



# 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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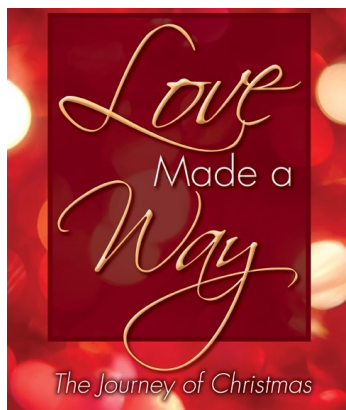
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*You are invited to our*

## Christmas Cantata

*Sunday, December 8*

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

*in the Worship Center*

*A reception will follow each service.  
Childcare available for kindergarten and younger.*

## Children's Christmas Musical

Pierce Chapel Children's Choirs present  
"Random Acts of Christmas" on Wednesday,  
**December 18** at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship  
Center. A Chick-fil-A dinner will be served at  
5:30 p.m. and the production begins at 6:30 p.m.



### Menu:

**Adults:** Chick-fil-A sandwich, chips, drink & dessert

**Children:** 6 piece Chick-fil-A nuggets, fruit cup, chips, juice box & dessert

### Cost:

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

Go to [piercechapel.com/events](http://piercechapel.com/events) to make your supper reservations.

## Christmas at Pierce Chapel

**Tuesday, December 24**

Join us for Candlelight Communion Services!

**4 pm Traditional**

(in Worship Center)

**6 pm Traditional**

(in Worship Center)

Childcare available for  
Kindergarten and younger at all  
services on Christmas Eve.

**Sunday, December 29**

**9:15 am Breakfast**

(in north end of Worship Center)

**10 am Traditional**

**10 am Modern**

Childcare available for age 3 & younger;  
Sunday Funday activities available for  
3K - 5th grades.

### Sunday Worship Services at

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

5122 Pierce Chapel Road

Midland, GA 31820

Church Office 706-327-9807

FAX 706-327-7253

Preschool 706-327-9807, ext. 6

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

### **NEW PRAYER CONCERN**

Mitzi Valdespino (Sheila Cook's sister)

### **ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS**

John Alston  
Carolyn Billings  
Virginia Brewer  
Alice Brumbach  
George Cantrell  
Annika Carpenter  
Linda Cliff  
Kathy Cobb  
Savannah Delisle  
Judy Dorer  
Ben Dunton (Linda Soggi'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**

Ashton Graham (due in February)  
Kinsley Rodriguez (due April 4)  
Rachel Kennedy (due May 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:*

*- Cheri and David Meyer at the death of Cheri's father, John McCord, on November 20.*

*- Brian, Anna, Emma and Owen Williams at the death of Brian's step-father, George Zenni, Jr. on November 25.*

*Congratulations to Kirsty and Daniel Dixon on the birth of their daughter, Ada Maple Dixon, on November 24.*

*Proud siblings are Nathan and Evie.*



## **Reception after Christmas Cantata**

Are you able to help with the receptions following both Cantata presentations (4:00 & 7:00 p.m.) on Sunday, December 8? We welcome your contributions of finger foods (especially non-sweets like finger-sandwiches, sausage balls, etc.) as well as with clean-up following the second reception. 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

Want to help make this reception a blessing to all who come? Please contact our reception coordinator, Elaine McKenzie, at 706-570-0983 or [mckenzie3200@hotmail.com](mailto:mckenzie3200@hotmail.com).

## **The Village Toy Store at Open Door December 19-21**

### ***Opportunities to Bless Others***

We need new unwrapped toys and items for children and teens ages newborn to 17 years old. You can give one of 3 ways:

1. Bring unwrapped new toys to Pierce Chapel by Sunday, December 8.
2. Make a monetary donation online at [opendoorcommunityhouse.org/online-donation](https://opendoorcommunityhouse.org/online-donation) and designate to "Toys."
3. Shop from the Open Door wish list via Amazon and have toys delivered to directly to Open Door. (You can also select Open Door as your charity on your Smile Amazon option!)

*You can also donate Christmas wrapping paper, tape, scissors and ribbon. Bring these to Pierce Chapel and we'll deliver them for you.*



## **Poinsettias for Advent**

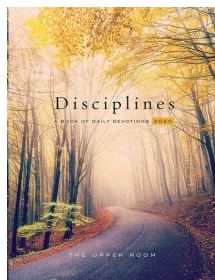
**Deadline is Sunday, DECEMBER 8**

An order form is available in the Sunday 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 and memorialized will be included in the worship bulletin on Sunday, December 15. Make checks payable to Pierce Chapel UMC and earmark them "poinsettias." Cost is \$12.00 per plant



## **2020 Devotional Books Available**

The 2020 Upper Room Disciplines offer you a way to spend the year listening to God through daily readings of scripture and reflections on those Bible passages. We have a limited supply, so please reserve your copy by emailing Monica at [monica@piercechapel.com](mailto:monica@piercechapel.com). Checks should be made payable to Pierce Chapel (\$12) & earmarked "Disciplines."





