



# 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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## Pierce Chapel's 6th Annual Global Impact Celebration (GIC) Friday-Sunday, February 10-12

We encourage you not to miss out on what God will do through our Global Impact Celebration at Pierce Chapel! Our missionaries are coming from as far away as Kenya and Honduras, and as close by as uptown Columbus. Each one has a unique story to tell of how God is on the move in their life and ministry. **Will you set aside this time to allow God to speak to you?**



### **To prepare for GIC, please do these things:**

1. Sign up for meals using the meal reservation card in your Sunday worship bulletin [or by clicking here.](#)
2. Sign up for a Saturday night "home fellowship gathering" in your Sunday worship bulletin [or by clicking here.](#) (See more info below.)
3. **PRAY FOR GIC in these ways:**
  - Check out the **GIC Prayer Board** across from the Welcome Center to get a prayer card on one or more of our missionaries. Take those home and pray each day for the needs listed on the back of the card.
  - **PRAY for GIC in the Chapel on Wednesday, February 8, anytime between the hours of 3:00 and 8:00 p.m.** The Chapel will be open during that time for private prayer. From 4:45-5:15, some of us will gather to pray together, and you are invited to join us. (You can choose to pray aloud or silently.)

*"Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes..."*

*2 Thessalonians 3:1*

**Saturday Events:** Please note that the Saturday morning session and Saturday lunch are open to both genders and any age (though they are not designed especially for children). You'll hear a panel discussion of all the missionaries Saturday morning, and five of the missionaries will be speaking during the lunch. Any child eager to hear about missions is welcome, but for those too young or not interested, childcare is available.

A **Prayer Journey** that *is especially designed to include families with children* will happen on Saturday from 1:30-2:30, so please give your children the gift of this experience — praying for missionaries around the world in some very creative, interactive, child-friendly ways. During this time, you'll also have a chance to put together health kits that will be sent to those in South GA who have suffered so much in recent storms.

For more information, schedules and reservations, visit [piercechapel.com/gic](http://piercechapel.com/gic). Don't miss out! Join us to see more clearly how **GOD IS ON THE MOVE** in your life and around the world!

Hopeful for what God will do,  
Lynn and Howard

### **Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

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](mailto:prayers@piercechapel.com)**

For news & current events, go to [piercechapel.com](http://piercechapel.com) or connect with us on Facebook.

## NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Melissa Herndon  
Zane Vaughan

## ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Michil Abitew (Kiddy Seifu's brother)  
Carolyn Billings  
Cliff & Virginia Brewer  
Peggy Brooks  
Alice Brumbach  
Dorothy Carrothers  
Joann Cherry (Sheila Cook's sister-in-law)  
George Cliff  
Kathy Davis  
Will Duke  
Ben Dunton (Linda Socci's son)  
Malachi Estevez (Leila Cantrell's great-grandson)  
Tracie Hadaway  
Margaret Hunt  
Gene Kennedy  
LaVerne McClellan  
Hugh Morris  
Susan Pagani (Alma Artz's niece)  
Don & Patti Russell  
Cheryl Seymour  
Mickie Tennyson  
Linda Todd  
Bill Wall  
Vivian Webb  
All past and present military service members  
All military families  
Our military partnership units:  
Crusade for Christ  
Warrior Transition Battalion

## PIERCE CHAPEL'S DEPLOYED MILITARY

Blake Dorer

## PIERCE CHAPEL'S EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Grace Davis (due May 31)

*(Call the church office to make changes in the prayer list.)*

Please help us keep the prayer list updated by letting us know when it would be appropriate to remove someone's name from the list.

*Congratulations to Sara & Darryl Skelley at the birth of their son, Seamus Mathew Skelley, on January 24. Seamus weighed 7 pounds and was 19.5 inches long.*

*Many, many thanks for all the prayers, cards, flowers during this time of illness. I have felt the prayers especially of comfort and healing. I just wanted everybody to know how thankful I am for their prayers and for His touch of healing and comfort.*  
-Much love, Peggy Brooks

## Church Office Deadlines

News deadline for the **February 15** newsletter is 12:00 **noon on Monday, February 6.**

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

## Georgia Winter Storms Response



Devastating storms ripped through South Georgia recently, leaving death and destruction in their wake.

