



# The Chapel Times

*A Twice-a-Month Newsletter of*  
**Pierce Chapel United Methodist Church**  
*Established in 1855*

*Our mission is to develop mature disciples who know, love, and serve Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.*

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**G.I.F.T.**  
GROWING IN  
FAITH TOGETHER

NOT EQUAL GIFTS. BUT EQUAL SACRIFICE.

**Stewardship Sunday, November 17**

Dear Members and Friends of Pierce Chapel:

This coming Sunday is a special day in the life of our church as we will be celebrating our annual STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY. You will be given opportunity in each service to consecrate your giving to the ministries of Pierce Chapel and to Building By Faith (debt elimination) for 2020. This is a faithful thing to do, and helps immensely in our ministry planning and debt elimination for the coming year.

Once again our theme is GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER. Our goal is 100% participation - but not with equal gifts. The challenge is equal sacrifice from the entire church family—members and regular attendees. Obviously, we can't all give the same amount, but we can all make the same sacrifice by giving the same percentage. This is the wisdom of the Biblical tithe (10% of income) that scripture teaches belongs to God.

I trust that you received a letter from me last week that included an Estimate of Giving Card for 2020. Please bring this with you Sunday, but we will have more available if needed. There will also be available a STEP UP TO TITHING guide and a brochure outlining our 2020 preliminary budget.

All we have comes from God and belongs to God. What God requires is that we return the tithe for Kingdom support and use the rest to support faithful living. We know that most people are not tithers, but please struggle prayerfully with this. Use the STEP UP TO TITHING guide to help you set up a plan that will get you to the level of tither over a period of time.

Remember, the goal is equal sacrifice, not equal amounts. This is not only fair but faithful. And know that your contributions will directly and positively impact the success and effectiveness of our ministries together. I encourage you to make every effort to be present this Sunday, November 17, so you can return an estimate of your giving and make known your participation as a faithful financial steward of Pierce Chapel.

Growing in faith together with you,  
Howard

**Sunday Worship Services at**

**8:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.**

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Preschool 706-327-9807, ext. 6

E-Mail Prayer Ministry: Send prayer requests to [prayers@piercechapel.com](mailto:prayers@piercechapel.com)

## ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

John Alston  
Carolyn Billings  
Virginia Brewer  
Alice Brumbach  
George Cantrell  
Annika Carpenter  
Joann Cherry (Sheila Cook's sister-in-law)  
Linda Cliff  
Kathy Cobb  
Savannah Delisle  
Judy Dorer  
Ben Dunton (Linda Socci's son)  
Debby Graham  
Jim Hawkins  
Richard Howell  
Bob Kellum  
LaVerne McClellan  
Hugh Morris  
Bernadine Nash (Belita Walker's friend)  
Teresa O'Donnell  
Julia Payne  
E.P. Rolison  
Kermit Roseberry  
Don & Patti Russell  
Kiddy Seifu  
Cheryl Seymour  
Byrdie Skipper  
Sherry Swain (Lloyd & Alma Artz's friend)  
Mickie Tennyson  
All military families

## EXPECTANT MOTHER LIST

Kirsty Dixon (due November 24)  
Ashton Graham (due in February)  
Kinsley Rodriguez (due April 4)

*(Call the church office to add to the prayer list, and please let us know when it's appropriate to remove a name from the list.)*

*We express our love and sympathy to Julie, Mike, Leah and Kenna McCoy at the death of Julie's father, John Troy James, on November 7.*

## Thank You

*A special thank you for the prayers, phone calls and cards after the death of Bob's sister, Mary Powell. We are so grateful for the loving support from our Pierce Chapel Family.*

*Shirlene & Bob Dickerson*

*I appreciate the many calls and well wishes that have come from the members of Pierce Chapel Church. It will take some time to fully restore the strength I need to be back to normal, but even after only 4-5 days I feel better. It is a blessing to be a part of a loving and caring church, and I thank you again for the prayers that have been offered in my behalf.*

*Gordon Stallings*

## Opportunities to invite friends and neighbors!



## Pierce Chapel UMC

Thursday, November 21, 7:00 p.m.

Dove Award Winner 2019:

Southern Gospel Album of the Year

Admission is by donation only.

