

CONNECTION CARD

Name _____ Email _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Names of others attending with you (include grades for children/youth): _____

Service attending: ☐ 8:30 a.m. ☐ 11:00 a.m.

Check all that apply: ☐ 1 stime guest ☐ Returning guest
☐ 1 stime filling out this card ☐ Update contact info

How did you hear about Pierce Chapel? _____

Children's Sermon

(After the children's sermon, children age 3-kindergarten are invited to go to Children's Church across the hall in Room 309, and children in 1st-5th grades are invited to go to Chapel Kids in Room 210.)

*Hymn of Meditation

Silent Night

No. 239

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon
virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; radiant
beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as
it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 234

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye,
to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens
of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; (Refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be
all glory given. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: (Refrain)

*Prayer for the Offering

(8:30) Debbie Duke (11:00) John Summerford

Receiving the Offering

Here Comes Heaven

Brown

Jackson Taylor

Written Word

Isaiah 35:1-10

Spoken Word

Making Room for Joy

Rev. Howard White

*Hymn of Commitment

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

No. 204

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel. (Repeat)

*Benediction

*Please stand as you are able.

If you prefer a more modern style of worship, we invite you to our
9:00 a.m. Sunday service in our beautiful chapel upstairs.

Copies of this week's calendar are available on the credenzas in the hallway.

Welcome

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

piercechapel.com

Third Sunday of Advent; Purple

Prelude

Away In A Manger

Youth Handbell Choir

arr. Page

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: The dry lands blossom.

People: Rejoice and give thanks.

Leader: Water flows in the desert.

People: God leads us to life.

Leader: God prepares a way for us.

People: We see God's glory.

Leader: Return to God with a song.

People: Sing with everlasting joy and gladness!

*Hymn of Praise

Joy to the World

No. 246

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders
of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

(8:30) Karen, Jason, Brooke, Jacob, Jace & Bristol Gore

(11:00) Meredith, Marty, Stephen & Elena Graves

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-11

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of joy. May the joyful promise
of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.

Congregational Response (sung):

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Musical Word

Sing Out Our Savior's Birth

arr. McDonald

DECISION CARD

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____

Email_____

I would like to:

☐ Receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.


☐ Recommit my life to Jesus Christ.

☐ Talk with the pastor.

☐ Be baptized.

☐ Become a member of Pierce Chapel.

Questions and/or comments: _____



Prayer Request

Please write your prayer request below so we may join with you in prayer.

Please pray for _____

Requested by _____

Would you like to be informed when prayers are lifted up? Yes / No

Email _____

Phone# _____

Please place completed form in the offering plate today or in the locked box at the Welcome Center. Your request will be communicated promptly to our 15-member Prayer Team.

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2019

Attendance	8:30 Worship: 239	Sunday Connections: 247
	9:00 Worship: 82	Sunday Night Youth: 25 + 8 adult leaders
	11:00 Worship: 219	+ 6 college leaders
	Total in all services: 540	
Generously Given this Week for Ministry		\$18,506
Budgeted this Week for Ministry.		\$27,681
Generously Given to Date for Ministry		\$805,306
Budgeted to Date for Ministry		\$825,010
Building by Faith		
Loan Principal \$677,674		Targeted Monthly Payment \$13,527
Month-to-Date Generously Given		\$5,658
Faith Promise (Mission Offering) Generously Given to Date \$62,080		\$1,150
Open Door Community House (Sunday Connections Offering)		\$25
Ronald McDonald House (Sunday Connections Offering)		\$89



Giving is one way we demonstrate our gratitude for what God has done. Thank you for being a generous congregation! For a quick and easy way to give, just hold your smart phone camera over the QR code to the left, and you will see instructions on how to give directly to Pierce Chapel!

We express our love and sympathy to Tom and Juline Maholick at the death of Tom's brother, Bob Maholick, on December 11.

FIRST TIME HERE?