The most affected areas of the South Georgia Conference were the South Central and Southwest Districts, where 15 people are confirmed dead and at least 43 injured.

Not long ago, the same areas were slammed by straight-line winds and tornados. While many are still cleaning up from that storm, they have been faced with more rain, winds, and flooding.

"We grieve the loss of life, extensive physical damage, and with those who are suffering. We pray for victims and for early responders," said Bishop R. Lawson Bryan, episcopal leader of the South Georgia Conference. "And we thank God that our area United Methodist congregations and clergy are reaching out to their neighbors to provide help."

**To aid with disasters within the South Georgia Conference**, you can give financial donations through Pierce Chapel (earmarked "Disaster Relief") or donate online at [sgaumc.org/disasterresponse](http://sgaumc.org/disasterresponse). Financial gifts will make a significant impact on this disaster and future relief and long-term recovery efforts.

## Thank you from Friends in Cataula

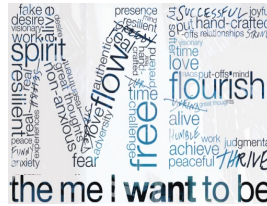
*"The Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to." Deuteronomy 15:10 NIV*

*Everything you do for the Lord matters, and everything you do for others is an expression of His abundant love! Thank you so much for covering our roof after the storm. Feeling so blessed!*

*Jesse & Robyn Simpson  
Smokerise Subdivision*

(Thanks to Rick Dorer and his team for springing into action immediately when they heard of this need in Cataula.)

## Join us the first Tuesday of every month for: First Tuesday Bible Study The Me I Want to Be



**Date:** Tuesday, February 7

**Place:** Susan Wooldridge's Home  
(5451 Pierce Chapel Rd)

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

**Information:** Contact Elaine McKenzie at  
706-561-2004 or [mckenzie3200@hotmail.com](mailto:mckenzie3200@hotmail.com).

## Pierce Chapel Preschool Registration FOR CHURCH MEMBERS

(in the Preschool Director's Office, Room 303)

**Sunday, February 26**

**9:30-11:00 a.m. and 12:00-12:30 p.m.**



**We offer:** 2-day classes for one year olds- M & W or T & TH  
3-day classes for two and three year olds- T, W, TH  
4-day classes for two year olds- M-TH  
5-day classes for three and four year olds

Child must be appropriate age on or before September 1, 2017. Space is limited and classes fill on a first-come basis. A \$60 non-refundable fee is required at the time of registration. If you have any questions, please contact preschool director Debi Van Noy (706-327-9807, ext. 6 or ext. 224). Registration will open to the community Monday, February 27, 8:00-11:30 a.m. in the Chapel.



## Save The Date!

### For the Annual Open Door Classic Walk/5K Run

On Saturday, March 4, the 30<sup>th</sup> Open Door Classic Walk/5k Run will take place in Uptown Columbus. The run will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the Walk at 9:30 a.m. Watch for more info later. Make sure to mark your calendars for this fun day!

## 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 information, contact Tina Armistead at 706-507-0351 or [armtb@knology.net](mailto:armtb@knology.net).



Missing something? Check out our Lost and Found area under the Chapel on the old bench. We have many left and lost items.



Pierce Chapel is a Stephen Ministry congregation. For those who are experiencing a difficult life event, we are blessed to be able to provide caring Christian men and women who will walk with you, listen to you, and show you the love of Christ. If you know a family member or friend who could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact Debbie Duke ([dukewddk@bellsouth.net](mailto:dukewddk@bellsouth.net) or 706-304-7206) or Jane Armour ([armourbj11@netzero.com](mailto:armourbj11@netzero.com) or 706-763-8136) to discuss this important ministry.



## Save the Date! Columbus Area Kids Camp 2017 -Pine Eden Christian Retreat Center-

- 2nd-4th Grade Camp - June 18-22
  - 5th-7th Grade Camp - June 25-29
- Registration will open February 1.

