



The Chapel Times

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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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Sunday Worship Services at
8:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
5122 Pierce Chapel Road,
Midland, GA 31820

Live!
ON THE LAWN
The Chapel at Pierce Chapel
PIERCECHAPEL.COM
Bring your lawn chair!

LIVE MUSIC
WITH THE
CHAPEL BAND

FOOD TRUCKS
FREE Food Voucher for
college students w/valid
ID & 1st time guests!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH | 6:30-9:00 PM | 5122 PIERCE CHAPEL RD.

Confirmation Sunday 2019

Sunday, May 5, during the 11:00 service

It is my great joy to tell you that we will be baptizing or confirming 10 students in our Confirmation Class this **Sunday, May 5**, during the 11:00 service. They have each made this decision on their own, marking an important step of faith in their journey with Christ. So on Sunday, we as a church will get to witness their public professions of faith in Jesus Christ, and we will be asked to commit ourselves to "pray for, encourage, and support them" in their continuing walk with Christ. I hope you will be present at the 11:00 service to celebrate their commitments and to be part of the "crowd of witnesses" here on earth as we cheer on these young disciples:

*Avery Bader, Jackson Boatner, Elena Graves, Natalie Hollingsead, Paige Koller,
Holly Mattson, Grace McMillen, Maisyn Pearson, Jack Seymour, Gil Williams*

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us." Hebrews 12:1

Cheering with you,

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FAX 706-327-7253

Preschool 706-327-9807, ext. 6

E-Mail Prayer Ministry: Send prayer requests to prayers@piercechapel.com

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

John Alston
Carolyn Billings
Virginia Brewer
Peggy Brooks
Alice Brumbach
George Cantrell (Leila Cantrell's son)
Annika Carpenter (Lloyd & Alma Artz's great-grandchild)
Joann Cherry (Sheila Cook's sister-in-law)
Linda Cliff
Kathy Cobb
Kathy Davis
Savannah Delisle (Fritzie Fulton's granddaughter)
Judy Dorer
Ben Dunton (Linda Socci's son)
Marcia English
Malachi Estevez (Leila Cantrell's great-grandson)
Debby Graham
Jim Hawkins
Richard Howell
LaVerne McClellan
Hugh Morris
Bernadine Nash (Belita Walker's friend)
Julia Payne
John Proft
Paisley Riggs (Fay Williams' great niece)
Kermit Roseberry (Lisa Courtney's step-father)
Don & Patti Russell
Leah Seifu (Kiddy Seifu's daughter)
Cheryl Seymour
Sherry Swain (Lloyd & Alma Artz's friend)
Mickie Tennyson
Bill Wall
All military families
Our military partnership units:
 Crusade for Christ
 Warrior Transition Battalion

EXPECTANT MOTHER LIST

Jenny Wilcox (due June 13)
Meagan (Lord) Rhames (due September 3)
Jessica Stanley (due September 19)
Taylor (Wall) Heinzelman (due October 10)

(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:

— Ken & Jan Vaughan at the death of Ken's mother, Lynn Vaughan, on April 23.

— Sallie & Gene Kennedy at the death of Sallie's sister, Betty Eldridge, on April 30.

Office Deadlines

News deadline for **May 15** newsletter is **12:00 noon on Monday, May 6.**

Sunday bulletin deadline is **12:00 noon on Wednesdays.** Email announcements to katie@piercechapel.com or call Katie at 706-327-9807, ext. 1.

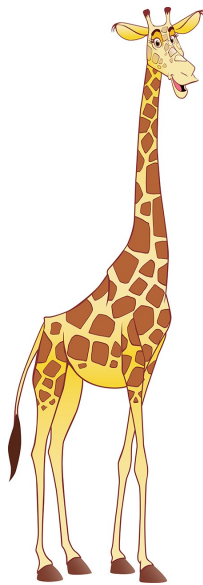
Honoring High School Seniors

We will honor our high school graduates in the 8:30, 9:00 & 11:00 worship services on Sunday, May 19. Below are the names that have been turned in to us:



Jessica Anthony, Jack Forbes, Olivia Hinton, Jackson Kellum, Katherine Liesendahl, Hannah Mattson, Maegan McCart, Annika Ryan, Claudia Scott, Lucas Sheppard, Caroline Spurlin, Regan Tew, Allison Thiel, Ethan Wells, John Howard White, Emma Williams.

