



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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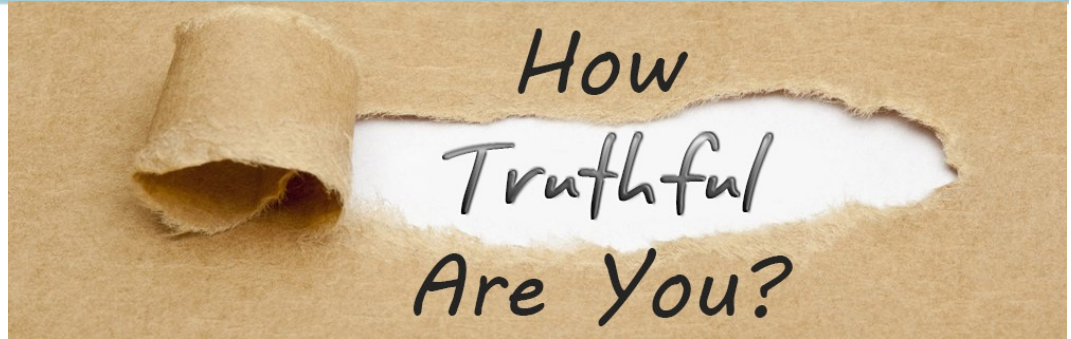
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According to Robert Feldman, a psychologist at the University of Massachusetts, we all lie all the time. In fact, he says people lie almost reflexively, usually in order to be nice, or to help someone save face.

Have you ever said any of the following — and not meant it?

It's delicious, but I can't eat another bite.

Your hair looks just fine.

I'll try to be there.

Enjoyed your sermon today.

These kinds of lies tend to be harmless, even polite. But other kinds of lies — “bold-faced lies” that involve the intentional giving of false information or the leaving out of important truths — are harmful. It's generally acknowledged that they corrode the trust and intimacy which hold our society together.

I read an article which said that 60% of Americans can't name 5 of the 10 commandments. (The same article said that 50% of high school seniors think Sodom and Gomorrah were married.) The 9th commandment says, “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor,” a reference to being truthful in court.

Could there be a connection between our level of truth telling and having knowledge of what God expects?

Professor Feldman comes at this from a secular perspective, but he would like for people to be aware of the extent to which we tend to lie, and of the fact that honesty yields more genuine relationships and trust. The default ought to be to be honest and accurate. We're better off if honesty is the norm. It's like the old saying: “Honesty is the best policy.”

Of course, you knew that because you know all God's commandments — right?
Tell the truth!

Howard

Sunday Worship Services at

8:30 & 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 CONCERN

Ken Paulk

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Michil Abitew (Kiddy Seifu's brother)
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
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
Danny Seifu (Kiddy Seifu's son)
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.)

Congratulations to Grace & Brandon Davis on the birth of their daughter, Evelyn Miller Davis, on October 3. Evelyn weighed 6 lbs. and was 19 inches long.

We express our love and sympathy to Lisa & David Frantz at the death of Lisa's father, Lawrence Gett, on October 8.



Office Deadlines

News deadline for the **November 1** newsletter is **12:00 noon on Monday, October 29.**

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

OCTOBER

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Wednesday, October 17, 5:30-7:15 p.m.



-Chili Cook-Off
-Hayrides
-S'Mores
-Yard Games
-Corn hole



**As you make fall plans, please note that there will be no Fall Festival due to Halloween falling on the last Wednesday of the month but join us for a smaller, fall-themed Wednesday Night Supper.*

Menu:

Hot dogs, chili, cole slaw, chips & dessert

To make dinner reservations, contact [Katie@piercechapel.com](mailto:katie@piercechapel.com) as soon as possible.
\$6 ages 13 & up; \$3.50 ages 5-12; free for 4 & under.
Family Max is \$20 [parent(s) & children still living at home]



PUMPKIN PATCH YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Through October 31 at ACE Hardware

7390 Blackmon Rd, 31909

Please plan to buy your fall pumpkins for decoration or carving from our youth. Thank you for your support!

Pierce Chapel UMC's 3rd Annual

Wednesday, October 17

Think you have the best chili
recipe? Come show us!