Camp is split into two sessions based on age. Each week's schedule and layout is designed specifically with the age group of the campers in mind. Campers will enjoy an array of activities such as swimming, crafts, games, music and more, along with daily devotional times. Camp is \$220 per camper. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due at the time of registration. Registration can be completed online at [stmarkumc.com/kidscamp](http://stmarkumc.com/kidscamp). Sign up today!



## YOUTH NEWS (7th -12th grades)

**Super Bowl Party Sunday, February 5!** Come at 5:30 as usual for supper and then hang out in the Worship Center for a Super Bowl Party! If you have a game-system you want to bring, please bring it! We'll play 9-square, ping-pong, board games, video games and watch the BIG GAME! Pick-up time is 8:30 (which is about half-time).

**Souper Bowl Soups Fundraiser:** Saturday/Sunday, Feb. 4-5! We have a few spaces left on Saturday for soup-packaging from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Contact Nathan asap to claim a spot to earn money for upcoming retreats.

**Sunday, February 12 (GIC Sunday),** youth will meet at Don Chucho's on Milgen Road, 5:30-6:30 p.m. (No meeting at the church that evening.) Those going on the Ski Retreat should meet at 4:30 on Feb. 12 in the barn to be fitted for ski boots.

**Wednesday Night Supper** is at 5:30 each week with the whole church in the worship center. We gather in the Youth Barn beginning at 6:00 p.m. for prayer and a devotion. Bring a friend for supper!

**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, February 25, 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the Youth Barn. Call or text Stephen at 706-905-1701 for more information.

**Winter Ski Retreat** is Friday-Monday, February 17-20, at Winterplace Resort, WV. We'll spend two full days on the slopes and time together as a group to worship, share, and pray with each other. Winterplace has beginner slopes, more advanced slopes and a terrain park. It is just under a 9-hour drive from Columbus. Lodging will be in beautiful, fully-furnished cabins at "The Cabins at Pine Haven." We will meet to leave on Friday, February 17, at 1:00 p.m. and return on Monday, February 20, around 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$290/student and includes two days of skiing, transportation, lodging, activities, and some meals. We only have a few spaces left open at this time! Promise-to-Pay deposits of \$100 are due now with your registration packet. Scholarships are available to help cover costs. Interested in going? Please speak to Nathan to get a registration packet.

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

## Fran Lynch is Retiring

Dear Pierce Chapel Family,  
After many years serving as "our" missionary in Alaska, Fran Lynch is retiring on her birthday, February 2, 2017. Her friends in Willow are hosting a celebration to honor her on Sunday, February 12, and they are requesting cards of appreciation be sent for her to receive that day.

Would you take a few minutes to prepare a card for Fran? Her ministry has touched countless lives over many years, and we want her to know of our love and appreciation for her and for her faithful service.

Please bring cards to Pierce Chapel **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**, and Sara Bankhead will package them together to send to Alaska.

Whether you have ever met Fran personally or not, thank you for helping us celebrate what God has done through her life!



