



The Chapel Times

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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
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G.I.F.T.
GROWING IN
FAITH TOGETHER

NOT EQUAL GIFTS. BUT EQUAL SACRIFICE.

Stewardship Sunday

Dear Members and Friends of Pierce Chapel:

This Sunday, November 18, will be our annual Stewardship Sunday. This is the day when we are given opportunity in worship to consecrate our giving to the ministries of Pierce Chapel and to Building By Faith (debt elimination) for 2019. This is a faithful thing to do, and helps immensely in our ministry planning and debt elimination for the coming year.

Our theme is **GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER**. Our goal is 100% participation - but not with equal gifts. The challenge is equal sacrifice from the entire church family—members and regular attendees. Obviously, we can't all give the same amount, but we can all make the same sacrifice by giving the same percentage. This is the wisdom of the Biblical tithe (10% of income) that scripture teaches belongs to God.

Hopefully you have received a letter from me that included an Estimate of Giving Card for 2019. You may bring this with you Sunday, but we will have more available if needed. There will also be available a **STEP UP TO TITHING** guide and a brochure outlining our 2019 preliminary budget.

All we have comes from God and belongs to God. What God requires is that we return the tithe. The rest is ours for faithful living. I know that most people are not tithers, but please struggle prayerfully with this. Use the **STEP UP TO TITHING** guide to help you set up a plan that will get you to the level of tither over a period of time.

Remember, the goal is equal sacrifice, not equal amounts. This is not only fair but faithful. Know that whatever you decide to return will directly impact the success and effectiveness of our ministries together. I encourage you to make every effort to be present this Sunday, November 18, so you can return your Estimate of Giving Card and make known your participation as a faithful financial steward of Pierce Chapel.

Growing in faith together with you,
Howard

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Michil Abitew (Kiddy Seifu's brother)
John Alston
Carolyn Billings
Virginia Brewer
Peggy Brooks
Alice Brumbach
Annika Carpenter (Lloyd & Alma Artz's great-grandchild)
Joann Cherry (Sheila Cook's sister-in-law)
Linda Cliff
Kathy Davis
Savannah Delisle (Fritzie Fulton's granddaughter)
Judy Dorer
Will Duke
Ben Dunton (Linda Socci's son)
Marcia English
Malachi Estevez (Leila Cantrell's great-grandson)
Jim Hawkins
Richard Howell
LaVerne McClellan
Pati Miller
Hugh Morris
Bernadine Nash (Belita Walker's friend)
Julia Payne
John Proft
Paisley Riggs (Fay Williams' great niece)
Don & Patti Russell
Danny Seifu (Kiddy Seifu's son)
Cheryl Seymour
Mickie Tennyson
All military families
Our military partnership units:
Crusade for Christ
Warrior Transition Battalion

(Call the church office to make changes to the prayer list, and please help us keep the prayer list updated by letting us know when it's appropriate to remove a name from the list.)

We express our love and sympathy to Ronnie, Candice, Abigail and RJ Baugher at the death of Ronnie's father, Robert Baugher, on November 6.

I would like to thank my church family for all the prayers, cards, calls, flowers, and food during my recent surgery. Your kindness is so appreciated and has encouraged me to get better through therapy. Please continue to pray for me through my recovery. I miss being in church and hope to return soon. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

In Christ, Billie and Gordon Stallings

Office Deadlines

News deadline for the **only newsletter in December** is **12:00 noon on Friday, November 23.**

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

"FASTURDAY"

Saturday, November 17

Bring canned foods November 5-18

Remember those who are hungry this Thanksgiving. On November 17, we will observe a day of fasting that we call "Fasturday" to help raise awareness of the problem of hunger in our community. We invite you to do three things:

1. **Bring** canned goods and non-perishable food items to Pierce Chapel now through Sunday, November 18 to help stock Open Door's emergency food pantry for the holiday week.
2. **Fast** (if your health allows) on Saturday, November 17, to become familiar with the feelings of hunger that some people in our community experience every day.
3. **Pray** for the poor and those in our community who suffer from hunger and "food insecurity."