If you have a graduating senior who is not listed above, please send an email ASAP to katie@piercechapel.com so we can include their name in the May 19 bulletin.



VBS Registration is OPEN!

VBS is June 10-14, 8:45-12:00 noon

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY AT

piercechapel.com/vbs

\$10 registration fee (includes t-shirt!). Spots are limited.

Children age 4 (by 9/1/19) through current 5th grade are invited to learn how life is wild and God is good!

Check out our VBS Supply Wall near the Welcome Center!

If you can pick a gift card amount to donate towards our VBS, that would be a great help as we purchase supplies for 375 kids on campus!"

We will need **LOTS** of wonderful Pierce Chapel youth and adult volunteers to pull off another great week of VBS (June 10-14).

Go to piercechapel.com/volunteer to register to serve!



Open Door Update

The Open Door Classic was a huge success!
The total raised this year was \$90,118!

Our church family raised \$10,217 PLUS an additional \$5,000 generously given as a matching gift. Our members are amazing! We got to take home the trophy since we raised more money than any other church!



Once again we had the most walkers, runners and volunteers present the day of the event so we brought home the trophy for that too! Thank you so much for caring enough to show your support by being with us on that beautiful day!

Bill and I thank you for making our job so rewarding. We are always asked how we get so many people to generously give of their time and money. We say that PCUMC loves Open Door!

In His Love,
Bill and Judy Mullins



May

- 1 Maren Holt & Bob Van Alstine
Jimmy & Kitty McKinstry's Anniversary
- 2 Connie Bales, Elizabeth Hardcastle,
Bethany Link, Kyle Pinet & Linda-Gail Thompson
Andy & Amber Winkins' Anniversary
- 3 Rich Curtis & Camdyn Murphy
- 4 Weston Garrett, Greg Newer, Cole Swecker &
Grant Swecker
- 5 Bill Mullins, Amy Grace Rhinehart &
Darryl Skelley
- 6 Peggy Greer & Shauna Pelley
Craig & Leslie Manning's Anniversary
- 8 Alice Brumbach
Eric & Regina Ragan's Anniversary
- 9 Rebecca Tabor & Karen Weisenburger
- 10 Amber Massey, Haley Seifert & Jennifer Reaves
Craig & Kay Howell's Anniversary
- 11 Rick Wimberly
- 12 Carson Lashua & Donna Pounds
- 13 Donny Russell
- 14 Jeremiah Simpson & Jay Sykes
- 15 Thelma Bunch & Hope Stockton
- 16 Tina Armistead, Steve Lennon, & Elise Parker
- 17 Paul Crouch, Bryce Vinson & Zach Langford
- 18 Hannah Mattson, Haley Powell & Will Van Noy
- 19 Jerry Mason & Jared Stansell
- 20 Coates Massey, Emily Nelson, Cole Pettis
Mark & Kim McKinstry's Anniversary
- 21 Miranda Bauers & Jack Fry
Robert & Debbie Ribolini's Anniversary
- 22 Patrice Holt, Kay Howell & Maddie Snipes
Bruce & Kathy Davis' Anniversary
- 23 Chris Gemes
Ron & Hannah Shives' Anniversary
- 24 Ty Ammons, Virginia Brewer, Robyn Eckenroth,
Becky Goldsmith, Nancy Weiler &
Brittany Howard
- 25 Vance Williams
John & Patty Hornsby's Anniversary
- 26 Peyton Bowman & Josie Swecker
Jason & Angela Strange's Anniversary
- 28 Juline Maholick, Connor McKinney, Collin Murphy
& Rachel Vaughn
Chip & Alice Fry's Anniversary
- 30 Max Lane & Judy Thomas
- 31 Jenny Digby, Pam Jinright, Allison Miller,
Emily Peck, Jackson Strange & Caroline Williams
Josh & Tanda Lane's Anniversary

