



# 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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**Sunday Worship Services at**  
8:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
5122 Pierce Chapel Road,  
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## VBS Registration is OPEN!

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

**ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY!**

Go to [piercechapel.com/vbs](http://piercechapel.com/vbs)

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

Children age 4 (by 9/1/19) through current 5<sup>th</sup> 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 the 375  
kids we'll be serving!

**We will need LOTS of wonderful Pierce Chapel youth and adult  
volunteers to pull off another great week of VBS.**

Go to [PIERCECHAPEL.COM/VOLUNTEER](http://PIERCECHAPEL.COM/VOLUNTEER)  
to register to serve!

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)

**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 Regina, Eric, Taylor & Lawson Ragan at the loss of Regina's father, Rex Abernathy, on May 8.*

*Dear Pierce Chapel Family,  
Your kind expression of sympathy and friendship will always remain in our memories. Thank you so much for your calls, prayers and acts of kindness after the death of our mother, Lynn Vaughan. We were so touched by the lovely flowers and donation to the building fund in her memory.*

*Sincerely,  
Ken & Jan Vaughan*



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

*May 19, 2019*

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

*Remarks: 5:00 p.m.*

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

**Congratulations  
to our 2019 High School Graduates!**



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

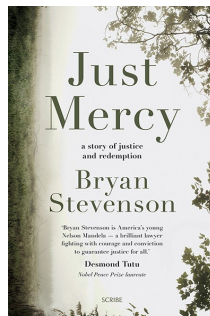
*We will honor these graduates at all three services on Sunday, May 19.*

If you have a college student graduating this month, please email their name, college and degree to [Katie@piercechapel.com](mailto:Katie@piercechapel.com). We will list them in the June newsletter.



**United Methodist Committee On Relief  
Join us at the UMCOR  
Disaster Warehouse in Atlanta!**

On Saturday, May 25, we will leave Pierce Chapel at 8:00 a.m. and return around 4:00 p.m., ready to volunteer in whatever area they may need us in. If you are interested in participating, call Peggy Loney at 706-718-0373.

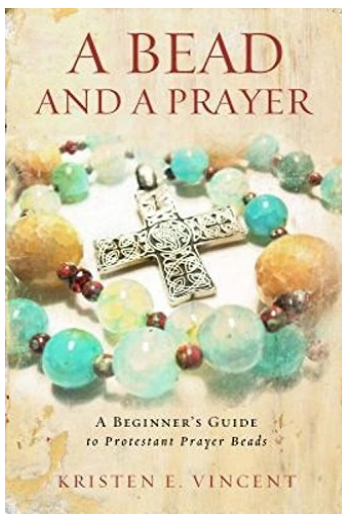


**Growing in Grace  
Book Club**

Growing in Grace Book Club will be reading *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson in the month of May. We will meet **Thursday, May 30, 6:30 p.m.** in the home of Barbara Rouse (3344 Shirehill Lane, Columbus) for a potluck supper and discussion of 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](mailto:rousehouse54@yahoo.com) or 706-464-0425.



## A Bead and a Prayer

Join us for this 4-week study beginning Thursday, May 16, at 1:30 p.m. in the home of Marie Massey (11215 Rambling Trl, Midland). We will explore the history and art of using beads in prayer, discover ways to pray with beads, and learn how beads can help us deepen faith, understand Christian beliefs, and listen to God. Contact Marie at 706-315-1093 or [cwzeker@mchsi.com](mailto:cwzeker@mchsi.com) to let her know you are coming so she can send you a list of materials. The book can be ordered via Amazon.



## Luncheon for Fox Faculty & Staff

**Friday, May 24, 11:30 a.m.  
in the Fox Cafeteria**

We have a chance to bless the Fox faculty and staff by providing a salad, sandwich and dessert lunch for them on Friday, May 24, at 11:30 a.m. To pull this off, we need your help! To provide salad, sandwiches or dessert, please complete the form below and drop it in the offering plate. Bring your contribution **to the church office by 10:30 a.m.** on Friday, May 24. Thank you for helping us express our support and appreciation for those who teach some of the most vulnerable children in our community. You are welcome to join us as we enjoy this time of fun, fellowship and great food.