## Sonshine Circle United Methodist Women

We will meet at the home of Elaine McKenzie (8095 Turtle Creek Dr.) on Tuesday, December 10, 12:00 noon. Elaine will provide lunch. Toy donations for The Village Toy Store will be collected. See you there!

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## Deadlines



News deadline for the January 1 newsletter is 12:00 noon on Friday, December 27.

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).

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## Happy Achers & Senior Exercise

Happy Achers sack lunch & games for senior adults happens in the Hospitality Room at 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays. We will go out to eat on December 12. Location TBA. 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.

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## Tabitha's Heart Yarn Ministry

Want to learn how to knit? Or want to come join the fun? We meet in the home of Tina Armistead (7972 Oakmont Court) on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. and enjoy a time of friendship and learning while sharing God's love. The gifts from our needles and hooks are donated to those in need of comfort and love when stressful times appear in their lives. For more info, contact Tina Armistead at 706-507-0351 or [arntb@knology.net](mailto:arntb@knology.net).

## Join us for a special Christmas breakfast & worship service on Sunday, December 29



Hot breakfast line opens at 9:15 a.m.

**Two simultaneous worship service options, beginning at 10:00 a.m.**

- Traditional service in Worship Center
- Modern service in Chapel

*No Sunday Connection classes on this date!*

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Funday on December 29<sup>th</sup>!

*Veggie Tales movie and popcorn offered for kids grades 3K-5<sup>th</sup> grade for both 10:00 am services.*



## Holiday Schedule Changes

- Adult Choir will not meet December 9-January 8.
  - Children's Choirs will not meet on December 22 and 29.
  - Pierce Chapel Preschool will be closed December 23-January 8.
  - The church office will close 12:00 noon on December 24 and is closed December 25-26 and January 1.
  - Youth will not meet Sundays, December 22 and 29, or Wednesdays, December 25 and January 1. See *Youth News* (on page 4) for details and special dates.
  - No activities on Wednesday, December 25.
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## Friendly Reminder

Please remember that all contributions for 2019 must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2019 in order to qualify as a charitable tax deduction for this year. If you want to donate stock to Pierce Chapel, please have your broker transfer your gift to Pierce Chapel's account. To ensure the transaction is completed before the end of the year, the transfer should be done as soon as possible. If you have questions, please call Dawn at 706-327-9807, ext. 5. Thank you for your faithful stewardship.



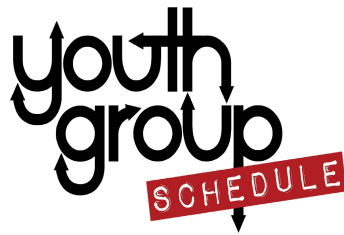
Pierce Chapel hosts a Connection Recovery Group meeting every Thursday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Room 216.

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.



