



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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Global Impact Celebration

God is on the move

2017 GIC Reflections

God was indeed **ON THE MOVE** at Global Impact Celebration 2017! We believe it was a Spirit-powered experience! We owe tremendous thanks to Resa Lord, our GIC Coordinator, as well as to every team leader and every person who shared time, energy, creativity, hospitality, resources, and love to enable it to happen.

Many of us have shared testimonies already of how we felt God was on the move — either in us individually or among us as a church. Meredith Graves, leader of our Global Outreach (GO) Team wrote this: *I'm still a bit overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit's movement and by God's goodness and faithfulness demonstrated repeatedly in so many ways to us this weekend. It seems that the seeds sown by the hard work of the GIC Teams and Acts 1:8 Teams and by those praying specifically for missions "sprouted" during GIC. I feel quite privileged to have been given a front row seat. I'm looking forward to seeing this year's harvest. God is so good!!!*

God was not just on the move among adults, but among our children and youth as well. Rayna Harbuck (age 6) prayed for JJ and Caleb Aycock (missionary kids from Honduras) in her night-time prayers on Sunday. The next morning, as Roseanna was driving her to school, Rayna asked her mama, "Can I be a missionary when I grow up?" God was on the move in Rayna's heart and mind. So many of our youth approached GIC with their ears and eyes and hearts wide open. When I asked our son, John Howard (nearly 16), about highlights for him, he mentioned what Bishop Bryan told the youth during Sunday School: "Sometimes God speaks to us by disturbing our lives." We pray that all of us are ready for our lives to be "disturbed" by the Spirit of God who is on the move at Pierce Chapel.

Finally, we are overjoyed to announce that our collective Faith Promise for 2017 (as of last Sunday) was \$161,938 — more than has ever been promised by Pierce Chapel. The question now is: Will we be faithful to look for God's provision of that amount, and then be faithful to give it when God provides? We are praying for that. We are praying that the Spirit of God "disturbed" each of us in a powerful way to cause us to hear His call clearly, and to respond with obedience.

Looking forward to the journey with joy,

Howard and Lynn

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

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FAX 706-327-7253

Preschool 706-327-9807, ext. 6

E-Mail Prayer Ministry: Send prayer requests to prayers@piercechapel.com

For news & current events, go to piercechapel.com or connect with us on Facebook.

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Danny Seifu (Kiddy Seifu's son)

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

Melissa Herndon

Margaret Hunt

Gene Kennedy

LaVerne McClellan

Hugh Morris

Susan Pagani (Alma Artz's niece)

Don & Patti Russell

Cheryl Seymour

Mickie Tennyson

Linda Todd

Zane Vaughan

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.



Great news! We have the opportunity to fund a pilot program for MercyMed to establish a medical clinic in Fox Elementary. This pilot program will be made possible through your Faith Promise offerings! We're waiting for a final "GO" from the Muscogee County School District, hoping to launch the pilot program in March!

Church Office Deadlines

News deadline for the **March 1** newsletter is **12:00 noon on Monday, February 20.**

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.

30th Annual Open Door Classic Walk & 5K Run **Saturday, March 4**

5K Run registration is at 7:30 a.m. & run begins at 9 a.m.
Run fee is \$25 before the event or \$30 the day of the race.
Walk registration is at 9:00 a.m., is \$25 & begins at 9:30 a.m.

Whether you can be there to walk or not, please give your support and make your offering by Saturday, March 4.

The Walk and Run will be held rain, shine, or snow! Please have your registration form filled out before you arrive & indicate you're a Pierce Chapel member on the form. Forms are available at church on the half-wall by the Welcome Center. Open Door is encouraging participants to register and pay online before the event, so you can click here to register online at joinus.opendoorcommunityhouse.org.

All runners will receive a t-shirt, and medals will be awarded at the end of the race for different age categories. There are 10-year age groupings for males and females in all categories (14 & under, all the way to over 50).

All participants (whether you walk or just show up for the fun) who raise/donate \$25 or more will receive a t-shirt and be eligible for door prizes. The church that raises the most money and the church that has the most walkers/participants at the event will be awarded trophies. It is not necessary to walk or run to be counted. You just need to be present. Dogs are once again welcomed ONLY if they have a current rabies tag. No charge for dogs this year.

The Walk/Run will begin at Woodruff Park and go south on the Columbus River Walk to the Civic Center, then back through Historic Columbus.

Please consider asking friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to sponsor you so you can contribute more than the \$25 registration/donation to help support Open Door.

