



The Chapel Times

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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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Sometimes it takes a party!

Have you ever noticed that Jesus seemed to love parties? He was an invited guest at parties (check out Luke 5:29 and John 2:2), and he sometimes used a "party" image to describe the Kingdom of Heaven (like in Matthew 22:2).

Jesus seemed to love a good party! And why wouldn't he? A party can be defined as "any effort to celebrate, serve, or enjoy each other in a way that adds value to life."* If that's what a party really is, then the Church needs more parties! So let's do it...

Because sometimes it takes a party*....

- To demonstrate that God loves those who party
- To build bridges and open up relationships
- To show people that everybody matters
- To remind us all that *everyone* is invited to the party

So we're planning a party! **It's our 3rd Annual SPRING BASH!** We'll share more details later, but in preparation, will you do three things?

1. **Mark your calendar for Friday, April 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**
2. Think about who you can invite to come with you
3. Be on a team that will make Spring Bash happen

Here are the teams we already know we need:

1. Food Team (no cooking required)
2. Corn Hole Prep Team
3. Volleyball Prep Team
4. Children's Activities Prep Team
5. Everybody's favorite - The CLEAN UP Team! ☺

Would you and your family join a team? Or your Sunday Connections Class? Or your Community Group? Or your friends? Let us know! Email lynn@piercechapel.com.

Sometimes it just takes a party....to celebrate God's love for all of us.

*Ideas shared by Reggie Joiner at Orange Conference 2017

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

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

John Alston
Carolyn Billings
Virginia Brewer
Peggy Brooks
Alice Brumbach
Ted Bush
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)
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

Meagan (Lord) Rhames (due September 3)
Jessica Stanley (due September 19)
Taylor 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.)



Office Deadlines

News deadline for **April 1** newsletter is 12:00 noon on **Monday, March 25.**

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

Laugh your way to a better marriage!

Saturday, March 16, 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Youth Barn



Via video, Mark Gungor explores the underlying dynamics of male/female relationships, combining striking clarity and practical solutions to common relationship woes. Mark's entertaining illustrations are so *hilarious and original*, you'll be sharing them with all your friends! His humor makes his teaching enjoyable, effective and memorable, helping husbands and wives remember these insights and immediately put them to work.

Don't miss it! Enjoy a steak and pasta dinner as well as a delightful evening for \$45 per couple. Hurry! Snag the last two spots available! Childcare available upon request. [Please sign up at piercechapel.com/events.](http://piercechapel.com/events)



April Service Challenge

In lieu of our annual "Day of Service" we challenge each Community Group and Sunday Connections Class to find a way to serve together during the month of April. Report back your experience via pictures, testimonies, etc. and we will create a display of some of the work done.

Some ideas of ways to serve are:

do yard work for those who can't (*elderly, widowed or deployed military family*), serve at Rose Hill UMC, make cards for seniors at Magnolia Manor or another facility, support Sara Spano clothing bank, clean up at church, prepare food for Frozen Assets ministry, pick up or price yard sale donations, help with VBS decorating, sign up to serve at Highland Community Church for lunch, feed a group of first responders, etc.

All service info should be communicated to localmissions@piercechapel.com.



New Women of the Word Study

Join WOW for our new 6-week study *The Quest* by Beth Moore. We'll delve into scripture to explore how God created us to seek after Him—a God who desires to be found and known. In this lifelong quest of faith, learn to develop intimacy with Him and embrace the adventure that comes with living a life for God.

Sunday evenings: beginning April 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room, led by Melissa Herndon.

Monday mornings: beginning April 8, 9:15-11:15 a.m. in the Youth Barn, led by Kim Stanley-Heim.

Study journals are available at Lifeway. For more info or to request childcare, contact Melissa at msh.blessed@gmail.com 706-888-0084 or Kim at kdstanley@gmail.com or 865-771-1169.

High School Senior Pictures



To have your student included on the board that will be displayed at the church, please have their name, high school they are graduating

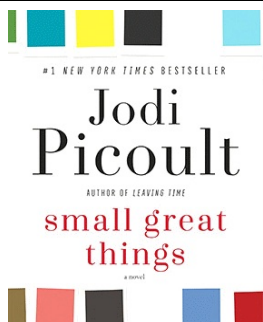
from, a brief description of their plans for the future (school and field of study, military, etc.) and a printed 5x7 photo to Michelle Crawford or the church office **no later than April 22.**

To have your student included in the church newsletter or other printed materials, please have their name and school to the office no later than Monday, May 6. Any information received after April 22 will be included in the published materials, but will not be included in the board, so please get the information in as soon as possible. We look forward to celebrating your student with you!



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.



Growing in Grace Book Club

The Growing in Grace Book Club is currently reading *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. **We will meet Monday, April 29**, for a potluck supper to discuss the book.