If you plan to contribute or have any questions, please contact Anne Gemes 706-660-9243 or [aggemes@yahoo.com](mailto:aggemes@yahoo.com).

# ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

## April Service Challenge Results!



- April 1 - Vashti project done by Thompson/Edwards Community Group (right)  
 April 13 - K.I.L.T. did yard work at the church (left)  
 April 22 - New Directions Sunday Connections class served at M2540 Ministry (middle)  
 April 23 - Jones CrossWalk Community Group served dinner at Circles

If your small group joined in on the April Service Challenge, please send details and pictures to [localmissions@piercechapel.com](mailto:localmissions@piercechapel.com).

## More Than Just a Meal

*A note from Melissa Herndon*

While listening to Lynn's Maundy Thursday sermon about the significance of a meal in Jesus' time, the ministry we have with **Trinity House** was glaringly reaffirmed for me. Lynn said:

*"It was an intimate experience that affirmed friendship, even kinship. Of course Jesus knew that eating together at the table meant something extremely important. That's why the accusation that 'he ate with tax collectors and sinners' was such a seriously derogatory charge - he wasn't just sitting at a table chattin' it up with these good-for-nothing people. He was offering fellowship, friendship, even kinship to folks whom others despised...There's something meaningful and special about eating together. Jesus knew that."*

Once a month a few women from our congregation bring a meal to the homeless women and children at Trinity House. At one time we had two groups, so we visited twice a month. We enjoy the meal together after sharing a devotional with them. While it's not always easy, fun, uplifting or even tidy at times, it is clear to us that our presence and love is much needed there. We talk about our days, our families, our struggles, our fears, and our victories. We have much more in common than most would imagine.

Here are a few of the comments the ladies shared on a short missions survey we recently asked them to complete:

**Do you feel the love of Jesus from the women who visit?** "Yes I do. I love the feeling they give me every time they hug me."

**Is there anything we could do better?** "Come more often, I would love to spend more time with y'all."

**Comment:** "Thank y'all for the good food, loving company, and for sharing the word of God with us."

We would love to be able to visit twice a month again. To do so, we need a few more Jesus-loving women to join us. If you would like more information about Trinity House or would like to check it out sometime, please contact Melissa Herndon at [msh.blessed@gmail.com](mailto:msh.blessed@gmail.com) or at 706-888-0084.



## Office Deadlines

News deadline for **ONLY** newsletter in June is 12:00 noon on Monday, May 27.

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



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

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 Jane Armour ([armourbj11@netzero.com](mailto:armourbj11@netzero.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 (across from the choir room). Two vases of flowers are

available each Sunday at a cost of \$30 each. Someone from our flower arranging team will purchase and arrange the flowers for you. You may sign up to donate one or both vases wherever there is an opening. You also have the opportunity to allow our flower delivery team to take the flowers (after Sunday worship services) to those in our congregation and community who need to be reminded of how loved they are. For more info, contact Tina Armistead (706-507-0351).



## 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. 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 Sunday, May 26 (Memorial Day weekend).

## Wednesday Nights 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.

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



## South Georgia Annual Conference

On June 2-5, Howard and Lynn and our two lay delegates from Pierce Chapel will attend our South GA Annual Conference here in Columbus at the Trade Center. During the 3 days of sessions, members of the conference will worship together; hear reports of past and ongoing work; adopt future goals, programs and budgets; ordain clergy members; and elect delegates to Jurisdictional and General Conferences (this voting happens every 4 years).

Linda Laye and Marie Massey will serve as Pierce Chapel's elected lay delegates. Anyone is welcome to attend as an observer, so we invite you to join us!