## DECEMBER

- 1 Amanda Hicks & Sam Lewis
- 2 Jacob Christian, Brianna King, Allen Parker & Brad Van Noy
- 3 Jason Pettis
- 4 Ashley Howell, Jim Proffitt, Leslie Schorr & Bob Wallace  
Mark & Donna Hewlett's Anniversary
- 5 Nathan Boatner, Jimmy McKinstry & Keyshawnna Pruitt
- 6 Gary Robinette & Eddie Thompson  
Vince & Amber Massey's Anniversary  
Stephen & Trannie Smith's Anniversary
- 7 Jack Hooper & G. T. McKinney  
Kevin & Sherry Pinet's Anniversary  
Jeremiah & Cheryl Simpson's Anniversary
- 8 Donna Stohr
- 9 Becky Bauers, Alec Brophy, Chris Castleberry, Margie Grosser, Harold Shoats & Candace Burkhalter
- 10 Margie Lacy, Javi Rodriguez
- 11 Sarah Fabozzi, Tammy Shortnacy & Bill Swecker  
Marty & Meredith Graves' Anniversary
- 12 Greg Allen, Grace Haskell & Dillon Thomas, Sr.
- 13 Bruce Hardcastle
- 14 Russell Bales, Karen Hartin, Rachel Osborne & Debbie Ribolini
- 15 Sallie Curtis, Lexie Hanko & Valerie Paulk
- 16 Ellen Meeks, Atticus Taylor & Sydney Sanders
- 18 Jon Glover, Alex Moore & John Patterson  
Becky & Daniel Archilla's Anniversary
- 19 Hayley McKinstry
- 20 Melanie Castleberry  
Geary & Murvina Underwood's Anniversary
- 21 Becky Bunting, Emily Hardcastle
- 22 Ed Arnold, Janelle Campos, Adrienne Ortiz & Brittney Sovik
- 23 Jordan Brazie Lee, Gail Laye, Leslie Manning & Macy Reynolds
- 24 Kelly Bowman
- 25 Susan Durham, Pat Patterson, Katie Lashua & Scott Ward
- 26 John W. Williams III  
Bob Van Alstine & Retha Martin's Anniversary
- 27 Shawn Parker & David Stanley  
Dale & Tina Epperson's Anniversary
- 28 Hector Andrades, Curtis McClung, Susan Stanton & Harriet Underwood  
George & Susan Stanton's Anniversary
- 29 Darlene Allen, Caleb Kemp, Stephen Smith, Ben Tabor & Cole Ward  
Paul & Sandra Leverett's Anniversary  
David & Cheri Meyer's Anniversary
- 30 Jameson Frisbee, Pate Frisbee, Braden Kalahar & Taylor Ragan  
Mollie & Andy Bourke's Anniversary  
Brett & Karen Everett's Anniversary  
Ross & Jenna Pinney's Anniversary
- 31 Lauren Gregory & Jeremy Taylor  
Stephen & Monika Pattillo's Anniversary



## Upcoming Youth News/Events:

Parents, there is much to be excited about in our Youth Ministry! We have an exciting few weeks ahead of us with several activities planned for our students. Not to mention, it is time to start looking into 2020! Below please find a summary of upcoming events. We hope to see all of our students at these events. We also welcome parents to hang out with us too. Let us know if there are any questions!

### Sunday Nights:

On December 8, we will meet at 5:00 p.m. at El Carrizo for supper then head back to the church to enjoy the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Cantata. (One of our youth and one of our college leaders are singing in the Cantata — Walker & Claudia!) We can help with transportation from El Carrizo to the church. Drop-off is at El Carrizo at 5:00 p.m. and pick-up is at the church around 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 8 - Eat at El Carrizo then 7:00 Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 15 - Christmas Party (see info below)

Sunday, December 22 - No evening activities

Friday, December 27 - Capture the Flag (see info below)

Sunday, December 29 - No evening activities

### Wednesday Nights:

Join us on December 4 and 11, 6:00-7:30 p.m. for prayer time followed by "hang-out" time and games in the Barn.

On December 18, we will join the rest of the church in the Worship Center for the Children's Choir Christmas musical at 6:30 p.m. If you'd like to eat a Chick-fil-A supper at 5:30 that evening, cost is \$6 and reservations are required by noon on December 16 (email [monica@piercechapel.com](mailto:monica@piercechapel.com)). After the children's musical we will have "hang out" time in the Barn until 8pm.

NO activities on Wednesdays, December 25 and January 1.

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, December 13, 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Youth Barn. Call or text Stephen Childers at 706-905-1701 for more information.

Christmas Party and Celebration: Sunday, December 15, 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Barn. Youth and friends are invited to this special Christmas party! There will be lots of fun and music, hot chocolate, Christmas treats, a gift exchange, and general merriment! Bring a gift worth \$10 or less for our dirty Santa gift exchange. Invite friends!

Capture the Flag: Friday December 27, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to play Capture the Flag or just hang out by the fire @ Owen Williams' house. Address is: 5379 Pierce Chapel Road. Eat before you come and we will do s'mores over the fire pit.

WYR (Winter Youth Retreat) 2020: Friday, February 14-Monday, February 17. It's getting cold and we're heading north! We're going to Lake Junaluska, NC, and staying at the cozy Providence Lodge. You can choose a 1-day or 2-day ski package at the Cataloochee Ski Slopes. We will worship, learn and share together back at Providence Lodge in the evenings. More details will be available in the registration packets that are available in the Barn.

The cost for a 1-day ski package will be \$202.

The cost for a 2-day ski package will be \$274.

These prices include a WYR T-shirt and ski rentals.

Promise to pay of \$75 will be due by January 5.

Have questions? Or need to know how much money your student has in his/her Youth Account? Email Brian Williams at [ebr3108@yahoo.com](mailto:ebr3108@yahoo.com), or text him @ 706.615.4640.