



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.

Volume 23, Number 4

February 15, 2020

Howard White

Pastor

howard@piercechapel.com

Lynn Meadows-White

Associate Pastor

lynn@piercechapel.com

Roseanna Harbuck

Children's Ministry Coordinator

roseanna@piercechapel.com

Noah Barfield

Director of Youth Ministries

noah@piercechapel.com

Jessica Stanley

Communications Director and

The Chapel Coordinator

jessica@piercechapel.com

Donna Pounds

Service Accompanist and

Choir Director

donna@piercechapel.com

Debi Van Noy

Preschool Director

preschool@piercechapel.com

Monica Worstell

Secretary

monica@piercechapel.com

Kellyn Ward

Children's Ministry Assistant

Katie Ingram

Nursery Director

katieingram14@yahoo.com

Dawn Krueger

Financial Secretary

dawn@piercechapel.com

Lisa Courtney

Church Custodian

Steven McKenzie

Set-Up Custodian

Jarod Ingram

Security

Sunday Worship Services:
8:30, 11:00 a.m. - Traditional

8:30 a.m. - Modern
5122 Pierce Chapel Road
Midland, GA 31820



Thank you for your faithful response to our 2020 Global Impact Celebration Sunday! Through worship, the panel discussion with community leaders, our "meager meal" and COPE (Cost of Poverty Experience), we experienced God powerfully challenging us to "go deeper" in ministry in our own community — in ways we already know and in ways we have yet to discover. Sign up online to learn more about these ministry partners in the weeks to come. (We had 25 people at the first *Lunch & Learn* at Mercy Med on 2/13!)

Lunch & Learn at Truth Spring Academy

Thursday, February 20, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

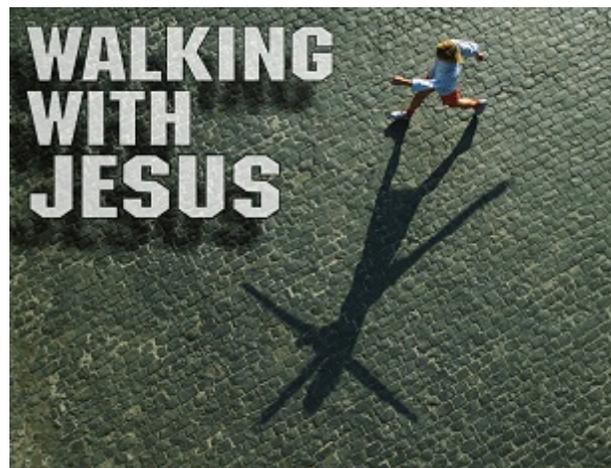
Lunch & Learn at Open Door

Tuesday, February 25, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Donuts & Coffee at Fox Elementary

Thursday, February 27, 9:00 a.m.

Make your reservation today at piercechapel.com/events!



Ash Wednesday

Services

February 26

5:30 & 6:30 p.m.

In our Chapel

Ash Wednesday begins the holy season of Lent, a 40-day spiritual preparation period leading up to Easter. You're invited to begin your Lenten journey on **February 26** at one of two identical Ash Wednesday services in the Chapel. Childcare will be provided for kindergarten and younger and will be open to older

children whose parents would prefer for them not to be in the service. **There will be no supper served at church that night.**

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

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

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

EXPECTANT MOTHER LIST

Ashley Burns (due March 21)
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.)

Congratulations to
Ashton & West
Graham on the birth
of their daughter,
Eliza MaKlayne
G r a h a m , o n
February 2. Eliza
MaKlayne weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz.



Office Reminders



News deadline for the March 1 newsletter is 12:00 noon on Wednesday, February 26.

Please email newsletter and/or bulletin announcements to monica@piercechapel.com.

The church office will be closed Monday, February 17 in observance of Presidents' Day (when banks, schools, and our preschool are closed as well).

Wednesday Night Supper, February 19 Supper at 5:30 - Study/Discussion at 6:30

The Joy of Gossip!

One human activity we all engage in is GOSSIP.

- Why do we enjoy it?
- Is it ever good or helpful to engage in?
- When is conversation considered gossip?
- Is it sin?

Come join us Wednesday night, or we may talk about.... YOU!

To make supper reservations, go to piercechapel.com/events or call 706-327-9807, ext. 1. Nursery and supervised playground time available for children 5th grade and younger.