As you are filling your bags, you may want to include some of the following items:

Canned meat products	Mac & cheese mixes
Cereal/oatmeal/grits	Peanut butter and Jelly
Baby food/formula/diapers	Spaghetti noodles & sauces
Soups	Canned fruit & vegetables
Pasta or rice sides	Hamburger Helper
Cake mix/canned frosting	Hot chocolate mix/juice/coffee

Collection bins are at the Welcome Center. To learn more, email Steven Wimberly at wimberly.steven@gmail.com or go to facebook.com/Fasturday.



Saturday, November 17, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Held in the field across from Pierce Chapel

\$3 per shot for a chance to win a turkey. We supply the shells for the shoot. Bring your shotgun or borrow one from us. Concessions available. Proceeds support local missions. Sponsored by the Pierce Chapel United Methodist Men.

PIERCE CHAPEL CHURCH WEEK AT LIFEWAY

Through November 17

**Enjoy an extra 20% off your purchase,
including sale & clearance!**

Excludes VBS, Willow Tree, and textbook purchases.

Just mention Pierce Chapel at check out to receive your discount.
5555 Whittlesey Blvd, Unit 1300, next to Staples.

Thanksgiving Holiday Closings & Schedule Changes

- Children's Choirs will not meet Sunday, November 18.
- Pierce Chapel Preschool will be closed Monday-Friday, November 19-23.
- No activities on Wednesday, November 21.
- The church office will be closed at noon on Wednesday, November 21 through Friday, November 23.
- No Happy Achers or senior exercise on Thursday, November 22.

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! Thursday, November 15 we will have our Thanksgiving pot luck. 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.

Student Day Offering is Sunday, November 25

We will receive a special United Methodist Student Day Offering on **Sunday, November 25**. Ninety percent of this offering goes toward funding the many scholarships and loans administered by the General Board of Higher Education & Ministry, and 10% stays in Georgia and goes to Georgia UM-related schools for merit scholarships. Your gift will award scholarships and loans to students attending United Methodist & other accredited colleges & universities. Make checks payable to Pierce Chapel and earmark "Student Day."

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 armtb@knology.net.

2019 Devotional Books Available

Looking for something to help you read the Bible and pray on a daily basis? Consider using the 2019 Upper Room Disciplines, a devotional guide based on the lectionary featuring a different writer each week. The 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 very limited supply so please reserve your copy by emailing Katie at katie@piercechapel.com. Checks should be made payable to Pierce Chapel (\$12) & earmarked "Disciplines."

#GIVING TUESDAY

#GivingTuesday is November 27, a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. Following the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday is celebrated on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving and kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. If you observe #GivingTuesday, remember the ministries that share the gospel in word and deed, locally and throughout the world. Give to honor Christ!

Poinsettias for Advent

Deadline is Sunday, DECEMBER 2

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/memorialized will be included in the worship bulletin on Sunday, December 10. Make checks payable to Pierce Chapel UMC (cost is \$12.00 per plant) and earmark them "poinsettias."



Christmas Cantata

You are cordially invited to attend

The Mercy Manger

Sunday, December 2

in the Worship Center

4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

A reception will follow each service.

Reception after Christmas Cantata

Can you give your time to volunteer with the receptions following both Cantata presentations (4:00 & 7:00 p.m.) on Sunday, December 2? We also need **lots and lots of food that you can eat with your fingers**. 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. 2 (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

You can contact the reception coordinator, Elaine McKenzie, at 706-570-0983 or mckenzie3200@hotmail.com.

Sharing Christmas

at Open Door Community House

This program at Open Door Community House is a way for the community to share new, unwrapped toys with children (infant through age 17) from impoverished families. Parents are provided a schedule to "shop" for Christmas gifts free of charge. We work hard to preserve the dignity of the families we serve.

If you'd like to contribute gifts for Sharing Christmas, please bring NEW, UNWRAPPED items to Pierce Chapel and place them in the marked boxes near the Welcome Center. ***We'll be collecting items November 25 - December 16.***

Ideas for children (birth - age 12)

Clothes, toys, books, age-appropriate DVDs, dolls, action figures, plastic sports equipment, ride-on toys.

Ideas for teens (ages 13-17) (always much needed and under supplied)

Jewelry, perfume/cologne, lotion, beauty products, purses, ties, watches (male and female), sports equipment, outdoor games, art sets, socks, ball caps, earphones, inexpensive CD players/MP3 players/digital cameras, CDs, radios, clock radios, DVDs, Playstation 3 games, Xbox 360 games, USB flash drives, underclothes, bedding sets, clothes.