Thank you for worshiping with us at Pierce Chapel today. We hope you'll be encouraged and inspired by your experience here and feel warmly welcomed. If this is your first time at Pierce Chapel, please take one of the colored bags found at the Welcome Center. It's our little gift to you! Again, thank you for being here today. May God bless you.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the A/V booth at the back of the Worship Center.

A **"cry room"** with closed-circuit TV capability (Room 305) is available across the hall for parents of infants and toddlers who wish to keep their children with them for the service but feel more comfortable in a more child-friendly environment.

PIERCE CHAPEL SUNDAY STAFF

Rev. Howard G. White	Pastor
Rev. Lynn Meadows-White	Associate Pastor
Roseanna Harbuck	Children's Ministry Coordinator
Kellyn Ward	Children's Ministry Assistant
Donna Pounds	Service Accompanist/Choir Director
Jessica Stanley	The Chapel Worship Coordinator
Katie Ingram	Nursery Director
Debi Van Noy	Preschool Director

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



Making Room

Advent Sermon Series

December 15, 2019

PIERCE CHAPEL UMC

Open Hearts • Open Minds • Open Doors

Children's Christmas Musical

Wednesday, December 18

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

Supper Costs:

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

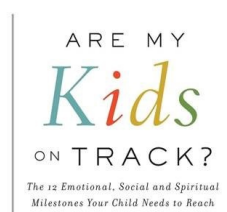
Family max of \$21. ("Family" consists of parents with children still living at home.)

Make reservations online at piercechapel.com/events

or complete the form below and place it in the offering plate.

First & last names of all those eating: _____

_____ # adults _____ # ages 5-12 _____ # age 4 & under



#makeeveryweekcount
"Are My Kids on Track?"
Right From the Start Luncheon 2020
Tuesday, January 14, 11:30 a.m.
Featuring David Thomas
St. Luke Ministry Center
301 11th St., Columbus, GA 31901



Because of generous donations from Pierce Chapel, your cost will only be **\$10 per parent**. Fill out the form below for a spot at one of two Pierce Chapel tables. Questions? Contact Roseanna Harbuck at roseanna@piercechapel.com.

DAVID THOMAS, L.M.S.W., is the Director of Family Counseling at Daystar Counseling in Nashville, TN, the co-author of eight books, including the best-selling *Wild Things: The Art of Nurturing Boys* and *Are My Kids on Track? The 12 Emotional, Social & Spiritual Milestones Your Child Needs to Reach*.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

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.

Join us for a special Christmas breakfast & services Sunday, December 29

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

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

- Modern service in Chapel
- Traditional service in Worship Center

No Sunday Connection classes.

Can you help set up or clean up breakfast?

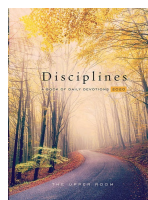
Contact Susan Wooldridge at 706-358-2973 or fill out the form below to help.

(Check) ☐ Set up and/or ☐ Clean up

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

A called meeting of the Administrative Council has been scheduled for **Monday, December 30 at 7:00 p.m.** Administrative Council members should have received an email with the agenda from the Council Chair, Mike Slayton.



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. Checks should be made payable to Pierce Chapel (\$12) & earmarked "Disciplines."

Poinsettias Given in Honor of . . .

