

Bobby J. Pierson, known by many in Shelby County as “C.P.” for Coach Pierson, is the Democratic candidate for Shelby County Commission, District 3. When asked why he decided to run for this office, Pierson replied, “In Shelby County we don’t have a single county-wide elected Democrat. I believe that we need a seat at the table.”

Coach Pierson grew up in Wetumpka and graduated from Alabama State University on a football scholarship. He taught initially at Evergreen High School, then received an offer to teach at Montevallo High School in 1982, and has been here ever since.

At Montevallo, the tireless Coach Pierson taught classes in health, PE, and traffic safety, plus served as head basketball coach and assistant football coach. On top of that, he coached tennis, track, and golf in season, plus he drove a bus route twice a day. If that sounds impossible, Pierson can explain exactly how he managed to fit so many duties into one day.

Pierson is President of the Shelby County Retired Educators Association and an active member of other education-related professional organizations. He is also Third Vice President of the Shelby County NAACP, a member of the Alabama State NAACP, the Montevallo Library Board, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He has been involved in Democratic Party politics since his arrival in Shelby County and belongs to the Shelby ADC.

If Coach is successful at getting that seat at the table, he says that he will do what’s right for the people, no matter what color, race, religion, or gender. In describing himself, he says, “I’m a humanitarian – I believe in mankind.”