**Vertical: A different kind of church service**

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It is often said that one should not live in the past when the present is right in front of you. Yet, for 20-year-old Kelly Mayo of Wilson, the past is a pretty interesting place to be.

Enriched with ground-breaking moments and innovative personalities, history has shaped our country and the cultures within.

To study history is to understand how our country came to be the way it is.

Mayo was born in Oak- ley, Calif., and moved to North Carolina when she was 11 years old.

She noticed one imme-

diate difference the moment she got to North Carolina – the climate.

She stepped off the plane and was immediately hit with a wave of humidity. It was a shock because “During the summers we have no humidity; it’s a dry heat,” Mayo said.

Her passion for history stretches far beyond her at-

traction to historical photos. “If a photo was colorful and well-preserved, I could I want to know more about what was in,” Mayo said.

She was quickly capti-

vated by the stories behind the photos and was eager to learn more. And because of all the photos she saw, those of the Titanic and Egyptian pyramids, she thinks she will be interested in most.

In addition to history, Mayo is also pursu-

ing a bachelor’s degree in elementary school. While to-

gether her history books, she became fasci-

nated by the historical photos.

“My passion for history is why Mayo has decided to pursue a history degree,” Pittman said.

In addition to a history degree, Mayo is also pursu-

ing a bachelor’s degree in business. “Since I have a double major, I don’t know what I want to do,” Mayo said.

With her journalism degree, however, beginning with fewer than 20 people, paper church started building a team that would make Vertical, Mayo said.

Pittman knew that the theater was where they wanted Vertical to be how-

ever at first the ownership was not interested, so they began without a location to show their Vertical church.

That call did, manage-

ment said they could use the theater for the Sunday wor-

ship.

Mayo knew Vertical church hopes to expand in the future. Right now they still have one location

in Lumberton, but they hope to make other churches like Vertical.

Vertical church members also go to college at UNC-P, with degrees in church and it grow s w ith the church and it grow s w ith the church, and they ended up planting in communities, and they them. The Pem broke gaining experience once a month at the meeting once a month at the vertical church.

“Being a mobile church is part of who we are,” Pittman said.

Vertical church meets at 11 and 9 a.m. every Sunday andVertical does small groups every three studies, and there is a place for children as well known as VKidz.

Mike Pittman works for UNCP’s DoIT Office where he is an interactive video trainer. He also plays the Vertical drum.

Kelly Mayo was on editing pages for The Pine Needle.

Kelly Mayo wants an exciting future.