



# The Chapel Times

*A Twice-a-Month Newsletter of*  
**Pierce Chapel United Methodist Church**  
*Established in 1855*

*Our mission is to develop mature disciples who know, love, and serve Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.*

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**8:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.**  
 5122 Pierce Chapel Road,  
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## Making Disciples: Confirmation 2019

*Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20*

How did Jesus make disciples? He did it by calling people to follow Him, by spending time with them, by sharing His life with them, and by allowing them to see and hear what it means to be His disciple. Like Jesus, we at Pierce Chapel are in the business of making disciples. In fact, we believe that that's our primary responsibility as a church.

Disciple-making starts young, and it continues throughout our lives. But there are certain points along the way when it's important to call people to commitment, to give them a chance to choose life as a disciple of Jesus Christ. The process we call Confirmation is an opportunity for young people to hear the call of Jesus and to respond intentionally while learning and growing alongside other disciples.

Below are the members of Pierce Chapel's 2019 Confirmation Class, along with their adult prayer partners and their students mentors who will be encouraging them throughout this 4-month journey. This year we also have four very dedicated Confirmation coaches/teachers, who will be leading the weekly teaching sessions, helping our confirmands explore what it means to be followers of Christ. Those coaches are Stephen Childers, Resa Lord, Gary Robinette, and Shannon Wooldridge. At the end of this 4-month period, each youth will have the opportunity to profess faith in Christ publicly (maybe for the first time, or maybe publicly acknowledging a spiritual decision they had already made), and to commit to being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Please pray that each confirmand will welcome God's work in their lives and experience God's deep love for them!

With expectation & joy,  
 Lynn & Howard

### Confirmand

Avery Bader  
 Jackson Boatner  
 Mia Fizer  
 Elena Graves  
 Natalie Hollingsead  
 Paige Koller  
 Holly Mattson  
 Grace McMillen  
 Maisyn Pearson  
 Jack Seymour  
 Providence Taylor  
 Gil Williams

### Prayer Partner

Will Duke  
 John Duckworth  
 Jane Armour  
 Yvonne Proft  
 Lynn Ingram  
 Renee Tabor  
 Judy Duckworth  
 Juline Maholick  
 Kathy Robison  
 Barbara Morris  
 Ann Gardner  
 Francis Gardner

### Student Mentor

Peyton Bowman  
 Evan Herndon  
 Katherine Liesendahl  
 Emma Williams  
 Olivia Ryan  
 Regan Tew  
 Laura Liesendahl  
 Sara Johnson  
 Meri Claire Marano  
 Philip Korytoski  
 Amy Grace Rhinehart  
 Stephen Graves

### NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Debby Graham  
Paul Miller

### 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)  
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  
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.)*

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**Congratulations** to Kimberlee & Kenton Brown on the birth of their son, Elijah Parker Brown, on December 29. Elijah weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are Ed & Dawn Arnold.

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**We express our love and sympathy to:**

— Stephen, Trannie, Michael & Carolyn Smith at the death of Stephen's father, Kermit Smith, on November 29.

— Paul Miller, Jenny Wilcox and Whitney Reeves at the death of Pati Miller on December 13. Pati was Paul's wife, Jenny's mother, and Whitney's grandmother.

— Bethany & Maloree Link at the death of their father, Keith Link, on December 15.

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### **Office Deadlines**

News deadline for **January 15** newsletter is 12:00 noon on **Monday, January 7**.

Sunday bulletin deadline is **12:00 noon on Wednesdays**. Email announcements to [katie@piercechapel.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://piercechapel.com/events).



### **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.



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

Our total Faith Promise this year is \$89,150, of which \$57,929 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](mailto:lynn@piercechapel.com).

## 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 January 10. 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.



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.

## 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.

## Opportunities for Women

### 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. 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](mailto:msh.blessed@gmail.com) or 706-888-0084 or Kim at [kdstanley@gmail.com](mailto: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 January 21, 7:00-8:30, at the home of Barbara Rouse. Contact Barbara at [rousehouse54@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

Price includes dinner Friday evening and lunch Saturday afternoon. For more info, contact Barbara Rouse at [rousehouse54@yahoo.com](mailto:rousehouse54@yahoo.com) or 706-464-0425. A \$35 non-refundable deposit for overnight participants is due by January 27 to ensure your spot.



