



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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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.



Children's Christmas Musical Wednesday, December 12

The Pierce Chapel Children's Choirs present a Christmas production that takes us back to the wonder of the first Christmas night and reminds us to look for Jesus in the busyness of the season! Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the production begins at 6:30 p.m. **Go to piercechapel.com/events to make your supper reservations.**



Monday, December 24

3:00 & 5:00 p.m. **traditional** services in the Worship Center (*childcare provided*)
8:00 p.m. service with **live acoustic band** in the Chapel (***no*** childcare provided)

We want to prepare seating for everyone, so please

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ONLINE at piercechapel.com/events.

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

Ted Bush

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

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
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 Randy Meeks at the death of his father, Bill Meeks, on November 27.

Fasturday Thank You

Once again I cannot thank the congregation enough for helping the Fasturday food drive and giving so much back to our community. I'm always speechless at the love and support you all continue to show year after year and how the donations seem to grow each year as well. You've all been constant givers and that has gone so far in helping to feed those less fortunate in our neighborhoods and touching so many lives. Thank you once again from the bottom of our hearts and have a wonderful holiday!

From Steve Wimberly, the Wimberly family & the Fasturday team

Office Deadlines

January 1 newsletter deadline is 12:00 noon on **Friday, December 21**. Sunday bulletin deadline is **12:00 noon on Wednesdays**.

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.

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 and memorialized will be included in the worship bulletin on Sunday, December 9. Make checks payable to Pierce Chapel UMC and earmark them "poinsettias." Cost is \$12.00 per plant.

Sunday, December 2, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Pastoral Institute Community Room, 2022 15th Ave.

Free seminar for those facing the holidays for the first time after the death of a loved one. No reservations or registration necessary. Light refreshments will be provided. Facilitator: Earl J. Nichols. Contact Christina Green at cgreen@pilink.org.



Join us for a special Christmas breakfast & service on Sunday, December 23

Hot breakfast line open from 9:00-9:30 a.m.
Donation only!

Two simultaneous Worship Service options, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

- Modern service in Worship Center
- Traditional service in Chapel

No Sunday Connection classes. Casual dress (kids, come in your pj's!)

Holiday Closings & Schedule Changes

- His Image will not meet December 5-January 9.
- Adult choir will not meet December 5-January 2.
- Children's Choirs will not meet December 16-January 6.
- Pierce Chapel Preschool will be closed December 24-January 8.
- The church office will close 12:00 noon on December 24 and is closed December 25-26 and January 1.
- Youth will not meet Sundays, December 23 and 30 or Wednesdays, December 26 and January 2. See *Youth News* for details and special dates.
- No activities on Wednesday, December 26.

2019 Devotional Books Available

The 2019 Upper Room 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 limited supply so pick up your copy at the church office today or reserve it by emailing Katie at katie@piercechapel.com. Checks should be made payable to Pierce Chapel (\$12) & earmarked "Disciplines."

Trustees

Thursday, December 6, 6:30 p.m.
In the Conference Room

Finance Committee

Monday, December 10, 6:30 p.m.
In the Conference Room

Sonshine Circle

United Methodist Women

We will meet at the home of Elaine McKenzie (8095 Turtle Creek Dr.) On Tuesday, December 11, 11:30 a.m. Elaine will provide soup for lunch. Please plan to bring cookies to eat and cookies to swap with those present. See you there!

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! We will go out to eat on December 13. Location TBA. Date for holiday meal to be announced. 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. Our holiday schedule will be discussed later in the month.

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.

Save the Date! Women's Retreat 2019

February 1-3
Watch for more info!

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.

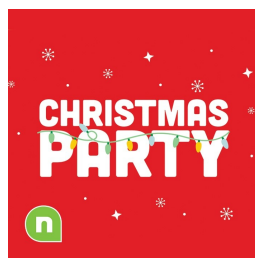
If you'd like to contribute gifts for Sharing Christmas, please bring NEW, UNWRAPPED items to Pierce Chapel and place them in the marked boxes near the Welcome Center. **We are collecting items through December 16.**

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.



Kids in Christ (K.I.C.) Christmas Party

Sunday, December 16

2:00-3:30 p.m. in the Youth Barn

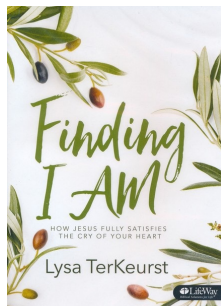
All 3rd & 4th graders are invited to our annual KIC Christmas party! Hot chocolate bar, book exchange, games and crafts! (Please bring a wrapped, new book to swap.) RSVP by Dec. 13 to roseanna@piercechapel.com.