Please join us for a Retirement
celebration honoring
Steve & Hope Shearouse
Missionaries for Mission On The Move
from 2002-2018

Saturday, December 8
Springfield UMC
210 Cleveland Street,
Springfield, GA

Retirement service at 4:00 p.m.
Reception to follow



Sunday Night Youth (5:00-7:30 p.m.): All youth (6th-12th grades) meet in the barn to eat, hang out and worship with our youth band beginning at 5:00 p.m. At 6:15, the 6th, 7th & 8th grades will 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 will meet with an adult Small Group Leader to experience an interactive discussion tailored to them.

See holiday schedule below:

Sunday, November 18, we will have our final Third Night of the year. We will NOT meet/eat at Pierce Chapel at 5:00 p.m. Instead, we will meet at Brookstone High School at 6:00 p.m. and we're going to Cracker Barrel following Third Night from 8-9:00 p.m. for our afterglow! Drop off is at Brookstone at 6:00 p.m. Pick up is at Cracker Barrel at 9:00 p.m. We can help transport between Brookstone and Cracker Barrel if needed. Students should bring a minimum of \$12 for dinner.

Sunday, November 25 - regular schedule.

Sunday, December 2, we will go out to eat together at Wild Wing Cafe at 5:00 p.m. then we will head back to the church to enjoy the 7:00 pm Christmas Cantata. We can help with transportation from Wild Wing Cafe to the church. Drop off is at Wild Wing Cafe at 5:00 p.m. and pickup is at the church around 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 9 - regular schedule

Wednesday Nights: (NO activities on Wednesday, November 21.)

His Image choir practice in room 302, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

The barn will be open to hang out and have snacks, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Join us 7:00-8:00 p.m. for Wednesday night fun & games in the barn.

Backpacking Trip: Sunday, November 18, we will leave the church at 11:00 am following Sunday School and will return Tuesday, November 20, around 8:00 p.m. Destination Big South Fork NRR, TN in the Appalachian Mountains. Cost \$60. Food and gear are extra.

L.I.G.H.T. (Ladies Inspiring God's Holy Truth) Calling all High School aged young women! Please join us for our High School girls' discipleship group. Saturday, November 24. 7:00-9:00 a.m. at First Watch. Call or text Autumn at 706-570-6523 for more information.

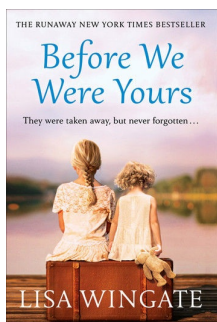
Christmas Party and Celebration: Sunday, December 16, 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Barn. Youth and friends are invited to this special Christmas party! There will be lots of fun and music, hot chocolate, Christmas treats, a gift exchange, and general merriment! Bring a gift worth \$15 or less for our dirty Santa gift exchange and dress warmly for carols outside around the fire pit. Invite friends!

Winter Ski Retreat 2019: Friday, February 15-Monday, February 18. It's getting cold and we're going skiing! We're returning to Winterplace ski resort in Ghent, WV, and lodging at the Cabins at Pine Haven. We'll experience two full days of skiing at Winterplace, and we'll worship, learn and share together at the Pine Haven Lodge. Winterplace is a great facility and a good place for beginners to learn to ski or snowboard - but don't worry, there's plenty of tougher terrain too! The Cabins at Pine Haven are beautiful and cozy and they even have hot tubs on the porches! Base cost is \$300/student. \$100 Promise to Pay deposits are due Sunday, December 9. Pick up an info packet at youth for more details.

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

Growing in Grace Book Club

So many books to read, so little time!



Growing in Grace Book Club will be reading the historical fiction novel *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate for our fall book selection. We will meet in the home of Barbara Rouse on November 26, 6:30 p.m. for a pot luck supper and to discuss the book. For more info, contact

Barbara at rousehouse54@yahoo.com or 706-464-0425.

We need A/V Booth Volunteers!



We are still seeking volunteers for the A/V booth at the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services as well as special events.

The A/V booth is a vital part of each of our worship services. This is a unique opportunity to have **FUN** while also supporting the ministries of Pierce Chapel! If you have a basic understanding or background with live sound/music, or if you have an *interest* in audio/video technology, please contact Steve Lewis at 706-987-7189 or swlewis1963@gmail.com. We'll teach you!