(Suggested donation \$25 per person)



## DONATIONS NEEDED!

Return by November 17

School Supplies  
Small Toys  
Balls  
Hair Accessories  
Coloring Books  
Playdoh  
Stickers

Socks  
Puzzles  
Combs  
Toothbrushes  
Small Games  
Dolls  
Figurines

Please **DO NOT** include any food items (including gum or candy), no glass/breakable items, no liquids/lotions and no war related items.

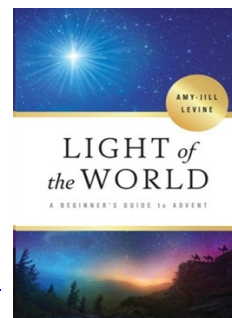
**Parents & Kids** - Join us on Sunday, November 17 during Sunday Connections to help assemble and pack donations for shoeboxes! Hot Chocolate Bar and lots of fun included! (9:45-10:45 AM in the Youth Barn)

Visit [samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child](http://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child) for more info. You may also make a donation to help cover the \$9 shipping cost per box. Please earmark your check with OCC shipping. **Thank you!**

## New Advent Bible Study

**Begins this Wednesday, November 20, 3:30 p.m.**

Join us for a new Advent Bible Study beginning on Wednesday, November 20, at 3:30 p.m. The study will be led by Marie Massey in her home at 11215 Rambling Trail, Midland. This is a 4-week study that will meet on Wednesdays, November 20, December 4, 11 & 18. For more information, contact Marie Massey at [cwzeke@mchsi.com](mailto:cwzeke@mchsi.com) or 706-315-1093.







## Office Deadlines

News deadline for the only **December** newsletter is 12:00 noon on **Monday, November 25.**

Sunday worship bulletin deadline is **12:00 noon on Wednesdays.** Please email newsletter and/or bulletin announcements to [monica@piercechapel.com](mailto:monica@piercechapel.com).

## Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule Changes

- Children's Choirs will not meet Sunday, Nov. 24.
- Pierce Chapel Preschool will be closed Monday-Friday, November 25-29.
- No activities on Wed., November 27.
- No Happy Achers or Senior Exercise on Thursday, November 28.
- The church office will be closed on Wednesday, November 27 through Friday, November 29.

## Save the Date! December 18



Pierce Chapel Children's Choirs present "Random Acts of Christmas" on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 pm in the Worship Center. (Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm.)

## Poinsettias for Advent

An order form will be available in the November 24 bulletin for you to purchase red poinsettias (in honor or memory of someone) for the Worship Center during Advent. A list of donors and those honored/memorialized will be included in the worship bulletin on Sunday, December 15. Make checks payable to Pierce Chapel UMC (cost is \$12.00 per plant) and earmark them "poinsettias".

## Wednesday Night Supper

**November 20, 5:30-7:15 p.m.**

We will welcome Kim Jenkins, Executive Director of Open Door, as our guest speaker that night!

Kim will share Open Door's vision for the brand new Village Toy Store. Come hear how we can participate in serving our community while ensuring the dignity of those we serve.



### Menu:

Baked potato bar,  
choice of chili or chicken noodle soup,  
salad & dessert

### Cost:

Adults & youth \$6. Ages 5-12 \$3.50.  
Age 4 & under eat free.

Make reservations online at [piercechapel.com/events](http://piercechapel.com/events) or complete the form in Sunday's worship bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

## Pies for Our PIE



Will you contribute pie(s) to show support and appreciation to a faculty/staff member at Fox Elementary School (our PIE – Partner In Education)? The pies can be store-bought or homemade.

We need 67 pies here at Pierce Chapel by **10 a.m. on Thursday, November 21**, tightly-wrapped in foil or plastic wrap. Please note what kind of pie it is. (Please don't bring pies that require being kept in a freezer or refrigerator.) To contribute contact Anne Gemes at [aggemes@yahoo.com](mailto:aggemes@yahoo.com) or 706-718-9665. Thank you!

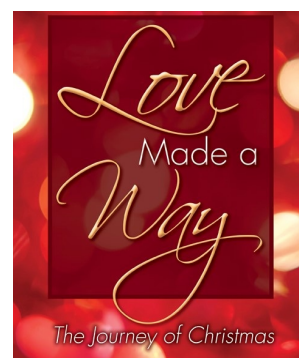
## Christmas Cantata

*Sunday, December 8*

*4:00 & 7:00 p.m.*

*in the Worship Center*

*A reception will follow each service.*



## Reception after Christmas Cantata

Can you give your time to volunteer with the receptions following both Cantata presentations (4:00 & 7:00 p.m.) on Sunday, December 8. We also need **lots and lots of food that you can eat with your fingers**. Please contact Elaine McKenzie if you can donate finger food or help in any of the ways below.