- 1 Jason Paulk
- 2 Eleanor White  
Chris & Paula Murphy's Anniversary
- 4 Louise Frazier  
Jarod & Katie Ingram's Anniversary
- 5 Len & Fay Williams' Anniversary
- 5 Robert Ribolini
- 6 Josh Jinright, Amy Kellum, Valerie McClung & Drake McClung
- 7 Sara Haskell & Rachael (Hartin) Wilhelm  
Michael & Kristen Smith's Anniversary
- 9 Andy Bourke & Mac Wooldridge
- 10 Mary Kathryn Alford & Betty Cartledge
- 11 Margaret Hunt, Clay Robinette & Morgan (Robinette) May
- 12 Marty Graves & Jenny Wilcox
- 13 Peggy Baltimore & Rick Mattson
- 14 Lonnie Freeman
- 15 Will Marano & Randy Watson
- 18 Jim Hawkins & Matthew Maholic  
Rich & Sallie Curtis' Anniversary
- 19 Yvonne Proft & Emma Castleberry
- 20 Rachael Mockalis & Sarah Mockalis
- 21 Tom Swilling & Randall Tew
- 22 Jesse Pace
- 23 David Blanchard & Paul Holmer-Monte
- 24 Seamus Skelley & Kyle Watson
- 25 Katie Blanchard, Mason Jenkins,  
Chandler McCann & Brian Williams
- 26 Danny Dudley, Steve Langford, Richard Mohney,  
Caylie Pace, Warren Wilcox & Christian Schmitt
- 27 Lauren Bush, Kathy Davis, Rebecca Griffin,  
Emma Seets & Walker Williams  
Keith & Dana Seifert's Anniversary
- 28 Phil Penny  
Peggy & Mike Baltimore's Anniversary
- 29 Clay & Darlene Allen's Anniversary
- 30 Randy Pounds
- 31 Bryan Hooper & Philip Korytoski

## 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](mailto:armtb@knology.net).



**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 interactive discussion

and sharing

**Wednesday Nights:** Join us 6:00-8:00 p.m. for Wednesday night fun & games in the barn. NO activities Wednesday, January 2.

**Ultimate Frisbee:** Thursday, January 3 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm in the field across from the church.

**Capture the Flag:** Friday, January 4 from 6:00pm to 10:00pm at the barn. Students should wear clothes they don't mind getting messed up (black or camo is good for the game). Drinks and snacks will be provided. Eat before you come or bring your own fast food for dinner.

**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.



Dear Pierce Chapel Family, Dec. 12, 2018  
Thank you so much for all of your sweet cards and gifts, kind words and your continuous prayers. It makes this difficult situation a little easier. We are very blessed to be a part of this church family.

Stephen, Trannie, Michael & Carolyn Smith

Friends at Pierce Chapel, Dec., 2018  
Thank you so much for all of your good thoughts and cards, but most of all for your prayers before and during my surgery and continuing during my recovery. I know they are the reason I have done so well. I have felt them and appreciated them so much. I covet your prayers as I continue to recover. Thank you again.

Kitty McKinstry

Dear Friends, Dec. 20, 2018  
What a blessing and God-send your Disaster Relief Team was to me! You knocked on my door in Blakely, GA and went to work immediately removing trees from my storage building and property.

We are called to let our light shine into the world and into the lives of others. After the nightmare of Hurricane Michael, God's light shined brightly on me and others through your Disaster Relief Team. You came in and worked like Trojans with smiles on your faces.

Our magnificent God was present in you wonderful people who gave of your time to serve God by helping me and others. I will always be grateful to you and thank my God every time I remember you.

A donation has been made to UMCOR in your honor.

In Christ's Love,  
Janice Peavy  
Blakely, GA

Let us not become weary in doing good, but at a proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.- Galatians 6:9