Enter our 3rd annual chili cook off as part of October's Wednesday Night Supper! No entry fee required-just contact dianne@allenoshields.com.



Serving Dinner at Rose Hill

Pierce Chapel will be providing and serving dinner at Rose Hill on Tuesday, October 23. **We need help with cooking, delivering and serving the meal.** If you would be willing to help, please contact Karen Hartin at 706-615 1347 or Karen.hartin@yahoo.com.

Growing in Grace Book Club

So many books to read, so little time!

Growing in Grace Book Club will be reading the historical fiction novel *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate for our fall book selection. We will meet in the home of Barbara Rouse on November 26, 6:30 p.m. for a pot luck supper and to discuss the book. For more info, contact Barbara at rousehouse54@yahoo.com or 706-464-0425.

Thank you!

John and I would like to thank all of the wonderful people at Pierce Chapel who have been so kind and gracious to us! Thank you for the cards, meals, phone calls, texts, emails and visits! I don't think we could have done it without each of you! Pierce Chapel is a special place.

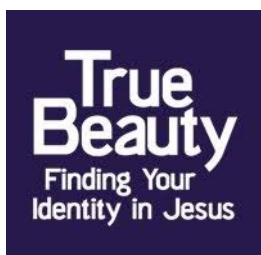
*Blessings to each of you,
John and Yvonne Proft*

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.

W.O.W. Fall Study (Women of the Word)



Join us for a 3-session video Bible study series called "True Beauty" by Lisa Chan. Lisa explores the pressures that women face, counters the lie "It's all about me" with the freeing truth "I belong to Jesus" and teaches that living for eternity is the key to living fully right now.

Sunday W.O.W. began October 14, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room, led by Melissa Herndon. Monday W.O.W. began October 15, 9:15-10:45 a.m. in the Youth Barn, led by Kim Stanley-Heim. For more info 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. No books or study guides are needed.

Fox Elementary Students Need Our Help

Our PIE (Partner In Education) Team was made aware of some urgent needs for our Fox children. If you can help donate any items below, please bring them to the marked box near the Welcome Center. Items will be collected October 14-28.

Items needed:

Underwear (boys and girls sizes 6-14)

Head Lice Kits

Hygiene Products (bar soap, bath cloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo combs, hairbrushes, sanitary pads, wet wipes, small packets of tissues, and body lotion)



These students are truly in need of our assistance. Please pray for the students, faculty, and administration. Questions? Contact Anne Gemes at 706 660-9243 or aggemes@yahoo.com.



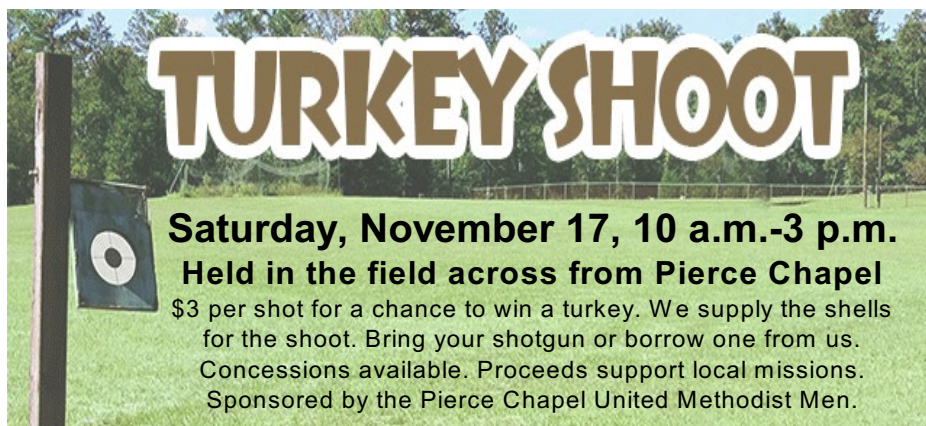
Couples Mystery Dinner Date Night

Saturday, October 20, 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Barn

Bloodworth Falls is an isolated town plagued with scandals. The mayor is hosting a masquerade ball in the old Ravenwood Castle. Why would the mayor try to do something positive in this hopeless town? What will happen when toxic people come together? Why did an unmarked envelope appear in your mailbox with a ticket? Somebody wants you there, but why?

