studies, or more ongoing community based serving opportunities. We intend that each community is invested in how they want to gather and serve the needs of their community.

Email Subscriptions

PeachtreeChurch.com/Email

Sign up for the latest Peachtree news to be emailed directly to you.

News & Events

PeachtreeChurch.com/News

Visit our News & Events page for the latest information at Peachtree.

What are you passionate about? Where do you hear God calling you to share your talents and serve those in need? God has given you passion for specific needs in the world and talents to make a difference.

At Peachtree, we want to encourage and connect you to organizations where you can best use your gifts to the glory of God. In addition to serving God in our everyday activities, there are also countless opportunities to participate in the mission of Jesus Christ at Peachtree, in Atlanta, and around the world! If you have an area of ministry to which you feel called, then we are eager to help you get started.

AT PEACHTREE

Director of Connections & Women's Ministry: Rebecca Madden

404.842.2173 | RMadden@PeachtreeChurch.com

There are many opportunities to serve at Peachtree, including:

- › Serving as a greeter or usher on Sunday morning
- › Singing in the choir
- › Leading in Children & Families or Student Ministry
- › Serving on the worship video production team
- › Facilitating a young adult community
- › Hosting a Peachtree Neighborhood community

IN ATLANTA—COMMUNITY MINISTRY

PeachtreeChurch.com/ServeAtlanta

Pastor for Mission: Jay Madden

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Peachtree began over a century ago out of a passion for vulnerable children. This strategic focus is at the heart of our congregation and continues today as we seek to live out our value of Disruptive Compassion in Atlanta. We partner with organizations that help at-risk youth, feed the homeless, give the working poor a helping hand, advocate for the victims of commercial sexual exploitation, and provide thousands of blessing bags to under-resourced students at local schools.

Hands-on opportunities for all ages are available every week throughout our city. Some examples include:

- › Tutoring children in Peachtree's LaAmistad program
- › Feeding the homeless at Atlanta Mission
- › Assisting the under-resourced at Buckhead Christian Ministry
- › Assembling kits for women rebuilding their lives at Wellspring Living

IN THE WORLD - GLOBAL MINISTRY

PeachtreeChurch.com/ServeGlobal

Pastor for Mission: Jay Madden

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Globally, Peachtree invests in vulnerable children and the next generation of church leaders. Through partnerships, we support children who cannot afford school, support victims of human trafficking, provide clean water, and pack Seeds of Hope for global partners. On average, we send out 12 mission trips annually to serve alongside our global partners and to be a part of God's work around the world.

GUATEMALA

Our IRONMEN team supports Oasis, a residential community for exploited girls. Through our work there, we are helping them restore their lives.

INDIA

We serve with our partners, International Justice Mission and the Mahima Home, who bring rescue and restoration to girls who are victims of sexual exploitation.

JAMAICA

Peachtree joins with The Salvation Army to serve visually impaired children at their school for the Blind in Kingston.

MALAWI

We serve with a network of 400 churches to foster community development, train church leaders, and facilitate youth camp for over 300 high school, college, and technical school students sponsored by Peachtree.



PEACHTREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PEACHTREE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

GENERAL INFO

CHURCH OFFICE

Family Commons

3434 Roswell Rd NW

Atlanta, GA 30305

Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 am–5:00 pm

Receptionist: Thomas Mott

404.842.5800 | TMott@PeachtreeChurch.com

PeachtreeChurch.com

What if I have a new address or phone number?

Finance Office: Kaye Manross

404.842.5840 | KManross@PeachtreeChurch.com

Where do I park to ride the Peachtree Express?

PeachtreeChurch.com/Directions

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Communion Worship: 8:20 am

This intimate 20-minute worship service in our Wilson Chapel, on the third floor of the main building, offers prayers, a brief sermon, and communion.

Traditional Worship: 8:45 & 10:00 am

This vibrant liturgical service centers around a biblical message and includes hymns, community prayer choir and instruments, and stories of mission and changed lives.

Contemporary Worship: 11:15 am

This relaxed and lively service in a more informal atmosphere includes music with a live band, prayer, mission stories, and a challenging message on a biblical theme.

BELONGING AND SERVING IN MINISTRY

How do I find a place to belong at Peachtree?

