



The Chapel Times

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Change Is In the Air!



Please help us welcome Amanda Miles to our PC Staff Family! Amanda is our new Church Secretary, filling at least "one shoe" of Katie Ingram, whose last day with us was June 28. (See page 4 for more on Katie's plans for the future. Thankfully, Katie will continue in her role as Nursery Director, so we'll still get to see her on Sundays in the nursery!) Amanda comes with a long career in the business world and with several years' experience as a church secretary. Her references are glowing, and we are confident that her warm personality, her strong skill set, and her genuine desire to serve others will be a blessing to our whole church family. Amanda has a son in Ohio who serves as a military chaplain and a daughter who will be a freshman at Columbus High School this fall. Her hours (and our official office hours beginning July 1) will be 8:30-4:00, Monday-Friday. Please offer her a warm welcome either in person or via her new email address, Amanda@piercechapel.com.

We said that Amanda will fill at least one of Katie's shoes...



Most of you know that Katie's job grew and grew over the years, so we have taken this opportunity to split her job into two roles. Our own Jessica Stanley, who has been our Social Media Manager for two years, will take on an expanded role as our Communications Director. Jessica will continue to manage our social media (Facebook and Instagram, along with the website) but will also be responsible for preparing/producing all printed materials (including bulletins and newsletters) and any other communications that go out officially from Pierce Chapel. Her office hours are 8:30-2:00, Monday-Friday. Should you need to convey info for the bulletin or newsletter, please send it to Jessica@piercechapel.com.

Thank you in advance for your patience with us as we all adjust to new roles within our staff team. There will be a learning curve for all of us, so be gracious as we take time to adapt and grow together. We thank God for His provision of a loving, servant-hearted, Christ-centered staff, and we will do our best to continue to serve you well in the days ahead.

With gratitude for all God is doing,
Howard & Lynn

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E-Mail Prayer Ministry: [Send prayer requests to prayers@piercechapel.com](mailto:prayers@piercechapel.com)

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
Bill Wall
All military families
Our military partnership units:
Crusade for Christ
Warrior Transition Battalion

EXPECTANT MOTHER LIST

Holly McQuagg (due June 25)
Meagan (Lord) Rhames (due September 3)
Jessica Stanley (due September 19)
Taylor (Wall) Heinzelman (due October 10)
Brittany Duncan (due October 18)

(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.)

We express our love and sympathy to:

— Tommy & Barbara Harrell at the death of Tommy's father, John Harrell, on June 2.
— Michele & Stuart Carter at the death of Michele's sister, Paula Boberg, on June 6.

Congratulations to Jenny and Warren Wilcox on the birth of their son, Jude Thomas Paul Wilcox, on June 7, 2019. Jude weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and is the grandson of Paul Miller.

Office Deadlines

News deadline for the August 1 newsletter is 12:00 **noon on Friday, July 26**. Sunday bulletin deadline is **12:00 noon on Wednesdays**. Email announcements to jessica@piercechapel.com.

South Georgia Conference

MISSION U

a mission experience for all ages

July 11-14, Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, GA

The opening session is at 6:30 p.m. in the Nalls Auditorium.

MISSION U provides opportunities to prepare for leadership in mission study and personal growth. We challenge individuals to fulfill their mission calling. This is a lively and fun annual summer opportunity for lifelong learners. You will:

- Grow spiritually
- Learn about social justice issues
- Share meals and fellowship
- Find books, resources and creative ideas
- Learn about a topic with your entire family

Each year, United Methodist Women members prepare for faithful living and action by participating in mission studies. A geographical study, a topical study, and a spiritual growth study are offered. These studies motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to global ministry. Though many return to teach the studies in their local churches it is not a requirement.

All of us can be leaders in the church, so this four-day retreat is great for anyone. **Men, women, children, youth, clergy** - no matter who you are or where you are in your journey with Christ, MISSION U has something to offer you.

To register, please go to epworthbythesea.org/events. Questions? Contact Karen Hartin at 706-615-1347 or karen.hartin@yahoo.com.

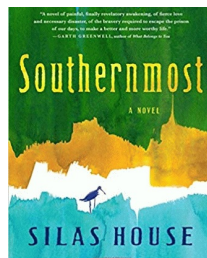


Saturday, July 20, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Are you ready for Christmas trees, bows, snowballs, jingle bells, and all things Christmas? Then join the members of the Esther and Sonshine UMW Circles in the Hospitality Room for Christmas in July!

Bring your favorite dish to share while we enjoy loving fellowship, and don't forget your wrapped gift for our gift exchange (\$15 max)! We will also be collecting large-print word-find books and crossword puzzle books to mail to the Brooks-Howell home (a continuing care retirement community for UM deaconesses and missionaries). Bring a friend!

Questions? Contact Thelma Bunch at 706-610-6496 or Karen Hartin or 706-615-1347.