ALL CHECKS (whether you turn them in at Pierce Chapel or at Open Door) **MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO OPEN DOOR COMMUNITY HOUSE** (*be sure to earmark checks "Pierce Chapel"*). You may turn in your money & registration forms to Bill & Judy Mullins or to Pierce Chapel before the Walk, or you may turn them in at the Walk. Whether you can or cannot be there to walk or run, please give your support & make your offering to OPEN DOOR.

Questions or need registration forms?

Get them at Pierce Chapel, see Bill or Judy Mullins, or call them at 706-324-0007.

Pierce Chapel Preschool Registration **FOR CHURCH MEMBERS**

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

Sunday, February 26

9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon



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.



National Alliance **on Mental Illness**

NAMI is offering a series of **FREE** mental health education classes beginning February 19. **Classes are on Sundays, 2:30-5:00 p.m., at Columbus Hospice on Moon Road.** This is a 10-week class for adults diagnosed with mental illness to gain a better understanding of their condition.

Questions? Ready to register? Contact Doris Keene at 706.392.2944 or doriskeene@gmail.com. Free course manuals provided. **Pre-registration required!**

SAVE YOUR STUFF!

For our Youth-Sponsored Yard Sale
Saturday, April 29
6:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

"Mobile Attics" will be available beginning Friday, March 31. The Youth will pick up large items during the 2 days before the yard sale. Thank you for your support!

Team Meetings

Children's Ministry Council
6:00 p.m., February 27, in room 206

Jerusalem Team
6:30 p.m., February 27, in conference room

2017 Graduating High School Seniors

Please send your high school graduate's information to the church office by April 15 to be included in our Senior Board. Email katie@piercechapel.com the graduate's name, high school, college they plan to attend and major. We also need a 5x7 print of your graduate. For more details, email localmissions@piercechapel.com or see the display at Welcome Center.

PIERCE CHAPEL UMC MILITARY CONNECTION

My name is Kevin Pinet, and I've been blessed with the opportunity to coordinate the PCUMC Military Ministries. In an effort to represent all of our military members, we are working to update our military contact information. If you are a veteran of the United States armed forces, please consider sending me your name, address, phone number, email address and branch of service. Additionally, we also have an email ministry for members of the congregation called the "PCUMC Military Connection." This is for anyone who would like to have a closer, more personal connection with our military men and women and their families (*you don't even have to know anything about the military to participate!*). We use the email ministry to honor God by serving Him through: **1)** the sharing of prayer requests, and **2)** ideas, suggestions, and resources for helping and supporting military members, veterans, and their families. Occasionally, we'll encourage group participation in local events. If you have been searching for where you feel God wants you to be, please prayerfully consider serving Him in this way. To be a part of this ministry, please send your name, email address and phone number to PinetsHarley@gmail.com.



Kids Living in Christ (K.L.I.C.) Ready To Launch!

Sunday, February 26, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

All 3rd & 4th graders are invited to join us at Launch Trampoline Park for an afternoon of fellowship and fun!

\$12.00 per child + \$2.00 for socks (or bring your own launch grippy socks if you have them!) We will meet at Launch at 3:00 and jump for an hour. Invite another 3rd or 4th grade friend and hope to see you there! RSVP to roseanna@piercechapel.com or text 229-314-0310 so I can get the discounted ticket price for everyone!



Valley Interfaith Promise

A Ministry to Homeless Families
Our next Host Week is February 19-26

We need **YOU** to join us in this ministry! We minister to families who are currently without a home by providing shelter and meals at Pierce Chapel for a week. Sign up to serve as a meal host, an evening host, or an overnight host (at the church) by contacting Gerry Pittman (706-392-3397 or coalbucket54@yahoo.com.) or by checking the VIP box on your GIC response card in your bulletin today.

2017 VIP BED RACE

Saturday, February 25, 2017
Team Registration 9:00am
Pre-Race Festivities 10:00am
Parade and Race: 11:00am
14th St. & Broadway in
Uptown Columbus



THE BIBLE AND HUMAN SEXUALITY

This **FREE** 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 is included.

Who: Rev. Deborah Wight-Knight

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

Where: Pierce Chapel Worship Center

When: Saturday, February 25, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Karen Hartin at 706-615-1347 or karen.hartin@yahoo.com.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 1, 6:30 p.m.

in the Chapel

Ash Wednesday begins the holy season of Lent, a 40-day spiritual preparation period leading up to Easter. You're invited to begin your Lenten journey at the Ash Wednesday Service on March 1 in the Chapel, immediately following Wednesday Supper. This will take the place of the adult study, the youth meeting, and teenagers. Bible Buddies for age 3-4th grade will meet as usual, and a nursery will be provided for age 3 and under.