PeachtreeChurch.com/Belong

Director of Connections & Women's Ministry: Rebecca Madden

404.842.2173 | RMadden@PeachtreeChurch.com

How can I serve in Atlanta?

PeachtreeChurch.com/ServeAtlanta

Director of Mission Mobilization: Ginny Nickles

404.842.5832 | GNickles@PeachtreeChurch.com

Who do I contact if I want to go on a Mission Trip?

PeachtreeChurch.com/ServeGlobal

Mission Partnership Director: Kelly Wolfensperger

404.842.2198 | KWolfensperger@PeachtreeChurch.com

How do I sign-up to be an usher or greeter?

Director of Guest Services & Hospitality: Liz Tash

404.842.5810 | LTash@PeachtreeChurch.com

How do I join a choir at Peachtree?

PeachtreeChurch.com/Music

Music Ministry: Heather Ellison

404.842.5846 | HeatherE@PeachtreeChurch.com

How do I join the gym or register children for basketball, gymnastics, and so on?

PeachtreeChurch.com/TheGym

The Gym: Jan Smith

404.842.2189 | JSmith@PeachtreeChurch.com

CHILDREN AND BAPTISM

Whom should I contact when my baby is born?

Pastoral Care: Celeste Cody

404.842.5853 | CCody@PeachtreeChurch.com

How do I arrange to have my child baptized?

Director of Nursery: Corrine Temple

404.842.2188 | CTemple@PeachtreeChurch.com

How do I get information about Children and Family Ministry?

PeachtreeChurch.com/ChildrenMinistry

Minister to Children and Families: Deanne Townsend

404.842.5845 | DTownsend@PeachtreeChurch.com

How do I get information about the nursery?

The Nest at PeachtreeChurch.com/ChildrenMinistry

Sunday Nursery: Danielle Jones

404.842.5804 | DJones@PeachtreeChurch.com

Drop-off Nursery: Danielle Jones

404.842.5804 | DJones@PeachtreeChurch.com

How do I get information about the Preschool?

PeachtreePresbyterianPreschool.org

Preschool office: Jane Montgomery

404.842.5809 | JMontgomery@PeachtreeChurch.com

When is Vacation Bible School?

PeachtreeChurch.com/ChildrenMinistry

Children and Family Ministry: Jeannie Magnon

404.842.3157 | JMagnon@PeachtreeChurch.com

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Whom should I contact if I have a question about my pledge or donation?

How do I make a memorial donation to the church?

Finance Office: Kaye Manross

404.842.5841 | KManross@PeachtreeChurch.com

How do I place flowers in the Sanctuary during worship services?

Hospitality Coordinator: Marsha Sims

404.842.3146 | MSims@PeachtreeChurch.com

Who do I talk to with questions regarding the budget?

Finance Office: Lynn Dawson

404.842.5841 | LDawson@PeachtreeChurch.com

PASTORAL CARE

Who do I contact if I have a prayer request?

Contact any of our pastors. We are always willing to pray with you.

24-hour Prayer Requests

404.842.2178 | PeachtreeChurch.com/Prayer

Who should I contact if there is a death in my family?

Pastoral Care: Rev. Vicki Franch

404.842.2571* | VFranch@PeachtreeChurch.com

Who do I call if a loved one is hospitalized?

Pastoral Care: Celeste Cody

404.842.5853* | CCody@PeachtreeChurch.com

*After hours and on weekends, call Pastor's Emergency phone at 404.490.1240 then enter your phone number and the # key.

How do I make an appointment at the LifeGate Counseling Center?

404.842.3150 | LifeGateGroup.org

RESOURCES

How do I sign up for Peachtree Emails like *Can't Wait for Sunday*?

PeachtreeChurch.com/Email

How do I watch a sermon?

PeachtreeChurch.com/Watch

Where do I find resources to grow in my faith?

Peachtree Library: 404.842.5813

Books are available at the Lodge Café.

STUDENTS

**How do I get information about Student Ministry—
High School, Middle School & Fifty6 (5th/6th grades)?**

PeachtreeChurch.com/StudentMinistry

Student Ministry Office: Jade Williford

404.842.3159 | JWilliford@PeachtreeChurch.com

WEDDINGS

How do I get information about having my wedding at Peachtree?