- 1 Sharon Anthony  
Will & Debbie Duke's Anniversary
- 2 Ed Durham, Greg Herndon, Fran Lynch,  
Ashleigh Newer & Elizabeth White
- 3 Kelsey Arnold, Becky Hooper & Hannah Shives
- 4 Brooks Goldsmith
- 5 Bo Brooks & Tom Wood
- 6 Andrew Crouch, Jessica Hasty & Karl Stephens  
David & Wendy Boyd's Anniversary
- 7 Melissa Wells
- 8 Bruce Davis, Evan Herndon &  
Jackson Weisenburger
- 9 Linda Cliff, Nathan Daniels, Maida McCann  
& Brandon Underwood  
Tom & Carole Moore's Anniversary
- 10 David Boyd, Suzanne Tabor,  
Ben Todd & Meg Williams  
Russell & Connie Bales' Anniversary
- 11 Parker Greer, Erin Castleberry & Christy Hasty
- 12 Maria Greene, Adelynn Jenkins,  
Andrew Korytoski & Colette Daniel
- 14 Velva Campos & David Lord  
Jim & Colette Daniel's Anniversary  
Karl & Lynette Stephens' Anniversary  
Tom & Brenda Swilling's Anniversary
- 15 Chip Fry, Alexa Lane, Talor McCart &  
Brad Nelson
- 16 Rebecca Andrades & Lynn Ingram
- 17 Justin Ogle & Katie Ingram
- 18 Ben & Tina Armistead's Anniversary
- 19 Kasey Anthony & Shannon Stansell
- 19 Katie Jones & James Seets
- 20 John Alston, Tina Epperson,  
Cindy Mohney, Barbara Proffitt, Shari Smith &  
JLee Whearley  
Jim & Alberta Reaves' Anniversary
- 21 Maloree Link, Holly Pettis, Karen Thompson  
& Misty Satterfield
- 22 Elicia Maholick & Taylor Wall
- 23 Kelly Howard, Neill Fuller, Kyle Phillips &  
John Howard White  
Louise & Tom Frazier's Anniversary
- 24 Gray Holt, Carter McKinstry & Lucy McQuagg  
Lonnie & Patty Freeman's Anniversary
- 25 Bobbie Getz, Jacob Greer & Joseph Tabor
- 27 Leslie Wells
- 28 Evans Archer, Sherry Pinet & Marty Schmitt
- 29 Katherine Everett & Madelyn Everett

Tithing and making gifts to Pierce Chapel is easy! We offer online giving on our website at [piercephapel.com/online-giving](http://piercephapel.com/online-giving).



You can set up automatic payments or just a one-time payment. Acceptable forms of payment are Automatic Check Handling (ACH), debit and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard & Discover).

# THE BIBLE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY

This 4-hour study explores the Bible and human sexuality as two essential components of our Christian faith. The Bible is part of the foundation of our faith. Human sexuality is part of who we are as human beings, created by God and called good. The study invites us to explore the complexity of the biblical text and our varied understandings of it in light of human sexuality, our Wesleyan understanding of interpretation, and our own diverse life experiences. The study is led by Rev. Deborah Wight-Knight, our South Georgia Conference Pastoral Counselor. Lunch will be served at this event.

**Who:** Rev. Deborah Wight-Knight

**What:** Mission Study - *The Bible and Human Sexuality*

**Where:** Pierce Chapel Worship Center

**When:** Saturday, February 25

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Study begins at 10:00 a.m.

Please let us know if you are able to come by contacting Karen Hartin at 706-615-1347 or [karen.hartin@yahoo.com](mailto:karen.hartin@yahoo.com).

The Sonshine and Esther UMW (United Methodist Women) Circles will have a joint meeting on Sunday, February 19, at 12:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. Please bring a covered dish to share. This will be our "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" meeting. A special offering will be taken. All ladies in the church are invited!

## Happy Achers & Senior Exercise

**Happy Achers** Sack Lunch & Games for senior adults in the Hospitality Room at 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays, February 2, 16 & 23. Bring a sack lunch! Join us for extraordinary fun & fellowship. On Thursday, February 9, we will meet for lunch (location TBD) for a business meeting then return to the Hospitality room for games. Questions? Contact Thelma Bunch at 706-569-9377.

**Senior Exercise** meets Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays in the Youth Barn from 9:00-10:30 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.

## Faith Promise "Year" Ends on February 12, 2017

Our total Faith Promise for 2016 is \$99,289.00, of which \$60,398.63 has been received. There is still time to fulfill your 2016 Faith Promise! Remember that this Faith Promise "year" will not end until GIC Sunday, February 12, 2017. If you made a Faith Promise for 2016, 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? If so, please contact Lynn at [lynn@piercephapel.com](mailto:lynn@piercephapel.com).

## Sign up for flowers 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) to put flowers in the worship center in honor or memory of someone. Two vases of flowers are available each Sunday at a cost of \$30 each. You may choose to purchase flowers for one vase or both, and you may choose to take the arrangement(s) home after the service or donate the flowers to be used in our ministry to people who are shut-in or recovering from an illness. Once you sign up, a member of the Flower Guild will purchase the flowers and arrange them for you.