



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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Pierce Chapel's 8th Annual Global Impact Celebration

God has been on the move in the life of our congregation and the missionaries we have been privileged to support through our prayers, presence, gifts and service. Now it is time for us to take a dive and go **DEEP!** We are very excited as we look forward to our Global Impact Celebration 2019! In Luke 5, Jesus invites his disciples to "go out where it is deeper and let down your nets to catch some fish." It is our hope and prayer that you will consider going deeper with our current missionaries and cast nets in search of developing relationships with others.

Mark your calendars NOW for this inspiring 3-day event which will include a kick-off celebration Friday night, a mission workshop Saturday morning, home fellowship gatherings Saturday evening, and Faith Promise/Life Commitment services on Sunday morning at 8:30 and 11:00. There will be activities for all ages.

Our keynote speakers are:

- **Friday night:** Bob Lupton, author of *Toxic Charity*, *Charity Detox*, *Theirs is the Kingdom*, *Renewing the City* and founder of Focused Community Strategies. His organization partners with under-resourced neighborhoods to provide innovative and holistic development that produces flourishing communities where God's Shalom is present.
- **Sunday morning:** Thomas Kemper, General Secretary and top executive of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. He is responsible for personnel, projects and mission partnerships in more than 120 countries.

Mark your calendars, plan to be present and start praying NOW for GIC 2019. Pray about how you might serve in the year ahead and the Faith Promise amount God is leading you to trust Him to provide through you. Watch for more information in the days to come!

With anticipation,
Howard and Lynn

Sunday Worship Services at
8:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
5122 Pierce Chapel Road,
Midland, GA 31820

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

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Kathy Cobb

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 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)

Debby Graham

Jim Hawkins

Richard Howell

LaVerne McClellan

Paul Miller

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.)

We express our love and sympathy to:

— Jake & Heather Fizer at the death of Jake's mother, Rosario Fizer, on January 14.

— Maria Hassel at the death of her brother, Frankie Grovola, on January 8.

— Diante Oats at the death of his mother, Marion Oats, on January 6.

— Glen & Tracie Hadaway at the death of Glen's father, William (Bill) Hadaway, on December 25, 2018.

Office Deadlines

News deadline for February 1 newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, January 21.

Just a friendly reminder...

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



Please join us for a night of fun, talent, and Mexican dining! Friday, January 25, 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center

Get your sombrero ready to head south of the border for a hilarious and joy-filled evening — Mexican style! For dinner, the youth will serve chips with queso dip, chicken or beef enchiladas, rice, beans, house or corn salad and chocolate delight dessert. We will also have a silent cake/pie auction, followed by a variety show of local Pierce Chapel talent and funny home videos. Tip jars will be available on each table as a way to say thank you for great service.

All proceeds will benefit the Pierce Chapel Youth who will be serving as your waiters and waitresses for the night.

Go to piercechapel.com/events to make dinner reservations!

Deadline for dinner reservations is 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 23.

Do you have a talent or funny home video? A knack for baking pies or cakes? Then please let us know at piercechapel.com/events.



Our Faith Promise "year" ends on February 10, 2019.

Our total Faith Promise this year is \$89,150, of which \$58,624 has been received. There is still time to fulfill your Faith Promise! If you made a Faith Promise for 2018, please continue to watch for God's provision, and then be faithful

to give it. Lives will be changed because of your generosity. Do you have a Faith Promise testimony you'd be willing to share (either verbally or in print)? If so, please contact Lynn at lynn@piercechapel.com.

Parents:

If you missed the fall class for Intentional Parenting, here is your chance to start the new year off right! **#makeeveryweekcount**



5-week session on Sunday nights, beginning January 27, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
\$25 per family includes the workbook and childcare (if needed).

For more information or to register, contact roseanna@piercechapel.com.

Please note: Pierce Chapel's preschool and church office will be closed Monday, January 21.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

Sunday, January 20

Your gift gives ordinary people an extraordinary voice.