PeachtreeChurch.com/Weddings

Hospitality Coordinator: Suzanne Zoller

404.842.5834 | SZoller@PeachtreeChurch.com



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THEREFOR

STAFF BIOS

DR. RICHARD KANNWISCHER

Senior Pastor

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Dr. Richard Kannwischer is both humbled and honored to be called as Peachtree Presbyterian Church's Senior Pastor, and to share in the joy of following Jesus Christ together. He is excited to be a part of this next season of leadership and to serve the city of Atlanta. One of the most important moments in Rich's life was when the Christian faith moved from being an idea of God to a relationship with God. He looks forward to sharing those moments with this community.



Prior to coming to Peachtree, Rich served as Lead Pastor at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach, California for seven years. He graduated cum laude with his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Trinity University in San Antonio, where he currently serves as a member of the board of trustees. He earned a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. He served as a member of the board of trustees for Princeton from 2010 to 2012. He also received his Doctorate of Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary and is currently serving the school as a member of the board of trustees.

Rich is a native Texan and is married to his wife Kelly. Kelly also has her Master of Divinity from Princeton, which is where the couple met. Kelly has served in the not-for-profit sector as an executive and consultant. Rich and Kelly are the proud parents of their two precious daughters, Danica and Ashby. Rich's other active pursuits include snow skiing, hiking, and playing golf.



REV. VICKI HARRINGTON FRANCH | Pastor for Pastoral Care
[404.842.2571](tel:404.842.2571) | VFranch@PeachtreeChurch.com

Vicki has been a daughter of Peachtree since she was 10 years old. She thinks of this church as an extension of her home and of the congregation as her family. Her father, Dr. Frank Harrington, served as senior pastor of Peachtree for 29 years. She considers her ministry here to be “a dream come true.”

Vicki attended the Westminster Schools, Duke University, and Princeton Theological Seminary. While getting her seminary degree, she served at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Newtown Square Presbyterian Church, and served as a chaplain for Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Vicki is married to Dr. Hal Franch, a nephrologist and associate professor of medicine at Emory. They met in high school and have been married for 25 years. They have three children, Carolina, Michael, and James. In Pastoral Care, Vicki is privileged to share important milestones of life with people.



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Barry is a Kansas native and joined Peachtree’s staff in February of 2019. He most recently served in the mission field, teaching English as a foreign language in Morocco. He also served in the role of associate pastor in Kansas, Missouri, and as senior pastor in London, England, where he led an international congregation. Spiritual formation is a passion for Barry. An avid international traveler, Barry has journeyed extensively across five continents. Barry is a widower and the father of 2 adult sons, Zachary and Micah.

He received a B.S. in Information Systems from the University of Tulsa, an M.Div. with a concentration in Christian Formation and Discipleship from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education from St. Louis University.



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Cody is a native Californian and grew up in a small mountain town two hours outside of Los Angeles called Big Bear Lake. He attended Cal State University Fullerton and received his Bachelor’s degree in business. During his time in the corporate world, Cody spent most of his time volunteering and serving at various churches and always knew he would end up in full-time vocational ministry. Cody previously worked at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach, California as the Minister of Student Ministries. During his time at St. Andrews, he received his Master’s degree from Fuller Theological Seminary.

He is married to his beautiful wife, Roz, and they have two children, Caden and Brynn. Cody brings a deep passion and love for Christ along with laughter, energy, and a deep desire to include all in the family of God. In addition to loving Christ, his family, and friends, Cody also loves the Steelers and Peet’s coffee.



DR. JAY MADDEN | Pastor for Mission
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Jay grew up in South Carolina, where he attended Furman University. After spending twelve years in Greenville owning and operating a number of businesses, Jay sensed that God was calling him to serve the church. He joined the staff of First Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC as Evangelism Director before making the move to Chicago in 2003. While there, he served as an Area Pastor at Willow Creek Community Church. In this role, he was responsible for pastoral leadership and also served on the Global-Africa board. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Bethel Seminary in St. Paul, MN. In 2009, Jay began serving at Peachtree as Pastor for Mission where he is responsible for Peachtree's local and global mission partnerships. He completed his Doctor of Missiology degree in 2019 from Fuller Seminary which focused on mutual transformation in mission.

He is passionate about seeing the Peachtree community reach their full potential in God's mission in Atlanta and around the world. His other passions involve Clemson football, quality time and traveling with his wife Rebecca, daughter Neale, and son William, and spending time outdoors with his labrador retriever.



