



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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Two New Sunday Connections Groups Launching this Month!

Acts 29: We Are the Next Chapter!

Are you looking for an opportunity to study God's word and connect with others at Pierce Chapel? Join us in Room 313 on Sunday mornings! This new Sunday Connections class is designed primarily for individuals/couples in their 20s-30s, but ALL are welcome. Our focus will be on studying books of the Bible and also other contemporary material, depending on the interest of the class members. We will also get together outside of church as well for social functions multiple times a year. If you are interested in joining us on this exciting, new journey, contact class leaders Cody Howell (cah0046@gmail.com or 706-577-0688) or Amanda Hall (hall_amanda1@columbusstate.edu or 762-822-6629).

SUNDAY CONNECTIONS
at Pierce Chapel UMC
GROWING IN FAITH, TOGETHER

For more info about Sunday Connections options,
visit piercechapel.com/groups
or email lynn@piercechapel.com

College Students are Well Known & Well Loved at PCUMC!

If you are an 18-20+ year old, join us every Sunday morning after worship in The Chapel (around 10:00) as we voyage the journey together, applying biblical foundations to life's pressing questions on truth, identity, faith, and the future! We seek to build a community of trust through relationships in an environment where you are free to ask the hard, honest questions we face in everyday life situations. Our group will gather monthly for dinner, games, and discussion, and plan events throughout the year. You do not want to miss out on building friendships and growing in faith together during this important juncture in your life! We have a seat saved for YOU and a friend! Questions? Contact group leaders David Stanley (706-505-6330) or Jessica Stanley (706-617-4519).

Church Office 706-327-9807

FAX 706-327-7253

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E-Mail Prayer Ministry: Send prayer requests to prayers@piercechapel.com

Sunday Worship Services at

8:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

5122 Pierce Chapel Road,
Midland, GA 31820

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

John Alston
Carolyn Billings
Virginia Brewer
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)
Kiddy Seifu
Cheryl Seymour
Sherry Swain (Lloyd & Alma Artz's friend)
Mickie Tennyson
All military families
Our military partnership units:
Crusade for Christ
Warrior Transition Battalion

EXPECTANT MOTHER LIST

Jessica Stanley (due September 19)
Taylor (Wall) Heinzelman (due October 10)
Brittany Duncan (due October 18)
Ashton Graham (due in February)

(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.)

Happy Achers & Senior Exercise

Happy Achers sack lunch & games for senior adults happens in the Hospitality Room at 11:30 a.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.

Labor Day Office Schedule

The church office will be **closed** for Labor Day September 2, and will return to normal hours, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Tuesday-Friday this week.



**Want to Be Equipped
to Serve When
Disaster Strikes?**

UMCOR Early Response Team (ERT) Training Saturday, September 28, 2019 in the Worship Center

1. The E.R.T. Certification/Recertification class is 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 which includes the manual.
2. The South Georgia Conference Chainsaw Certification class is for ERT-trained volunteers with a current badge, 1:00-5:00 p.m. The cost is \$10. It is required to operate a chainsaw on deployment.

To register, visit <https://www.sgaumc.org/erttrainings> or contact Rick Dorer at 706-662-1430.



Serving Lunch at Highland

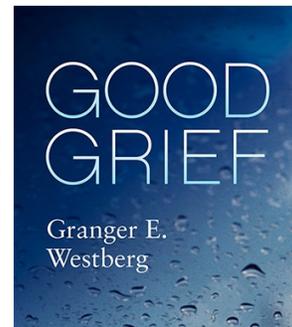
Our next opportunity to serve our friends at Highland Community Church will be Sunday, September 29. We normally serve approximately 250 plates of food. We will be serving lasagna, salad, garlic bread & cookies. Items needed include ground beef, no cook lasagna noodles, jars of spaghetti sauce, shredded cheese, bagged salad, and cookies.

If you'd like to make a monetary donation, any money donated & designated for "Highland lunch" will be used to purchase needed items. Donated food items can be placed on the table inside the Pierce Chapel kitchen and marked Highland. Items need to be at Pierce Chapel prior to Saturday, Sept 28, before 10:00 a.m.

The Good Grief Group

September 2 & 16 in Room 214, 6:15-8:00 p.m.

Loss is an inevitable part of life and comes to us through all kinds of circumstances - the death of a loved one, divorce, a job change, moving, empty nest, change in health, etc. The Good Grief Group (aka Triple G) is a safe place where people can learn to face and process grief in a healthy and good way with the knowledge that God still cares about them. We will be using the book, *Good Grief: A Companion for Every Loss* by Granger E. Westberg. Childcare will be provided by request. For questions, please contact Charlotte Baker (678-707-2192) or Susan Durham 706-593-3081.