Special Offering for Magnolia Manor

On Sunday, May 12, we will receive an offering for Magnolia Manor's League of the Good Samaritan. 100% of this offering goes to assist in the housing and care of Magnolia Manor residents whose retirement funds run low, helping meet the growing needs of vulnerable senior adults. Make checks payable to Pierce Chapel.



Retirement Celebration Honoring Reverend Dr. Edwin M. Cooper, Jr.

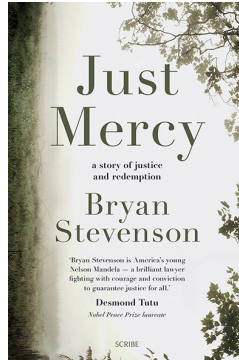
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Drop-in: 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Remarks: 5:00 p.m.

St. Paul United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall (2101 Wildwood Avenue)

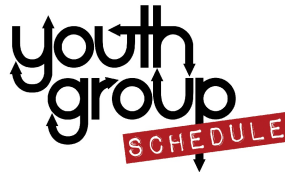
Growing in Grace Book Club



Growing in Grace Book Club will be reading *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson in the month of May. We will meet **Thursday, May 30**, for a potluck supper and to discuss the book.

John Grisham states in a review of the book: "Not since Atticus Finch has a fearless and committed lawyer made such a huge difference in the American South. Atticus exists only in fiction; Bryan Stevenson is very much alive and doing God's work fighting for the poor, the oppressed, the voiceless, the vulnerable, the outcast, and those with no hope."

For more info contact Barbara Rouse at rousehouse54@yahoo.com or 706-464-0425.



Souled Out Summer 2019: Our goal and hope is that EVERY student at Pierce Chapel will attend! This year's camp is Monday, June 3 through Friday, June 7 at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center, FL. The theme is "Fearless" led by youth communicators Jordan Easley and Lee McBride with worship by the band

MOORE. Souled Out is full of inspired teaching, powerful worship, sharing time, and group time. Free time each day includes the beach, pool and organized rec tournaments like strong man/woman, volleyball, basketball and Ultimate Frisbee. Souled Out is open to students finishing 6th grade through those finishing 12th grade. Cost is \$350 as of May 1/student and covers all expenses (except 2 travel meals) including transportation, t-shirt, great food, and 5 nights lodging. Scholarships are available to all students. Get your info and registration packet via Youth News Email or on Sunday or Wednesday! Scholarships: All families and students are eligible to request a scholarship to help offset the cost of Souled Out. If a scholarship may be helpful for your family please contact Nathan.

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 at 5:00 p.m. At 6:15, the 6th, 7th & 8th grades split off and head to the Worship Center, while high school students remain in the barn for large group time. At 6:45, each age group meets with an adult small group leader for discussion and sharing. We will not meet Sundays, May 12 (Mother's Day) or May 26 (Memorial Day weekend).

Wednesday Nights: From now through May 22, we will spend Wednesday evenings hanging out in the Barn from 6:00-7:00 and playing Ultimate Frisbee from 7:00-8:00. On May 15, we will participate in "Live On the Lawn"!

H.A.G.T.O.W.N. (Have A Good Time On Wednesday Night): 6:00-8:00 p.m. — Wednesdays beginning May 29 at Lakebottom Park. Bring a friend & join us at the field next to the Lakebottom orchestra pavilion for good fun, fellowship, & Ultimate Frisbee! Afterward we go to Chick-fil-A on Macon Rd, 8:00-8:45 p.m.