For more info, contact Barbara Rouse at rousehouse54@yahoo.com



Serving Lunch at Highland Community Church

We have the privilege of providing and serving lunch to Highland Community Church on March 31. We'll be feeding 240 people and are in need of supplies: burger buns, Sloppy Joe/Manwich sauce, ground beef, prepared coleslaw, large cans of baked beans, brownies.

To donate or help serve, please contact Teresa or Rick Wimberly at 706-563-0469 or rwimb79@bellsouth.net.



April 6, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
at Church on the Trail

(Formerly known as MyChurch)
6720 Flat Rock Rd., Midland GA

\$25 registration includes lunch. Register at churchonthetrail.org/events.

Easter Lilies Order Deadline is April 14



To have one or more lilies placed in the Worship Center on Easter Sunday in honor or memory of someone, complete the form in Sunday's worship bulletin (when it is available) and place it in the offering plate with your payment. Plants are \$12.00 each. *Make checks payable to Pierce Chapel UMC and earmark "lilies."* Lilies may be taken home or to a shut-in after the 11:00 Easter service. Names of those honored or memorialized will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Sign up for flowers on our Flower Calendar!

If you'd like an opportunity to help make the Worship Center beautiful, sign up on the Flower Calendar (located at the Welcome Center) to put flowers in the worship center in honor or memory of someone. Two vases of flowers are available each Sunday at a cost of \$30 each. You may choose to purchase flowers for one vase or both, and you may choose to take the arrangement(s) home after the service or donate the flowers to be used in our ministry to people who are shut-in, recovering from illness, or need a reminder that they're loved.

Once you sign up, a member of the Flower Guild will purchase the flowers and arrange them for you.



UMCOR Sunday

As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors during disasters, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act. These teams act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days.

It's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes. On UMCOR Sunday, March 31, please make checks payable to Pierce Chapel and earmark "UMCOR" so they can continue to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer. (This offering supports the administrative costs of UMCOR.)

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! 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.

SAVE YOUR STUFF for our Youth-Sponsored Yard Sale & BBQ Lunch

**Saturday, April 27
6:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

"Mobile Attics" will be available early April, to drop off donations. We will offer large-item pick up upon request. For more info, contact Nathan Carr at 706-464-7548 or nathan@piercechapel.com. Thank you for your support!



Registration is open for Kid's Camp!

Camp 4:12 is an overnight camp experience for boys and girls!

Rising 2nd-4th grade: June 23-27
Rising 5th-7th grade: July 7-11

**SWIMMING - RECREATION - CANOEING
- CRAFTS - CHAPEL - & MORE!**

Cost: \$285 - EARLY BIRD RATE: \$240 (Payment in full must be received by April 30). For more information or to register your child, visit stmarkumc.com/kidscamp or email roseanna@piercechapel.com.

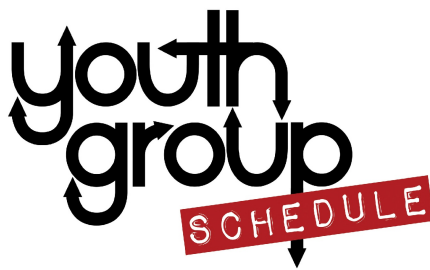
RESPONDING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING

MARCH 21

8:30 AM-1:00 PM

LUNCH PROVIDED

THE PASTORAL INSTITUTE
\$10 TO REGISTER:
PASTORALINSTITUTE.ORG/REGISTER



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 \$335/student and covers all expenses (except 2 travel meals) including transportation, t-shirt, great food, and 5 nights lodging. Scholarships are available to all students. The yard sale fundraiser is scheduled for April 27 to help students earn money toward camp. Each student usually makes \$100! Registration is now open! Get your info and registration packet via Youth News Email or on Sunday or Wednesday!

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. See Sunday schedule changes below:

El Carrizo: Sunday, March 17, we will meet at El Carrizo, 5:00-6:30 p.m. We will provide transportation for those confirmands/mentors who have been on the retreat and wish to come. All others should meet us there. Pickup is at El Carrizo at 6:30 p.m. Students should bring cash or card to pay for dinner.

March 24 Afterglow: Outdoor Movie night and Campfire at the Barn (we'll move inside if the weather is bad) from 7:00-9:30 pm. Bringing friends is welcomed and encouraged as always! There is no cost to students. We changed course from going to Launch Trampoline Park because it's been booked for a private event on the 24th.

Wednesday Nights: From now 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.

Yard Sale Fundraiser Students can earn money for their youth account by participating in the upcoming yard sale fundraiser on April 27. Students can work leading up to the sale, the night before the sale, or the day of the sale itself. Last year, each student earned \$100 for their account. Contact Nathan to sign up!

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