Menu: Fried & rotisserie chicken, green beans, hash brown casserole (mac n' cheese option for kids), salad, roll, dessert

Supper costs: Adults & youth \$6. Ages 5-12 \$3.50. 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.

Reservation deadline is noon on Monday, February 17.



New Parenting Small Group Study Starting February 23!

Parents of all ages and stages are invited to join us for a 5 week Bible Study on *Parenting Through the Phases!* As a parent, you have approximately **936 weeks** from the time your child is born until he or she moves on to what's next. It goes by fast, and kids change and grow quickly. This small group study will help you discover what's changing about your kid, the six things your kid needs most, and four conversations to have with your kid while they are in each phase. Running February 23-March 22, this study will meet on Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:00 pm. Children's choirs or childcare available. To sign up, email roseanna@piercechapel.com.

How is God calling you to serve? Puerto Rico 2020

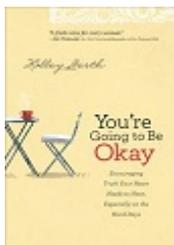
It has been more than two years since Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico, and there remains so much work to be done repairing homes. Recent earthquakes temporarily halted recovery teams but work has now resumed. We are planning to send a team of adults (age 18+) for 8 days sometime between April 15 & April 30 (exact dates to be determined by team). Team size is limited to 12. If interested, please plan to attend the Team Info Meeting on **Sunday, February 16 in the Chapel at 12:15 p.m.** For more information, contact Rick Dorer at 706-662-1430 or dorerr@bellsouth.net.

UMCOR Disaster Warehouse in Atlanta

Join us on one or more of the following trips to the UMCOR Disaster Warehouse in Atlanta to sort and pack supplies: **Tuesday, February 18, Tuesday, March 3 & Thursday, March 19.** We will leave Pierce Chapel at 8:00 a.m. and return between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m. To sign up, contact Peggy Loney at 706-718-0373.

Kentucky Mission Team

Volunteers for the 2020 Kentucky Mission Team are still needed. The first team meeting will be on **Sunday, March 1 from 12:15-1:15 p.m.** in the youth barn. Contact Stephen Childers at stephenmchilders@gmail.com to get a copy of the mission application prior to attending the meeting.



Triple G Good Grief Group

“You’re Going to be Okay” by Holley Gerth will guide us in this new season of the ministry we call Triple G --- the Good Grief Group. This book will help us explore ways that we can “encourage truth our hearts need to hear, especially on the hard days.” Our new meeting days/times are the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 1:00 p.m. in Room 215 at the church. However, our kick-off meeting will be a Dutch-treat lunch on **Tuesday, February 18 at 1:00 p.m.** at Olive Garden in Columbus Park Crossing. Come enjoy fellowship and ask any questions you may have about our study or group. Please contact Susan Durham (706-593-3081) to make reservations or get more info.



UMW Joint Meeting

The Sunshine and Esther UMW (United Methodist Women) Circles will have a joint meeting on Sunday, February 23, at 12:15 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. All women in the church are invited!

Happy Achers & Senior Exercise

Happy Achers sack lunch & games for senior adults happens in Room 210 at 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays. 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.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

FOR CHURCH MEMBERS

(Room 303- Preschool Director's Office)

Sunday, February 23, 9:30-11:30 a.m.



- We offer:** 2-day classes for one-year olds
3-day classes for two-and three-year-olds
4-day class for two-year olds
5-day classes for three and four-year-olds

Child must be appropriate age by September 1, 2020. Space is limited and classes fill on a first-come basis. A \$100 non-refundable fee is required at the time of registration. If you have any questions, please contact preschool director Debi Van Noy (706-327-9807, ext. 6). Registration will open to the community Monday, February 24 at 8:00 am in the Chapel.

Take a
LEAP
of
FAITH

Women's Retreat at Pierce Chapel

Saturday, March 7
9:00 am-3:30 pm

Continental Breakfast-Meet & Greet-
Devotion/Bible Study-Small Group Interaction-
Crafts- Meditative Stretching-Lunch-Trail Walk-
Prayer -New Friend Making
Cost \$10 (Childcare provided)
Sign up at the table on Sunday mornings!