The Growing in Grace Book Club

The Growing in Grace Book Club is reading *Southernmost* by Silas House for our summer reading. We will meet to discuss it sometime in August — exact date, time and location to be determined at a later date. Contact Barbara Rouse for more info at 706-464-0425 or rousehouse54@yahoo.com.

Thank You!

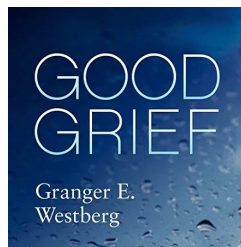
Dear Pierce Chapel Family,
Thank you for making a gift in memory of Tommy's Dad, John Harrell, to Building by Faith. We appreciate the prayers, kind words, visits and cards that we have received. It means a lot to us and has been a comfort during our loss of a great man. We know that he has been blessed and is in a much more peaceful place as he watches over us.

Love,
The Harrell Family



July

- 1 Kristen (Anthony) Holt, Ashton (Kirby) Graham & Judy Tamplin
Luther & Beth Stanton's Anniversary
- 2 Luke Digby, Carley (Alford) Lewis & Janet Prater
- 3 Jim Daniel, Jackson Mellenberg, Marsha Newer & Keith Seifert
- 4 Wynn Alford & Rob Powell
Don & Patti Russell's Anniversary
- 5 Joe Allen, Jr. & Jonny Hicks
- 7 Pat Stansell
Jim & Teresa O'Donnell's Anniversary
Diana Holtmann & Jennifer Taylor's Anniversary
- 8 Jackson Kennedy, Stephanie Slayton & Randy Wells
Greg & Nancy Gregory's Anniversary
Gary & Tonia Russell's Anniversary
- 9 Cameron & Caleb Greer, Emma Lewis & Eden Walker
- 10 Robert Archer, Jonathan Parker & Kim Reaves
- 11 Sarah Beth Cardin, Bailey Diaz & Hugh Morris
- 12 Andrea Hadaway, Olivia Hadaway
Susannah Wooldridge & Michael Sovik
Paulette & Michael McAbee's Anniversary
- 13 Kent Burkhalter, Laura Mason, Frank Saunders & Murvina Underwood
- 14 Keria Christian & Linda Laye
James & Renee Tabor's Anniversary
- 15 Will Duke, Cole Castleberry, Paula Murphy & Cole Stockton
Sandy & Ginny Denham's Anniversary
- 16 Fritzie Fulton, Tanda Lane, Cheri Mattson & Doug Scott
- 17 Jackie Haggas McNeil, Casey Hewlett, Katie Kemp, Judy Mullins & Teresa O'Donnell
- 19 Linda Buchanan
- 20 Sara Bankhead
- 21 Jarod Ingram, Presleigh Stephens & Diana Young
- 22 Carly Bowles & Tom Weisenburger
- 23 Richard & Cindy Mohney's Anniversary
- 24 Denise Fuller & Barbara Telek
Mike & Wynn Alford's Anniversary
- 25 Bob Kellum & Marti Reynolds-Dodds
David & Resa Lord's Anniversary
- 26 Nancy Gregory & Gregory Newer
- 28 Eric Crouch, Ben Layfield & James Tabor
- 29 Amy Croxton, Jane Fleming, Kyle Mason & Gary Russell
- 30 Hutch Mellenberg & Carole Moore
Don & Suzanne Cope's Anniversary
- 31 Hector Andrades, Jr., Bruce Getz, Norma Glerum, West Graham & Tom Matthews
Michael & Monica Graydon's Anniversary



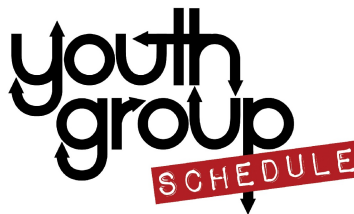
The Good Grief Group

July 15 in the Barn, 6:30-8:00 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. Our mission is to encourage those who

are grieving not only to survive, but to thrive in the strength and love of Christ. We will be using the book, *Good Grief: A Companion for Every Loss* by Granger E. Westberg. You can purchase this book on Amazon for \$5.21. Let us know if you need us to order one for you.

We will meet the 3rd Monday of each month in the Youth Barn. Childcare will be provided by request. For questions, please contact Charlotte Baker (678-707-2192) or Susan Durham 706-593-3081.



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 that during the summer, our amazing college interns will meet with middle school/high school small groups (divided by gender) so they can get to know students and encourage them in their faith.

Don't miss out on an awesome summer with the youth of PCUMC!

Afterglows: Each week after Sunday night youth during the summer, we will have an activity called an "Afterglow" that usually lasts until 9:00 or 9:30 p.m. Please go to piercechapel.com/youth to get the full schedule. Afterglow events will continue through Sunday, August 4. Movie choices for Sunday, June 30 afterglow are:

Toy Story 4 at 7:45 at AMC Ritz 13 for \$12.29

Aladdin at 7:20 at AMC Ritz 13 for \$13.29 (reserved seating)

Students will pay for their own tickets directly.