Sons ~ George, Kevin, Brian & Chris, grandchildren & great-grandchildren

by Leila Cantrell

Our children & grandchildren *by Sallie & Rich Curtis*

Becky, Cary, Daniel & Alan *by Louise & Tom Frazier*

Ali, Ava & Connor *by Louise & Tom Frazier*

Breast Cancer Survivors *by Mr. & Mrs. West Graham*

Paul, Rachael, Luke and upcoming Lane Wilhelm *by Gene & Karen Hartin*

The people of the church at Pierce Chapel *by Bill & Gwen Hayes*

Ila Joines (Cathe Howard's mother) *by Cathe Howard*

Our Georgia & California Families *by Phil & Millie Lewis*

Mrs. Leila Cantrell and Ms. Byrdie Skipper *by the Lord Family*

Hayley & Carter McKinstry, Dillon & Judy Thomas, Jimmy & Kitty McKinstry

by Mark & Kim McKinstry

Byrdie Skipper & Leila Cantrell *by Robert & Debbie Ribolini*

Ethan Andrew Rhodes *by Polly Rice*

Howard & Lynn Meadows-White and Our PCUMC Family *by Barbara & Rick Rouse*

Leila Cantrell *by Byrdie Skipper*

Dorothy Sutcliffe *by Dave & Carol Sutcliffe*

My grandchildren ~ Alexis, Grace, Beatrice, Naomi, Christopher & Georgia

by Harriet Underwood

Kevin, Taylor, Brenna & Charlie Heinzelman *by Rosmari Wall*

The Childers Family *by Mitch, Laura & Gil Williams*

Linda-Gail Thompson *by Mac, Shannon, Delaney & Susannah Wooldridge*

Gail Laye *by her children & grandchildren*

Kathy Cobb *by her nieces & nephews*

Poinsettias Given in Memory of . . .

Bill Bankhead *by Sara Bankhead*

Lloyd Cantrell *by Leila Cantrell*

John Clark and Douglas Rockafellow *by Michele, Lindsey, Kyle, Adryanna & Jacob Clark*

Jack Cook, Sr. *by Sheila Cook*

Our Parents *by Sallie & Rich Curtis*

Our grandparents, Susan's parents and our son, Greg *by Susan & Ed Durham*

Ilse Ash *by Mr. & Mrs. West Graham*

Monica's parents ~ Jack & Norvelle Williams and Michael's mother ~ Judy Graydon

by Michael, Monica, Emily & Will Graydon

The Bryant, Jernigan and Hartin Family members who have passed

by Gene & Karen Hartin

Dudley & Hilda Sessions and J.D. & Evelyn Hayes *by Bill & Gwen Hayes*

Steve Massey and Inez Storey *by Marie Massey*

Tom Myers, Mabeth & Bill Myers and Frances & Ralph Frazier *by Pam Myers*

Harold Sr. & Delores Shortnacy and James C. & Sadie Barron

by Robbie & Tiffany Nicholas

Butch Rice *by Polly Rice*

Ted Robison and the Slater family *by Bradleigh & Peter Uthe and Kathy Robison*

L.T. & Virginia Pitts and Joe & Betty Rouse *by Barbara & Rick Rouse*

Jim Sharpe (Julie's father) & loved ones who have passed on *by Mike & Julie Ryan*

Elinor Plantner *by Dave & Carol Sutcliffe*

Mr. & Mrs. Chester Barrow and Mr. & Mrs. Marco Stallings

by Billie & Gordon Stallings

W.R. & Nina Adams and G.S. & Lila Thomas *by Dillon & Judy Thomas*

Ernest Junior Venable *by the Venable Family*

Ken Wakefield *by Mary Wakefield & Family*

Betty Waldheim and Judi Waldheim *by Ray & Brandi Waldheim*

Bill Wall *by Rosmari Wall*

Gladys & Hadley Murrah and Dozier & Opal Williams *by Mitch, Laura & Gil Williams*

Chris Dunn (Dad and Granddaddy) *by Mac, Shannon, Delaney & Susannah Wooldridge*

Douglas Laye *by his children & grandchildren*

Our Calendar for the week

Sunday, December 15

3:00-5:00 PM Children's/Cherub Choirs Dress Rehearsal, Worship Center
5:00-8:00 PM Youth Christmas Party (6-12th Grades), Youth Barn

Monday, December 16

6:00 PM YMLT (Youth Ministry Leadership Team), Rm #215
6:30-8:00 PM Youth Band Class, Youth Barn

Tuesday, December 17

9:00-10:00 AM Senior Exercise, Youth Barn
6:30-8:00 PM CUB Scouts Christmas Party, Worship Center/Classrooms
6:30-8:00 PM Boy Scouts, Youth Barn
7:00-8:00 PM Esther Circle
7:00 PM Tabitha's Heart, Yarn Ministry

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