



Sunday, April 28, 2024 Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines celebrated a significant milestone in the life of our congregation, Pastor Paul James' 10th Anniversary as pastor of our church.

As stated in Jeremiah 3:15, Pastor Paul is one who has come to our Chapel with the heart of God and feeds this congregation weekly, drawing us closer to the knowledge and understanding of who we are in relation to our maker and how we fit into this puzzle of life. He continually nudges us towards personal and spiritual growth.

And as JoAn Moses, who was Board of Directors President when Pastor Paul began 10 years ago reminded us, "that type of growth often feels frantic and harried." Pastor Paul encourages us to think outside the box



and to change—to expand our definition of what can be and of who we can become. The end result may be a smoother way of operating with a stronger sense of who we are, which leads to a sense of peace.





Pastor Paul has seen the Chapel through many changes over the last decade. He joined us when Don Welch was pastor. He even knew Don while he attended Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC. Pastor Paul transitioned into the pastoral role as Pastor Welch retired. He has pastored us during the loss of our beloved Fran Stark and many beloved Matriarchs and Patriarchs of our Chapel. Pastor Paul ushered us through the turmoil of COVID helping us see the light of day and find new ways to worship using new

technologies. Even today, we have members join our Sunday and special services such as our Gatherings, Bible Studies, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and even the Christmas Cantata online.

Words such as "Thank You," simply cannot convey all that the Chapel feels for our pastor, who has given himself selflessly day in and day out. The English language fails us at times like these. But with all of our hearts we sincerely express our **THANKS** for the past 10 Years you have devoted to the Chapel and look forward to the next 10 Years.