Cost is \$30 per couple, \$5 per child (includes dinner). Seating is limited!

Go to piercechapel.com/events to register as soon as possible!



Ready to serve on a ministry team at Pierce Chapel?

Here's what one team member said:

"If we could only 'can' the feeling that we get in serving the Lord in this particular mission, people would be playing rock, paper, scissors to get the opportunity!"

Want to join that team?
It's our Parking Lot Greeter Team!

To get more info, please contact Randall Tew at 404-668-4627.



Calling all Sound Engineers!



The Pierce Chapel Sound Team is looking to increase our volunteer roster to support a growing demand of special events and Sunday morning services, including our new

9:00 service in the Chapel. This is a unique opportunity to support the ministries of Pierce Chapel and have fun at the same time! If you have a basic understanding or background with live sound/music, or if you have a particular interest in audio/video technology, please consider joining our Sound Team by contacting Steve Lewis at 706-987-7189 or swlewis1963@gmail.com.



We wanted all of you to know that we just got the final report from Open Door on the Classic.

PCUMC generously gave \$7,616.25 and the total collected was \$88,127.90! Isn't this fantastic?! Thank you to all of you that contributed to this and/or walked, ran, volunteered and prayed for the success of this event. **Mark your calendars for March 9, 2019!**

In His Love,
Bill and Judy Mullins

Flower Calendar Opportunities



We have openings 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). 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, contact Tina Armistead (706-507-0351).

"FASTURDAY"

Saturday, November 17

Bring canned foods November 5-18

Remember those who are hungry this Thanksgiving. On November 17, we will observe a day of fasting that we call "Fasturday" to help raise awareness of the problem of hunger in our community. We invite you to do three things:

1. **Bring** canned goods and non-perishable food items to Pierce Chapel between Monday, November 5 and Sunday, November 19 to help stock Open Door's emergency food pantry for the holiday week.
2. **Fast** (if your health allows) on Saturday, November 17, to become familiar with the feelings of hunger that some people in our community experience every day.
3. **Pray** for the poor and those in our community who suffer from hunger and "food insecurity."

As you are filling your bags, you may want to include some of the following items:

Canned meat products	Mac & cheese mixes
Cereal/oatmeal/grits	Peanut butter and Jelly
Baby food/formula/diapers	Spaghetti noodles & sauces
Soups	Canned fruit & vegetables
Pasta or rice sides	Hamburger Helper
Cake mix/canned frosting	Hot chocolate mix/juice/coffee

Bags will be handed out on Sundays, November 4 and 11, and the collection bins will be by the Welcome Center beginning November 11. To learn more, go to facebook.com/Fasturday or email Steven Wimberly at wimberly.steven@gmail.com.



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 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 to experience an interactive lesson/discussion tailored to them.

Holy Ghost Weiner Roast: Sunday, October 21, 5:00-8:00 p.m. It'll be at Andrew, Abby, Riley & Kaela White's House (978 Rocky Shoals Dr, Midland). We'll roast hot dogs & s'mores, play volleyball, watch a movie & more!

Wednesday Night Fun: Join us Wednesdays, 7:00-8:15 p.m. for Ultimate Frisbee in the field across the street during daylight savings. Wednesday, October 17, we will join the Family Fun Night, 5:30-7:15 p.m. and we meet in the barn from 7:15-8:15 for games. October 31 we'll be trick-or-treating for clothes and November 7, we will begin meeting in the barn for games.

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 Saturday, October 27, 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. We will meet Saturday, October 20, 7:00 a.m. at First Watch Restaurant. Call or text Autumn Carr at 706-570-6523 for more information.

Trick-or-Treating for clothing: (previously canned goods) Wednesday, October 31, 6:00-8:30 p.m. We'll meet at John Howard White's House (9577 English Ivy Court) for pizza & a costume contest (prizes awarded). Then we'll spread out to collect clothing.

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