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Shawn Reilly is a native of Southern California. He received his bachelor's degree in Marketing from University of Southern California and an MBA from Chapman University. Shawn and his wife, Cindy, lived here for nearly ten years, and each of their three kids was born at Northside Hospital. Shawn previously served as Executive Director at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach and San Clemente Presbyterian Church in California. Shawn and Cindy have three children: Shannon, Kelly, and Keegan. Shawn and Cindy now find themselves as "empty nesters" and lead the Empty Nester Belong Community.

As your Minister of Generosity & Stewardship, Shawn can't think of anything more important, or of value, for our world today than participating in the good work to bring God's Kingdom now. In his spare time, Shawn enjoys hiking, fly fishing, and coaching.



DR. CHUCK ROBERTS | Pastor for Congregational Life
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A native of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Chuck Roberts graduated from Arkansas State University with a degree in history, which he discovered was good for nothing, except a springboard to graduate school. Sensing a call to ministry, Chuck earned two Masters degrees from Columbia Theological Seminary (a Doctorate came later from McCormick Seminary in Chicago), then served churches in Augusta, Georgia; Greenville, South Carolina; and Pascagoula, Mississippi. Chuck now serves Peachtree for the second time, having been the Minister to Singles from 1989-1995.

With a passion for the Bible, for seeing men grow as followers of Jesus, and for the church scattered and effective in the workplace, Chuck can be found covered in sawdust working on projects at home, or on his bike when trying to clear his mind. Married to the former Lib Upchurch of Montgomery, Alabama, Chuck and Lib have two adult daughters, Anne and Kathryn.



SCOTT TUCKER | Pastor for Grand Adults
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Scott is an Atlanta native, who began attending Peachtree on Easter Sunday of 2000. After earning a degree in English Literature from Wake Forest University, he attended Columbia Theological Seminary, where he earned a Master of Divinity. Following his seminary studies, Scott worked in various roles with non-profit organizations throughout Atlanta and taught middle school religion courses at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School, while also serving as the House Chaplain for an assisted living facility in Sandy Springs. With formal theological education and a background in teaching, he began teaching Adult Sunday School classes at Peachtree and soon gravitated to the Grand Adult classes, where he has brought a passion for Biblically-grounded theological exploration to life.

Scott and his wife, Lauren, were high school sweethearts and have a daughter, Clare, and an energetic dog, Butch. He enjoys spending his free time trying to master new recipes in the kitchen or on the grill, spending time with his family, watching the Braves and Falcons, and reading bad science fiction.



MARY HOFFMAN | Director of Music
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Mary has served as the Director of Music Ministries since 2008, after 10 years of service as the Director of Youth and Children's Music. Before coming to Peachtree, she taught general and choral music in the public schools of Chicago, Colorado Springs, and Georgia's own Cobb County Schools, where she was named a Cobb County "Teacher of the Year".

Mary holds an undergraduate degree in Music Education/Voice from Illinois Wesleyan University, and received her Masters degree in Sacred Music/Choral Conducting from Emory University, where she served as guest choral director in the fall of 2001. She has sung with the Chicago Symphony Chorus, the US Army Ground Forces Band, and with the Atlanta Sacred Chorale. Mary is currently the president of the Kodaly Educators of Georgia (KEGA) and is a frequent guest conductor for choir festivals and clinician for educators.



TOMMY HOPE | Director of Recreation, The Gym
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A native Atlantan, Tommy has served in the Peachtree recreation ministry for fifteen years and has been its director for the last five. Tommy's passion is working with children and adults in the realm of fitness and sports and seeing them grow both physically and spiritually.

Tommy is married to Sterling Hope, who is a third grade teacher in Cherokee County. They have two children, Paige and Parker. What Tommy most enjoys is spending time with his family, coaching his children in sports, following Georgia Tech athletics, and pulling for the Atlanta Braves.



DAN JOHNSON | Creative & Communications Director
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Dan Johnson joined the Peachtree staff in December 2017, following a successful career in the television and creative services industry. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia with a Telecommunications degree from the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication.

"Telling great stories is my passion and now I get to be part of telling the greatest and most important story in the history of mankind," Johnson says. "Peachtree is full of stories of love and service that fully reflect the sacrifice Jesus Christ made for each of us," Johnson concludes.

