



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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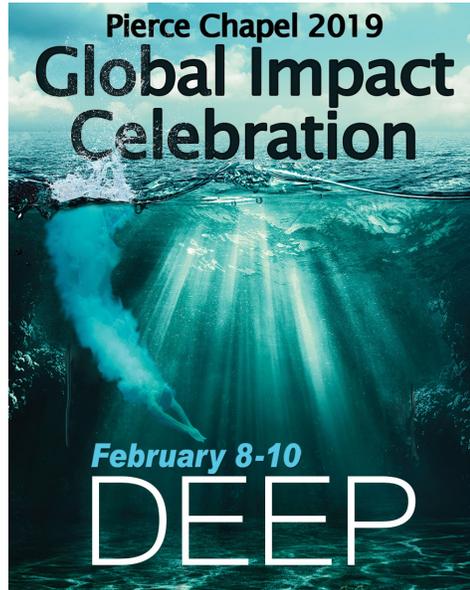
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2019 GIC Reflections

We hope you heard the invitation to go DEEP at GIC 2019, as we believe it was truly a Spirit-empowered experience! We owe tremendous thanks to Resa Lord, our GIC Coordinator, as well as to every team leader and every person who shared time, energy, creativity, hospitality, resources, and love to enable it to happen. Our volunteer teams and hosts were amazing, and your spirit of loving service was beautiful to witness.

In terms of impact, we hope you might resonate with this statement of our Global Outreach (GO) Team leader, Meredith Graves, who wrote: "I'm still processing an incredible and fruitful GIC!" Yes, our prayer

is that we all are "still processing" what GIC meant to us and how God wants to use it in our future ministry. Know this: If it's just an event in our past, then it will have little impact, but if it's a catalyst for continued growth in our mission efforts, then it will have accomplished its purpose.

To remind you that GIC has potential to impact and bless not just us but our missionary guests as well, read this excerpt from **Joel Aycock's email** to us this week: *"Every time we come to a GIC at Pierce Chapel, it gets harder and harder to leave. We have done many GICs at many churches, and we feel more like family at Pierce Chapel than anywhere else (including our home church). Your church makes us feel like we grew up all our lives going there and are just back visiting. It's special. We love y'all and always enjoy the time we get to spend with you. Thanks for trusting John Ryberg a few years ago and inviting me even though you knew nothing about us. There are literally thousands of Hondurans who have benefitted from y'all's involvement with our ministry. I can't wait to see what other great things the Lord has in store for our partnership."* And we can't either!

Finally, we are so thankful to announce that currently our collective Faith Promise for 2019 totals \$88,430. We praise God for that! If you were not able to make a Faith Promise this past Sunday, it's not too late! You may make a Faith Promise at any time. Thank you for your willingness to listen for God's prompting and then trust God to provide. Now our job is to encourage one another to watch for God's provision and be faithful to give. We are praying that the Spirit of God will continue to move us DEEPER as we seek to love and serve in Jesus' name.

Committed to going DEEPER with you,
Howard and Lynn

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

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

George Cantrell (Leila Cantrell's son)
Leah Seifu (Kiddy Seifu's daughter)

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

John Alston
Carolyn Billings
Virginia Brewer
Peggy Brooks
Alice Brumbach
Ted Bush
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
Cheryl Seymour
Mickie Tennyson
Bill Wall
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.)

Thank you!

*To the Pierce Chapel Family, Lynn & Howard,
Thank you all for keeping me in your thoughts & prayers during this difficult time. Your friendship, kindness & thoughtfulness is appreciated. The flowers are beautiful, and the "son" flower helped me push through the rehab on Monday. Thank you, Howard, for visiting me while in the hospital. Also a big thank you to several members who made my hospital stay pleasant.*

Sincerely, Tim Vinson

Office Deadlines

News deadline for **March 1** newsletter is **12:00 noon on Wednesday, February 20.**

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



Wednesday Night Supper, February 20

A Way Forward:

Preparing for General Conference 2019

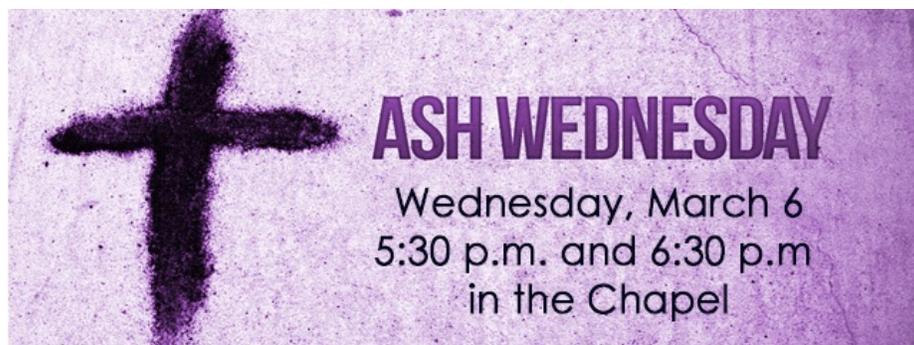
The top decision-making body of the United Methodist Church will convene on February 23-26 in St. Louis, MO, to make some very important decisions about how we move forward as a denomination. To learn more about this process and to pray for those making decisions, **join us for this presentation at 6:30 p.m. following our 5:30 supper on February 20.**

To make supper reservations, go to piercechapel.com/events or fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate.