The P.I.E. team is happy to report that we exceeded our goal of **67 pies**! The Fox Elementary faculty and staff members were so excited as each made a selection from the bounty the Pierce Chapel family provided. They especially wanted you to know how much they appreciate your generosity. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

Friendly Reminder

Please remember that all contributions for 2018 must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2018 in order to qualify as a charitable tax deduction for this year. If you want to donate stock to Pierce Chapel, please have your broker transfer your gift to Pierce Chapel's account. To ensure the transaction is completed before the end of the year, the transfer should be done as soon as possible. If you have questions, please call Dawn at 706-327-9807, ext. 5. Thank you for your faithful stewardship.



New Women of the Word Winter Study

Lysa TerKeurst's "Finding I AM"

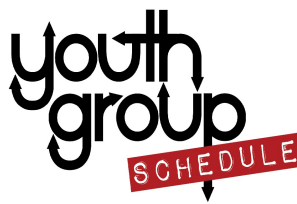
What is the deep cry of your heart? That ache in your soul that keeps you up at night? The prayer you keep repeating? Jesus not only cares about this deep, spiritual wrestling, but He also wants to step in and see you through it. Join us as we explore the seven 'I AM' statements of Jesus found in the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

Sunday W.O.W. will begin January 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room, led by Melissa Herndon. Monday W.O.W. will start 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.



December

- 1 Amanda Hicks & Sam Lewis
- 2 Jacob Christian, Brianna King, Allen Parker & Brad Van Noy
- 3 Jason Pettis
- 4 Ashley Howell, Jim Proffitt, Leslie Schorr & Bob Wallace
Mark & Donna Hewlett's Anniversary
- 5 Nathan Boatner, Jimmy McKinstry & Keyshawnna Pruitt
- 6 Gary Robinette & Eddie Thompson
Vince & Amber Massey's Anniversary
Stephen & Trannie Smith's Anniversary
- 7 Jack Hooper
Kevin & Sherry Pinet's Anniversary
Jeremiah & Cheryl Simpson's Anniversary
- 8 Donna Stohr
- 9 Becky Bauers, Alec Brophy, Chris Castleberry, Margie Grosser, Harold Shoats & Candace Ward
- 10 Margie Lacy
- 11 Sarah Fabozzi, Tammy Shortnacy & Bill Swecker
Marty & Meredith Graves' Anniversary
- 12 Greg Allen, Grace Haskell & Dillon Thomas, Sr.
- 13 Bruce Hardcastle
- 14 Russell Bales, Karen Hartin, Rachel Osborne & Debra Ribolini
- 15 Sallie Curtis, Lexie Hanko & Valerie Paulk
- 16 Ellen Meeks & Sydney Sanders
- 18 Jon Glover, Alex Moore & John Patterson
Becky & Daniel Archilla's Anniversary
- 19 Hayley McKinstry
- 20 Melanie Castleberry
Geary & Murvina Underwood's Anniversary
- 21 Becky Bunting, Emily Hardcastle
- 22 Ed Arnold, Janelle Campos, Adrienne Ortiz & Brittney Sovik
- 23 Jordan Brazie, Gail Laye, Leslie Manning & Macy Reynolds
- 24 Kelly Bowman
- 25 Susan Durham, Pat Patterson, Katie Lashua & Scott Ward
- 26 John W. Williams III
Bob Van Alstine & Retha Martin's Anniversary
- 27 Shawn Parker & David Stanley
Dale & Tina Epperson's Anniversary
- 28 Hector Andrades, Curtis McClung,
Susan Stanton & Harriet Underwood
George & Susan Stanton's Anniversary
- 29 Darlene Allen, Caleb Kemp, Stephen Smith,
Ben Tabor & Cole Ward
David & Cheri Meyer's Anniversary
- 30 Braden Kalahar & Taylor Ragan
Mollie & Andy Bourke's Anniversary
Brett & Karen Everett's Anniversary
Ross & Jenna Pinney's Anniversary
- 31 Lauren Gregory



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 for interactive discussion and sharing

Our schedule for December:

Sunday, December 2, we will go out to eat at Wild Wing Cafe at 5:00 p.m. then 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

Sunday, December 16 - Christmas Party (see info below)

Sunday, December 23 - No evening activities

Sunday, December 30 - No evening activities

Wednesday Nights: Join us 6:00-8:00 p.m. for Wednesday night fun & games in the barn. On December 12, we will join the rest of the church in the Worship Center for the children's musical. NO activities Wednesdays, December 26 and January 2.

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, December 14, 6:00-9:00 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, December 15, 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Youth Barn for dinner and cake decorating. Call or text Autumn at 706-570-6523 for more information.

Christmas Party and Celebration: Sunday, December 16, 5:00-8:30 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.



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.

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.