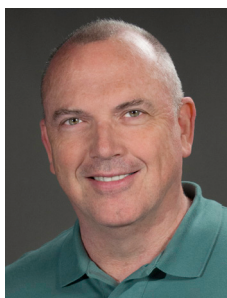
His favorite books of the Bible are Psalms and James, but he claims Proverbs 3:5-6 and Ephesians 2:10 as verses that guide his life and form his principles.



REBECCA MADDEN | Director of Connections & Women's Ministry
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Rebecca grew up in South Carolina and attended Clemson University. After graduation, she worked at IBM in Greenville, South Carolina, where she met her husband, Jay. When Jay began to sense a call to full-time ministry, they moved with their two children to Chicago to be a part of Willow Creek Community Church. While there, Jay and Rebecca promoted connection, small groups, and compassion in their community, and Rebecca worked on the development and rollout of Listen to My Life materials to help people engage their life story—past, present and future. In 2009, the Maddens moved to Atlanta to be a part of Peachtree, and in 2012, Rebecca joined the staff as Connections Director overseeing guests and new members to connect Peachtree members for spiritual growth and community impact.

In 2016, she assumed the role of Director of Women's Ministry where she is responsible for the vitality and spiritual formation of women through its ministries and communities. In addition to her passion for community & spiritual growth, she is most passionate about loving her husband and their two children, Neale & William, and scrapbooking!



RODNEY MILLIGAN | Executive Director
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As a Certified Public Accountant with significant experience as a Chief Financial Officer, Rodney Milligan has provided hands-on financial and operational leadership for private, entrepreneurial businesses for most of his career. In 2015, he joined the Peachtree staff as its Executive Director with responsibility over all operational and financial aspects of the church, including finance, human resources, facilities, hospitality, security, and construction. Rodney grew up in Southwest DeKalb County.

He met his wife, Kathy, at Georgia Southern University, and married in 1977. They have two grown children: Jim lives in Atlanta and Beth lives in New York City. Rodney and Kathy became members of Peachtree in 2011, are active in the Chancel Choir, and serve on the leadership team for LAUNCH, an annual seminar series that Peachtree provides to help newlyweds build and strengthen their marriages.



KEVIN SHEEHAN | Director of Student Ministries
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Kevin graduated from Clemson University in 2002 with a degree in Marketing and has since experienced working both in full-time ministry as well as corporate environments. In terms of ministry, God has had him on a unique path of Student Ministry roles within the Presbyterian denomination which include volunteering at First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia, NC, being the Associate Director of Student Ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Greenville, SC, the Director of Student Ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, Florida, and now the Director of Student Ministry at Peachtree Church. These platforms have allowed him to leverage his contagious passion for the gospel and a deep love for connecting with students. Kevin is married to Lauren, and they have three precious children: Hudson, their oldest son; Parker, their only daughter, and their youngest son, Mason.



LIZ TASH | Director of Hospitality & Guest Services
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Liz is a native Floridian who attended Florida State University. Early in her career she spent 10 years with Estee Lauder, an international cosmetic company, as a Regional Sales Trainer. While raising two children, Garrett and Lauren, Liz served as a church preschool teacher and children's choir director. More recently, Liz has served as Guest Relations and Volunteer Coordinator, first for a hospice organization and then in the Indiana University Health System. After 14 years in Indiana, Liz and her family relocated to Atlanta to be closer to family. As Peachtree's Director of Hospitality and Guest Services, she brings passion, energy, and her love for Christ into all she does.



DEANNE TOWNSEND | Minister of Children and Families
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Deanne has more than 20 years of experience in Children and Family Ministry. She holds degrees in Communication Studies and Children's Learning and Development, and she recently completed her Master's of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary. The joy of her heart is watching God demonstrate the sweet relationship he has with His children through the institution of the family, and partnering with families to raise the next generation for Jesus. The prayer of her heart is that each child and family member at Peachtree will be called by God, adopted in Christ, know the surety of their salvation, and grow in grace all the days of their life.

Deanne is from Greenville, South Carolina, and describes herself as a child of the king, wife to Trey, mama of four covenant children, and passionate leader in Children and Family Ministry. The Townsends follow the Clemson Tigers with sheer devotion and have a deep rooted love for anything pertaining to soccer.



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