Human Relations Day calls United Methodists to recognize the right of all God's children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with one another. The special offering benefits neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

MISSIONS

Join us on a trip to the UMCOR Disaster Warehouse in Atlanta!

We will go either Thursday, January 17 and/or Tuesday, January 29. We will volunteer in whatever area they may need us. If you are interested, call Peggy Loney at 706-718-0373. We will leave Pierce Chapel at 8:00 a.m. and return around 4:00 p.m.

Kentucky Mission Trip Information Meeting January 27, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in being a part of the mission trip to KY June 30 to July 6 should attend. Questions? Please contact Stephen Childers at 706-905-1701.

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! We will go out to eat on February 14. Location TBA. 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.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

FOR CHURCH MEMBERS

(Room 303- Preschool Director's Office)

Sunday, February 24, 9:30-11:30 a.m.



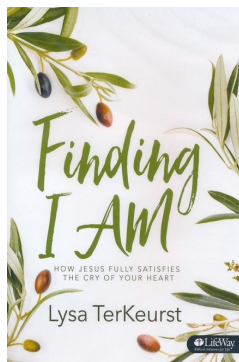
We offer: 2-day classes for one-year olds
3-day classes for two-and three - year-olds
4-day class for two-year olds
5-day classes for three and four-year-olds

Child must be appropriate age by September 1, 2019. 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 (327-9807, ext. 6). Registration will open to the community Monday, February 25th at 8:00 am in the Chapel.

Women of the Word Study

Lysa TerKeurst's "Finding I AM"

What is the deep cry of your heart? That ache in your soul that keeps you up at night? Jesus not only cares about this deep, spiritual wrestling, but He also wants to see you through it. Join us as we explore the seven 'I AM' statements of Jesus.



Sunday W.O.W. began January 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room, led by Melissa Herndon. Monday W.O.W. began January 14, 9:15-11:15 a.m. in the Youth Barn, led by Kim Stanley-Heim. For more information or to request childcare, contact Melissa at msh.blessed@gmail.com or 706-888-0084 or Kim at kdstanley@gmail.com or 865-771-1169. Study guides are available at Lifeway and Amazon.

Mary/Martha Bible Study

We will be embarking on a 4-week study of Living Faithfully: Human Sexuality and The United Methodist Church. This study will lead us to have honest, well-informed and grace-filled conversations with others about this topic and the calls for change. We will not all agree, but will share and listen to each other with kindness and grace.

Join us on Monday, January 21, 7:00-8:30, at the home of Barbara Rouse. Contact Barbara at rousehouse54@yahoo.com or 706-464-0425 for more information.



2019 Women's Retreat

Friday-Sunday, February 1-3

\$130 for two nights. \$65 for one night.

\$20 to drop-in Friday or Saturday.

Join us for a Pine Mountain retreat! Price includes dinner Friday evening and lunch Saturday afternoon. For more information, contact Barbara Rouse at rousehouse54@yahoo.com or 706-464-0425. A \$35 non-refundable deposit for overnight participants is due by January 27 to ensure your spot.

Quarterly Tithing Statements

In order to help the church become more efficient with your monetary gifts, we'd like to send your quarterly tithing statements to you by email instead of "snail mail." In order to do this, we need you to login to your Realm account and make sure it has your correct email address. If you have not created an account or don't remember the password, please email Katie@piercechapel.com and request an invitation. You will still received your annual statement via "snail mail."



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

Wednesday Night: Join us January 23 6:00-8:00 p.m. for Wednesday night fun & games in the barn.

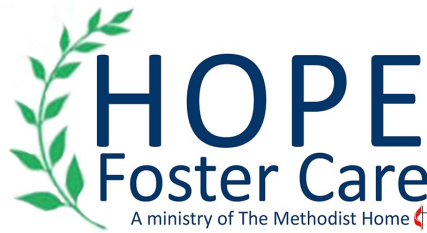
NEW! DISCIPLE: Wednesdays from January 30 through February 27, 7:15-8:30 p.m., at Nathan and Autumn's house. DISCIPLE will be a 5-week relationship & leadership building experience. Each night we'll gather to fellowship and share an experience together based on one of 5 discipleship principles found 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.