UMW TEA: 150TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Come celebrate with us on Saturday, September 7, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Worship Center for our United Methodist Women's Tea. This event is for ladies of all ages (4 and up) and will include a BIRTHDAY CAKE, activities for our younger guests, food and fellowship and our speaker, Mrs. Minnie Carlisle. Contact Thelma Bunch (706-610-6496), Barbara Morris (706-662-5801), or Sara Bankhead (706-322-4753) if you have questions.

Children's Choirs Begin Sept. 8!



Children 3K-5th grade are invited to join our Children's Choirs beginning Sunday, September 8. Choir meets from 4:00-5:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. To register your child, email roseanna@piercechapel.com.

New Mary/Martha Women's Study

The Mary/Martha Bible study group will be studying *What If It's True* by Charles Martin. Martin uses a storyteller's imagination to illuminate key moments from the Scriptures, and from his own journey as a disciple of Christ. "The result is a striking exploration of truth that helps us not just think differently, but live differently." Join us as we engage the fundamental principles of our faith in new and inspiring ways. MM will begin this study September 9 from 7:00-8:15 at the home of Elaine McKenzie (8095 Turtle Creek Drive, Columbus). Contact Barbara Rouse at 706-464-0425 or rousehouse54@yahoo.com for more info.



Chick-fil-A Spirit Night!

Please make plans to attend Pierce Chapel Preschool's Chick-fil-A Spirit Night on **Tuesday, September 4** during either time: **11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** **OR 5:00-8:00 p.m.!**

Wear your Pierce Chapel shirt (if you have one), stop by Chick-fil-A at Kitten Lake in Midland, and tell them you are there for Spirit Night. A portion of your purchase comes back to our preschool.

Northwest District UMW Annual Meeting

**Saturday, September 21
at St. Marys Road UMC**

Registration is at 9:30 a.m., worship begins at 10:00 a.m and lunch is at 12:30 p.m. Nursery will be provided for age 3 and under. Contact Karen Hartin at 706-615-1347 or karen.hartin@yahoo.com to register.

Congratulations to Meagan & T.J. Rhames on the birth of their son, Connor Lewis Rhames, on August 20. Connor weighed in at 7 lb. 13 oz. David & Resa Lord are the proud grandparents.

Growing in Grace Book Club

The Growing in Grace book club will be reading *The Prayer Box* by Lisa Wingate for our fall selection. We will meet early November to discuss this story about faith, the healing power of love and how both are found in unlikely places.



Readers Wanted at Fox Elementary!

As a Partner in Education (PIE) with Fox Elementary School, we at Pierce Chapel have the opportunity to make a difference for some very precious children by reading to them and/or listening to them read on a weekly basis. Reading will begin on Tuesday, September 16. The reading sessions are Monday through Thursday and last 30 minutes, beginning at the following times: 8:10 a.m., 8:40 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:45 p.m. Please contact Trannie Smith at sfsmith@wavetel.us with your **day & time** availability to read with a 2nd grader.



Marriage Ministry Bible Study

CLOSERconnection

Communication can either push a marriage apart or bring spouses closer together. Nearly everything we do communicates a message, so what happens if the two of you seem to be speaking different languages? **Join our 7-week study, beginning October 3, and meeting each Thursday in Room 210, 6:00-7:30 p.m. (Note new time and start date.)** \$20 per couple for materials. Loving childcare provided by request. Contact Jennifer Putnam to sign up: 719-505-3728 or mjputnam1218@gmail.com.

Want to Brighten Someone's Day with Flowers?

Join the Flower Delivery Mission Team here at PCUMC! Our team has the pleasure of visiting with and taking flowers to members of our congregation who are ill or grieving, and their family members who are in assisted living or nursing homes. We visit and deliver on Sunday or Monday on a rotational schedule, serving once every 7 weeks. This is a very rewarding ministry for us as we get to put smiles on faces and meet many folks we would never have met! For more info or questions please call Judy Mullins at 706-324-0007.



**The Methodist Home
for Children & Youth**

Special Opportunity to Support The Methodist Home

Sunday, September 15, we will have a special opportunity to support through our giving and help The Methodist Home for Children & Youth on their mission to restore childhoods and strengthen families. Thank you for your faithful participation in transforming lives of children and youth.

Thank You

*Dear Pierce Chapel Family,
You have been such a blessing to me and my family throughout my Dad's battle with cancer and after his death. I am truly grateful for your prayers, hugs, and encouraging words. Thank you for all of your love and support.*

*Love,
Shannon Wooldridge*

Thank you for all the calls, flowers and prayers sent to us by Pierce Chapel. Our precious mother is now at peace with the Lord and her family. We were given extra years to love on her and for that we are grateful.

Dotti and Phil Penny & Family

News deadline for the **September 15** newsletter is 12:00 noon on **Monday, September 9**. Sunday worship bulletin deadline is **12:00 noon on Wednesdays**.

Please email newsletter and/or bulletin announcements to

jessica@piercechapel.com.