Bring finger food to the kitchen on Sunday, Dec. 8 (no later than 3:30 p.m.)

Set up at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon

Clean up & restock at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evening

Clean up after the final reception on Sunday evening

You can contact the reception coordinator, Elaine McKenzie, at 706-570-0983 or [mckenzie3200@hotmail.com](mailto:mckenzie3200@hotmail.com).



## LIA Summer Internship

Experience Life in Abundance through a summer internship program for college-age and young adults (ages 19-25). See firsthand how God is bringing sustainable transformation through his church to some of the most poor and vulnerable people in the world.

As an LIA intern, you will serve three weeks in Kenya and three weeks in Ethiopia, in both urban and rural settings. This internship is June 8-July 29 and applications are due December 1. For more information and to read stories from past interns visit [lifeinabundance.org/intern](http://lifeinabundance.org/intern).



## SafeHouse Ministries

SafeHouse Ministries welcomes you to a luncheon on December 4 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at SafeHouse Ministries (2101 Hamilton Road, Columbus). Whether you are a long time supporter or interested in learning more, come see how SafeHouse is working to love and serve homeless, addicted, and/or incarcerated members of our community. To RSVP or for more information, email: [heather@safehouse-ministries.com](mailto:heather@safehouse-ministries.com)

## Senior Exercise

**Senior Exercise** meets Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays in the Youth Barn from 9:00-10:00 a.m. If you haven't been before, or need to check the dates that we may not be meeting, please contact Connie Luby at 706-325-2615 to learn of any changes in the schedule.

## "FASTURDAY"

**Saturday, November 23**

*Bring canned foods November 10-24*

Remember those who are hungry this Thanksgiving. On November 23, we will observe a day of fasting that we call "Fasturday" to help raise awareness of the problem of hunger in our community. We invite you to do three things:



1. **Bring** canned goods and non-perishable food items to Pierce Chapel between Sunday, November 10, and Sunday, November 24, to help Wynnton Neighborhood Network for the holiday season.
2. **Fast** (if your health allows) on Saturday, November 23, to become familiar with the feelings of hunger that some people in our community experience every day.
3. **Pray** for the poor and those in our community who suffer from hunger and "food insecurity."

As you are filling your bags, you may want to include some of the following items:

Canned meat products	Mac & cheese mixes
Cereal/oatmeal/grits	Peanut butter and Jelly
Baby food/formula/diapers	Spaghetti noodles & sauces
Soups	Canned fruit & vegetables
Pasta or rice sides	Hamburger Helper
Cake mix/canned frosting	Hot chocolate mix/juice/coffee

Bags are available at the church near the Welcome Center, and the collection bins are across from the Welcome Center (from November 10-24). To learn more, go to [facebook.com/Fasturday](https://facebook.com/Fasturday) or email Steven Wimberly at [wimberly.steven@gmail.com](mailto:wimberly.steven@gmail.com).



### **Sunday Night Youth** (5:00-7:30 p.m.)

Youth (6th-12th grades) meet in the barn to eat, hang out and worship with our youth band starting at 5:00 p.m. Our guest speaker for November is Noah Barfield! Don't miss out on these amazing times with your adult Small Group Leaders and the incredible youth of PCUMC! Hope to see you Sunday!

### **Wednesday Night Youth:** (6:00-7:30 p.m.) Join us on

Wednesday nights for "Pray and Play in the Barn"! Since Ultimate season is over for now (no more Daylight Saving Time), our Wednesday nights are different! Come at 6:00 (eat before you come or bring a fast-food supper to eat in the barn) and we'll start with prayer concerns and sharing, then have fun playing games and hanging out! This is a great time to get to know others and bond as a group! Don't miss out!

**Youth Backpacking trip to North Georgia Nov 25 & 26:** Tour three waterfalls and camp under the stars. Cost is \$30 and money for two fast food meals. Space is extremely limited, so text Stephen Childers at 706-905-1701 to see if space is still available.

**TURKEY SHOOT**

**Saturday, November 23, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**Held in the field across from Pierce Chapel**

\$3 per shot for a chance to win a turkey. We supply the shells for the shoot. Bring your shotgun or borrow one from us. Concessions available.

Proceeds support local missions.

Sponsored by the Pierce Chapel United Methodist Men.