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 or complete the form below and place it in the offering plate. **Reservation deadline is noon Monday, February 18.**



Ash Wednesday Services

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 March 6 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.**

Carpenter's Way/Arabella Fundraiser Luncheon

Benefitting the boys and girls at The Methodist Home (Columbus Region)

Featuring Kirby Smart, the UGA head football coach

Tuesday, March 5, 12:00 noon

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.

Rivermill Event Center

3715 1st Ave. Columbus, 31904

\$50 per ticket. Contact Lynn@piercechapel.com by February 18 to purchase a seat at the Pierce Chapel table.

Your Faith Promise funds are making a difference at Fox!

I wanted to take a minute and thank you all at Pierce Chapel for the recent donations of uniforms, especially for those that are smaller sizes. We seem to always need those! Thanks for bringing them to the school and making sure that even our smallest children have what they need. Would you please pass this on to all of Pierce Chapel?

I appreciate all that our friends at Pierce Chapel do to make sure our students at Fox are successful!

Thanks again,
India Eubanks, EdD
Elementary Dean at Fox Elementary School



Happy Achers

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

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.



Pierce Chapel hosts a Connection Recovery Group meeting every Thursday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Room 216.

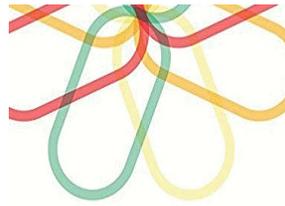
NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group is a free, peer-led support group for adults living with mental illness and people who live with those with mental illness. The groups are led by NAMI-trained facilitators who've "been there." If this information does not pertain to you, please pass it on to someone it could benefit. If you have any questions, contact Teresa O'Donnell at 706-289-7703 or Stephen Akinduro at 706-315-0966.



UMW Joint Meeting

The Sonshine and Esther UMW (United Methodist Women) Circles will have a joint meeting on Sunday, February 17, at 12:15 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. Please bring a covered dish to share. This will be our "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" meeting. A special offering will be taken. All women in the church are invited!

Local Mission Team Meeting
Monday, February 25, 6:30 p.m.
In the Conference Room



Seeking Shalom: How Reimagining Our Response to Poverty Can Transform Lives and Restore Communities

Thursdays beginning February 21
6:30-8:00 p.m. in Room 214

Join a 7-week small group study to discuss what it means to respond to God's call to care for those experiencing poverty. Through its prayerful conversation and honest engagement, this group has the potential to help change the way our community responds to material poverty. Facilitated by Pierce Chapel member Roger Parker, the group is open to anyone (whether from Pierce Chapel or not). Required participant guides are \$25 through Amazon. Interested? To sign up, contact Roger directly at rogerdopc@gmail.com.



Laugh Your Way To a Better Marriage

Saturday, March 16, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Thanks to the hilarious, practical and no-holds-barred advice from Mark Gungor, the dynamics of marriages are changing all over North America. Mark 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.

First of a four part video series. You don't want to miss any of these date nights. **Steak and pasta dinner. \$45 per couple. Childcare available upon request (\$5 per child).** To sign up, go to piercechapel.com/events or contact Stephanie Slayton at 706-577-2405.



Registration is open for Kid's Camp!

Camp 4:12 is an overnight camp experience for boys and girls entering 2nd-7th grade (2019-2020 school year)!

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.

Preschool Registration for Church Members

In Room 303, Next Sunday, February 24, 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. Space is limited and classes fill on a first-come basis. A \$100 non-refundable fee is required at the time of registration. Questions? Contact Debi Van Noy at 327-9807, ext. 6. **Registration will open to the community Monday, February 25th at 8:00 am in the Chapel.**



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 Debbie Duke (dukewddk@bellsouth.net or 706-304-7206) or Jane Armour (armourbj11@gmail.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 (located at 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. For more information, Tina Armistead (706-507-0351).



Tithing and making gifts to Pierce Chapel is easier! We offer online giving on our website at piercechapel.com/give. You can set up automatic payments or just a one-time payment. Acceptable forms of payment are Automatic Check Handling (ACH), debit and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard & Discover).



Save The Date!

On Saturday, March 9, the 32nd Open Door Classic Walk/5k Run will take place in Uptown Columbus.

Fun Run begins at 8:30

5K run begins at 9:00

Walk begins immediately after 5K runners leave

[Go to piercechapel.com/events](http://piercechapel.com/events) to register!



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 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. Youth will not meet Sunday, February 17, because of the ski trip.

Wednesday Nights' DISCIPLE: Wednesdays through February 27, 7:00-8:30 p.m., at Nathan and Autumn's house. DISCIPLE is a 5-week relationship & leadership building experience. Each night we'll gather to fellowship and share an experience together based on one of 5 discipleship principles found in Colossians 1:28-29. Experiences will include cooking together, creative design, building and videography. This growth opportunity is open to all youth-age students (6th-12th grades) who want to dig a little deeper and grow closer as fellow disciples as we work to become more like Christ. During these 5 weeks, we will not meet in the barn on Wednesday nights. Our address is 3822 18th Ave. Carpooling is encouraged.

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, February 22, 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Barn. Call or text Stephen Childers at 706-905-1701 for more information.

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, February 23, 5:30-8:30. Time to be determined. Call or text Autumn at 706-570-6523 for more information.

Souled Out Summer 2019 is June 3-7. Registration will open in March.

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