Anniversaries and Birthdays

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Elizabeth Epley, Louie Grosser, Brenda Howell, Skeet Butler, Parker Rhinehart, Diana Holtmann & Ashley Williams
Mike & Norma Glerum's Anniversary
- 2 Mallory Black, Landon Bolles
Tommy & Melanie Cummings' Anniversary
- 3 Rick & Teresa Wimberly's Anniversary
- 4 Rachel Hooper & Amy Marano
- 5 Martha Bonner, Greg Gregory, Jack McGaan & Kevin Pelley
John & Yvonne Proft's Anniversary
Dillon & Judy Thomas' Anniversary
- 6 Leigh Hadaway, Olivia Hinton & Barbara Morris
- 7 Chris Blanton, Snapper Watson & Ethan Wells
- 8 Mary Sykes
Gary & Teresa Robinette's Anniversary
- 10 Teresa Moore
Kerry & Butch Barwick's Anniversary
- 11 Jessica Jinright Seets
Neill & Denise Fuller's Anniversary
- 12 Ben O'Donnell & Seth Bierman
- 13 Randy Blanchard, Sherry Corona, Robert Griffin & Jason Hadaway
- 14 Sydney Brophy, Matt Nelson, Dotti Penny, Kevin Snipes & Angie Thiel
- 14 John & Velva Campos' Anniversary
- 15 Holly Mattson, Kevin Pinet & Kathy Williams
Manford & Sonja Metcalf's Anniversary
- 16 Kerry Barwick, Abbigail Parker & David Stanley, Jr.
Greg & Becky Goldsmith's Anniversary
- 17 Lisa Abbott & Dana Seifert
Dave & Kathy Shand's Anniversary
- 18 Steven Hewlett & Jeffrey Thiel
- 19 Slade Croxton, Peter Edwards, Michael Graydon, Jaye Haynes, Christopher Mohney, & Trannie Smith
- 20 Lindsay Ammerman, Debbie Driver, Thomas Maholick, Doug Thorne & Stephanie Lewis
- 21 Sandra Leverett, Cole Manning, Lawson Geyer, Rosmari Wall
Lucy & David McQuagg's Anniversary
- 22 E.P. Rolison
Justin & Erica Temple's Anniversary
- 23 Jared Bowles, Sonja Metcalf, Ian O'Donnell, Angela Strange, Jason Whearley
- 23 David & Carol Sutcliffe's Anniversary
John & Susan Williams' Anniversary
- 24 Steve Lewis, Jerry Lorentz, Mindy Thomas & Teresa Wimberly, Jacob Thomas
- 25 Lynn Lee, Regina Ragan & Lee Schorr
- 26 MacKenzy Crawford, Annalise McCann & Chason McKay
- 27 Rob Brazie & Chuck Crouch
Jamie & Elicia Maholick's Anniversary
- 28 Will Kalahar, Billie Stallings & Eric Ragan
- 29 Ben Tabor
Brad & Marti Reynolds-Dodds' Anniversary
- 30 Phoebe Dawson
Scott & Stacy Dorer's Anniversary

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 starting at 5:00 p.m. We're so excited to have Sam Creswell as our Guest Speaker and our awesome SGLs (Small Group Leaders) back! Don't miss out on amazing Sunday Nights with the youth of PCUMC!



Wednesday Night Youth: (6:00-8:00 p.m.) We'll hang out in the barn from 6:00-6:20 and then everybody will head across the street for Ultimate Frisbee! If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you! And...you don't have to play — you can chat with friends and cheer on your favorite team! (Be sure to wear something you can sweat in.) We'll pack up at 7:45 and head back to the barn. We want YOU to be there!



KILT (Knights in Leadership Training)

For all high school young men

Meets Friday, September 13, 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the barn.

Hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact Stephen Childers (706-905-1701).



Make plans to send your student to **FYR, our Fall Youth Retreat**, at Camp Chandler in Wetumpka (near Montgomery), AL, Sept 20-22! We already have 34 students signed up! **Your \$50 Promise-to-Pay is due ASAP.** Click this link for a FYR packet [FYR 2019 Registration Packet Mini Version.docx](#) for more details. (Hard copies available in the barn.) This will be a very important time for our students to bond at the beginning of this new school year, and our special guest leader, Sam Creswell, is the speaker! Please do everything you can to enable your student to attend. Money should NOT stop you! Scholarships are available, and we have a fundraiser set up for Sept 18 (see details below) that will help as well. Contact Brian Williams (ebr3108@yahoo.com) for questions and scholarship information.

SAVE THE DATE FOR...

A Church-Wide Family Supper & Youth Fundraiser



Wednesday, September 18

5:30-7:15 p.m. in the Worship Center

Doors open at 5:30 & table service is provided until 6:15.

\$6.00 per youth/adult (age 13 & up); \$3.50 for children age 5-12; free for 3 & under. Family Maximum \$21.00 [parent(s) & children still living at home]

**Special Guest Speaker:
BIG LEE MCBRIDE
of Souled Out fame!**

Watch for more info! (Childcare available for kindergarten & younger.)