Saturday morning, March 21, 2020 @ Woodruff Park
SAVE THE DATE
OPEN DOOR CLASSIC 5K RUN/WALK



Creating long term solutions to poverty.





Carpenter's Way/Arabella Fundraiser Luncheon

Tuesday, March 24, 12:00 noon
Benefitting the boys and girls at
The Methodist Home
(Columbus Region)

Featuring Dr. Gary Chapman



Best-Selling Author of
The 5 Love Languages and
*The 5 Languages of Appreciation
in the Workplace*

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. at St. Luke Ministry Center, 301 11th Street, Columbus, 31901. Cost is \$40 per ticket. Contact Lynn@piercechapel.com by March 10 to purchase a seat at the Pierce Chapel table.

Flower Calendar Opportunities



There are openings on the flower calendar in the coming weeks and months. If you'd like an opportunity to help make the Worship Center beautiful, sign up on the Flower Calendar (located near the Welcome Center). 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. Someone from our flower arranging team will purchase the flowers and arrange them or you. For more information, contact Tina Armistead (706-570-8425).



Upcoming Youth News/Events:

Sunday Nights: Youth (6th-12th grades) meet in the barn to eat, hang out, worship and hear from our Youth Pastor Noah Barfield starting at 5:00 p.m.! God has so much in store for us as a youth group in 2020 — don't miss out on these amazing times with your adult Small Group Leaders and the incredible youth of PCUMC! Hope to see you there!

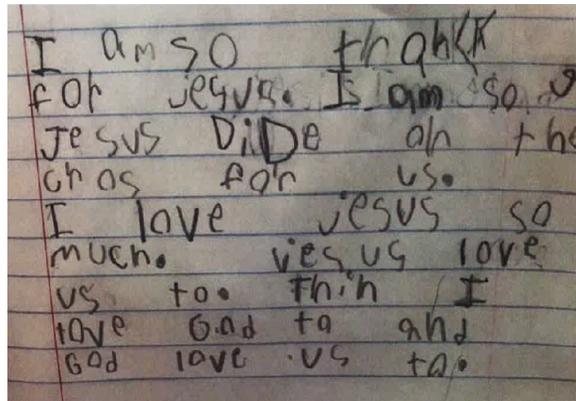
WYR(Winter Youth Retreat):

Please pray for our youth as they travel to North Carolina for our Winter Youth Retreat, February 14-17! Join us in praying for a powerful move of the Spirit of God among all those participating! **There will be NO YOUTH MEETING on February 16 in the barn because the group will be at WYR.**

Wednesday Night Youth: (6:00-7:30 p.m.) Join us on Wednesday nights for "Pray and Play in the Barn"! 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! On **Wednesday, February 19**, the youth are encouraged to participate in the 5:30 p.m. Wednesday night supper in the Worship Center before the prayer in the barn starts at 6:00pm. Pastor Noah will be there! If they want to eat (fried chicken and sides), please make a reservation at piercechapel.com/events and bring \$6.

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, March 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Youth Barn. Call or text Stephen Childers (706-905-1701) for more info.

Have questions? Email our Director of Youth Ministries, Noah Barfield, at noah@piercechapel.com. Parents, if you are not on the youth parent email distribution list, please email monica@piercechapel.com and request to be added. Need to know how much money your student has in his/her Youth Account? Email Brian Williams at ebr3108@yahoo.com, or text him @ 706.615.4640.



Thank you for your support in 2019!
From the heart of a 1st grade student: "I am so thankful for Jesus so much. Jesus loves us too. Then I love God and God loves us too." That is the journal entry from one of our students this year. Journal entries are free to be anything the children want to write about for the day. What a joy to know that these are the thoughts flowing through the minds of our students. Little lives that far too often are weighed down by adult-sized burdens, are finding their freedom and expression in the love and goodness of God.

When you support the work of Truth Spring, this is what you are helping to cultivate! Thank you! Thank you for your generosity and thank you for giving us the opportunity to shape the minds and hearts of the next generation for the glory of God.

Truth Spring Christ-Centered Community Development

Dear Pierce Chapel Family,
I wanted to tell you how much I appreciate the gift to Building by Faith in memory of my father. The love and support I continue to receive from my church family is overwhelming. This church has been a blessing to me and has made a difficult time more bearable. I am very thankful to have all of you in my life.
Much Love,
Cheri Meyer