

Chandler Stone

Piano Coach

I don't recall music ever not being a part of my life. Every family event always involved gathering around the piano at home to play, sing, and break out whatever instruments were around. My mother's family was naturally musical, and I showed an interest early on as a child. I began to study classical music in third grade with Nancy Jenkins Claxton who believed in competition and performance perfection, which resulted in ten years full of festivals and competitions. I also began playing trumpet in fifth grade band. While in middle school, I started playing in youth praise band and occasionally accompanied our youth choir.

The following years playing in church and with my friends really allowed me to find a new love in music. I loved both worlds. I craved the complexity and detail that came with classical music, and enjoyed the flexibility and freedom of christian and pop music. So I decided to continue doing both. Throughout high school I continued rigorous lessons and competition with classical piano, played in my high school jazz band, became drum major, played in local christian bands and went on a few small tours.

After high school I attended Shorter University and pursued studies in Piano Performance and Piano Pedagogy, as well as, accompanied vocalists and taught piano lesson to various students. While attending college, I was on staff at a local church as a MD/Keys player and played worship events in and around the greater Atlanta area.

Currently I serve on the worship team at Passion City Church, as well as, coaching with Rooted Music where I look forward to sharing my love of music and teaching the next generation to explore and develop their talents.