We will leave the barn at 7:00pm to travel to AMC Ritz 13. Toy story will get out around 9:30pm. Aladdin will get out around 9:45pm

Summer Lunch Tour: Join us at 12:30 p.m. each week (either Tuesday or Thursday) at a different restaurant! Please go to piercechapel.com/youth to get the full schedule.

H.A.G.T.O.W.N. (Have A Good Time On Wednesday Night)

6:00-8:00 p.m. — Wednesdays at Lakebottom Park. Bring a friend & join us at the field next to the Lakebottom orchestra pavilion for good fun, fellowship, & Ultimate Frisbee! Afterward we go to Chick-fil-A on Macon Rd, 8:00-8:45 p.m.

Day at the Beach is Tuesday, July 16 - Cost is \$45 per student and includes transportation, lunch at Runaway Island on the beach, bottled water, park fees, and putt-putt or go-carts.

Students should bring \$10 for a fast food dinner on the way back as well as changes of clothes, swimsuit, sunscreen and shampoo if desired. The state park has outdoor showers we will use when we leave the beach. We will meet at 5:00 a.m. in the west parking lot and will return around 9-9:30p.m. Space is limited. Reserve your spot by signing up & paying at youth or by bringing a check to the church office.

Six Flags is Tuesday, July 30. If you buy a ticket through Pierce Chapel, the cost is \$50 for transportation, parking, and a park ticket. If you have your own ticket or season pass, the cost is \$15 for transportation and parking. Students need to bring an additional \$30 to cover lunch in the park and Chick-fil-A for dinner outside the park. \$10 more is recommended for a souvenir cup with free drink refills all day. Reserve your spot by signing up and paying at Sunday night youth or by bringing a check to the church office.

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

Have Vases to Spare?



The flower delivery team is in need of medium size vases (no bud vases needed). We use the flowers from the altar to make smaller arrangements to take to members who are sick, grieving, in nursing homes or in assisted living facilities.

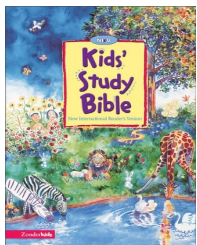
If anyone would like to join our team we would love to have you. Visiting with and taking flowers to our members has allowed us to meet many folks in the church. Want to join the team? Contact Judy Mullins at 706-324-0007.

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! (On July 13, Happy Achers will eat at a restaurant at 11:00 — place TBA.) 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.

1st Grade Bible Presentations



On Sunday, August 11, we will present Bibles to all Pierce Chapel children who are starting 1st grade in the fall of 2019. If you attend Pierce Chapel and have a rising 1st grader, please email your child's name to Roseanna Harbuck at

roseanna@piercechapel.com immediately so we can make sure we have a Bible ready for your child.

Want a Church Directory on your phone?

Pierce Chapel has converted to a digital directory called *Realm*. Just make an account and you can access it on almost any electronic device. *It is updated every day!* You can search by name and in one click you can call, email or get a map to their address. Contact Jessica Stanley jessica@piercechapel.com to get started making your account.



Blessings for Katie!

Most of you are aware that our wonderful secretary, Katie Ingram, has left her secretarial role at Pierce Chapel (as of June 28) to pursue her dream of becoming an EMT. She will begin her 6-month training soon, and we'd love to bless her with a love offering to support her educational expenses. If you'd like to help train one of our community's future first responders (a role which SO fits Katie!), you may write a check to Pierce Chapel, earmark it "Love Offering for Katie," and get it to us in one of these ways:

1. Drop it by the church office (M-F, 8:30-4:30; closed July 4).
2. Go to piercechapel.com and click the "give" tab to give online.
3. Drop it in the offering plate this Sunday.
4. Mail it to Pierce Chapel, 5122 Pierce Chapel Road, Midland, GA 31820.

Thank you in advance for blessing Katie in this way!



Community Groups offer a great opportunity to form meaningful relationships with others at Pierce Chapel while growing in your walk with Christ. New groups are now forming,

and we have some space for additional folks to join! Community Groups meet at least twice a month in homes, share a meal together, are open to anybody in any age or stage in life, and focus on building relationships and helping you grow in your relationship with Christ. Interested? Contact Lynn at lynn@piercechapel.com.

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night!

Please make plans to attend Pierce Chapel Preschool's Chick-fil-A Spirit Night on **Tuesday, July 2, either 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.

Seeking God's Heart for Those in Prison and Children in Poverty

The South Georgia Conference UMW is hosting a Social Action Seminar & Workshop on Saturday, August 3, at Centerville UMC in Warner Robins. Guest speakers Cameron Bishop & Elijah Miranda will lead a discussion on two topics impacting our communities: School to Prison Pipeline & Effects of Poverty on Children. The \$20 registration fee includes supplies for hands-on workshop and lunch.

To register, please pick up a brochure on the credenzas in the hallway. For more information contact Barbara Morris at 706-565-7767.