Afterglow: Movie Night Sunday, January 20. We'll leave the barn at 7:00 p.m. to go see the 7:30 p.m. showing of Glass at the AMC 15. Glass is the M. Night Shyamalan trilogy sequel to Unbreakable and Split. This movie is a suspense thriller with some language and violence and is rated pg-13. If you've seen The Sixth Sense or The Village or Signs, it will be similar to those. Students should bring \$10 cash each for their ticket as we will subsidize the remaining cost and they should bring extra money if they want to buy drinks and snacks at the theater. Pickup time is 9:50 p.m. at the AMC 15 (Columbus Park Crossing).

Souper Bowl Soups Fundraiser: Students can sign up to make phone calls, cook soup, package soup and distribute soup. Contact Nathan to claim a spot to earn money for upcoming retreats.

Winter Ski Retreat 2019: Friday, February 15-Monday, February 18. We're returning to Winterplace ski resort in Ghent, WV, and lodging at the Cabins at Pine Haven. We'll experience two days of skiing, and we'll worship, learn and share together at the Pine Haven Lodge. Base cost is \$300/student. Pick up an info packet at youth for more details.

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



The need for foster families continues to increase!

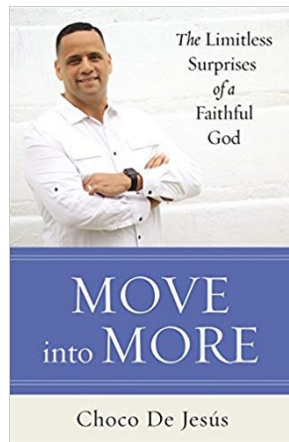
For those interested in learning more, the Orientation Meeting is Thursday, January 24, 6:00 p.m. IMPACT

Training is Monday, January 28, 6:00-9:00 p.m. This training will be every Monday night for 10 weeks. Both the Orientation Meeting and IMPACT Trainings will be held at The Fort Church at Mount Zion (1232 Double Churches Rd.). **Note:** A person cannot start training without first attending an Orientation Meeting. We are incredibly excited to see faith-based people stepping up to answer this call to be foster parents! Questions? Contact Alyssa Barrow at 706-587-8862 or visit HopeFosterCare.org.

Are you ready to be bold and move into more of whatever God has for you?

Move Into More

A Book Study with Lynn on 5 Wednesday Nights, 6:00-7:15 p.m.
January 30, February 6, 13, 27, & March 13 at Pierce Chapel



From the book: "Don't settle for less than God's best for your life. He has something more waiting for you...If you are willing to follow him faithfully, obey him lovingly, and yield to him consistently, you will be amazed...No matter where you are on your journey of faith, God wants to take you higher, stretch you farther, and hold you closer. His more has no boundaries and no limits...Are you ready for more?"

If you are, then join Lynn in a 5-week study of *Move Into More: The Limitless Surprises of a Faithful God*, by Choco de Jesus. Order your book from Amazon, and read the intro and first two chapters before the first group meeting on January 30. Reserve your spot in the group by emailing Lynn at lynn@piercechapel.com.

SOUP'S ON! for "Souper Bowl" Sunday

The Youth of Pierce Chapel are taking orders for pints of delicious, homemade soups and chili for just \$6.00 per pint! Choose from Tortellini Soup, Taco Soup, Chili, Zuppa Toscana & Pasta Fagioli. Profit from these orders will help students attend youth retreats and mission trips this year. Please go to piercechapel.com/events to order now! **Order deadline is Wednesday, January 30. Pick-up time**



is Sunday, February 3, after the 8:30 and 9:00 services, after Sunday

Connections and after the 11:00 service.

For more information, contact Nathan Carr at nathan@piercechapel.com or 706-327-9807, ext. 4.



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.