K.I.L.T. (Knights in Leadership Training) Calling all high school aged young men! Please join us for our high school guys' discipleship group on Friday, May 3, 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Youth Barn. Call or text Stephen at 706-905-1701 for more information.

Questions or concerns? Contact Nathan Carr at 706-464-7548.



Pierce Chapel hosts a Connection Recovery Group meeting every Thursday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Room 216.

NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group is a free, peer-led support group for adults living with mental illness and people who live with those with mental illness. The groups are led by NAMI-trained facilitators who've "been there." If this information does not pertain to you, please pass it on to someone it could benefit. If you have any questions, contact Teresa O'Donnell at 706-289-7703 or Stephen Akinduro at 706-315-0966.

Happy Achers & Senior Exercise

Happy Achers sack lunch & games for senior adults happens in the Hospitality Room at 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Bring a sack lunch! Join us for extraordinary fun & fellowship. Questions? Contact Thelma Bunch at 706-610-6496.

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.



Email Ministries

Stay informed through 2 email ministries at Pierce Chapel! Want to be notified via email of **prayer concerns** among the Pierce

Chapel family? Send your full name & email address to prayers@piercechapel.com. If you'd like to ask others to pray for a specific concern, email that concern to prayers@piercechapel.com & it'll be distributed as promptly as possible to the prayer email list.

In addition, if you want to receive news & announcements via email about events or needs at Pierce Chapel, send your name & email address to news@piercechapel.com. We don't share these email lists with anyone, & all email addresses are kept confidential & are not visible to those receiving the emails.

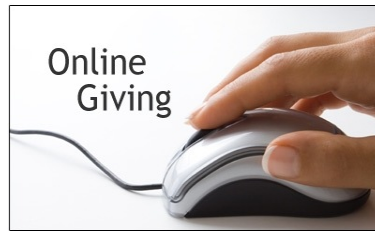


Pierce Chapel is a Stephen Ministry congregation. For those who are experiencing a difficult life event we are blessed to be able to provide caring Christian men and women who will walk with you, listen to you, and show you the love of Christ. If you know a family member or friend who could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact Debbie Duke (dukewddk@bellsouth.net or 706-304-7206) or Jane Armour (armourbj11@gmail.com or 706-763-8136) to discuss this important ministry.



Flower Calendar Opportunities

There are openings on the flower calendar. If you'd like an opportunity to help make the Worship Center beautiful, sign up on the Flower Calendar (located in the hallway across from the choir room). Two vases of flowers are available each Sunday at a cost of \$30 each. You may sign up for one or both vases wherever there is an opening. For more information, Tina Armistead (706-507-0351).



Tithing and making gifts to Pierce Chapel is easier! We offer online giving on our website at piercechapel.com/give. You can set up automatic payments or just a one-time payment. Acceptable forms of payment are Automatic Check Handling (ACH), debit and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard & Discover).

Your Faith Promise Money at Work!

Your faith promise money is sponsoring this young man.



A note from Samuel (translated):

Hello! How are you dear Aunts and Uncles? My name is Samuel Lopez Mauricio. I am in the good homes since February 15th (the day of my birthday). I want to give you Thanks for everything they do in the home. I thank you with all my heart! My favorite food is pizza and I like to drink Coca-Cola. I hope to see you very soon and I hope God blesses you. I like to listen to music with headphones Bluetooth, but I do not have them.

Thank you for everything & God bless you.

A note from the Balduffs (missionaries in Mexico):

Happy Spring!

We just wanted to send a note of "Gracias" (thanks) for your continued child sponsorship in Tapachula, Mexico. Each child is 'one-of-a-kind' and they created a card specifically for you! Also, please find a hand painted bookmark from our daughter, Sydney, attached to a bracelet we picked up from the local market as a token of our appreciation. Thank you again for helping make a difference in Samuel's life and we (as well as he) look forward to the day you can visit.

Blessings,

Adam & Jennifer Balduff

P.S. He has headphones but a typical teenager wants the latest trend. Ha!

