



The Chapel Times

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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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Making Disciples: Confirmation 2017

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—even in the nursery, when babies and toddlers are learning that "church" is a safe and loving place—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. And it's important to give them role models and mentors (of all ages) to follow, so that they can see and hear what it looks like to be 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 with the help of an adult (and youth) role model and mentor.

Below are the members of Pierce Chapel's 2017 Confirmation Class, along with their adult mentors, their prayer partners, and a new addition this year, their **student mentors** --- who will be encouraging them along the way and helping to connect them in meaningful ways to the Pierce Chapel youth ministry. The confirmands and adult mentors will spend the next four months engaged in weekly sessions that help them explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. At the end of those four months, each youth will have the opportunity to profess their 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. May all of our efforts together yield spiritual fruit that will bring glory to God!

With expectation & joy,

Lynn & Howard

Confirmand

Abbie Ashcraft
Peyton Bowman
Shannon Freeman
Caleb Greer
Cameron Greer
Evan Herndon
Bethany Link
Coates Massey
Dawson Shand
Ryan Smith
James Spurlin
Macayla Stubbs
Sydney Waldheim
Walker Williams

Mentor

Kathy Long
Wayne Eldridge
Linda Laye
John Summerford
Ray Waldheim
J.J. Seman
Resa Lord
Gary Robinette
David Meyer
Stephen Childers
Chris Schmitt
Julie Ryan
Karen Hartin
John Williams

Student Mentor

Hannah Mattson
Devin Williams
Annika Ryan
Jack Kellum
Lucas Sheppard
John Howard White
Regan Tew
Wesley Rhinehart
Geiger Sturkie
Philip Korytoski
Ethan Wells
Katherine Liesendahl
Laura Liesendahl
Sam Lord

Prayer Partner

Michelle Crawford
Steve Langford
Susan Williams
Margaret Hunt
Christine Cameron
John Proft
Dianne O'Shields
Juline Maholick
Jon Long
Jim Hawkins
Jane Armour
Julia Payne
Pam Myers
Yvonne Proft

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

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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

Cliff Brewer
Gene Kennedy
Don Russell

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Michil Abitew (Kiddy Seifu's brother)
Carolyn Billings
Virginia Brewer
Alice Brumbach
Dorothy Carrothers
Joann Cherry (Sheila Cook's sister-in-law)
Kathy Davis
Ben Dunton (Linda Socci's son)
Malachi Estevez (Leila Cantrell's great-grandson)
Tracie Hadaway
Margaret Hunt
LaVerne McClellan
Hugh Morris
Susan Pagani (Alma Artz's niece)
Cheryl Seymour
Mickie Tennyson
Linda Todd
Bill Wall
Vivian Webb
Terry Williams (Len Williams' brother)
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

Sara Skelley (due January 26)
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.

We express our love and sympathy to Wren Harris at the death of his wife, Bev, on Dec.13.

Congratulations to:

— *Betsy and Ryan George at the birth of their son, Franklin "Frankie" Matthew George, on November 29. Proud big brothers are Charlie and Luke.*

— *Jenna & Ross Pinney at the birth of their daughter, Maddux Leigh Pinney, on December 10. Maddux weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.*

Church Office Deadlines

News deadline for the **January 15** newsletter is **12:00 noon on Monday, January 9.**

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.

Tweenager LOCK-IN

January 4-5, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 a.m.

All 5th & 6th graders are invited to join us for a fun-filled night at the church! Pizza dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. (bring snack or side to share) and then we will enjoy games and other fun. Bring a blanket and pillow for movie time and for sleeping! Parents, we need chaperones to help so let Roseanna know if you are willing to take a shift as a volunteer. Friends are welcome. Please RSVP to roseanna@piercechapel.com so we can have a head count.

All Children's Choirs resume practice on Sunday, January 22 at 4:30 p.m. Join us in the Worship Center as we begin preparing for a performance for the Global Impact Celebration in February! Now is a great time to jump in if you have been wanting to try out choir! For more information or to register, contact roseanna@piercechapel.com.

"O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord!"- Psalm 95:1



YOUTH NEWS (7th -12th grades)



Youth Supper/Meeting (7th-12th grades) Sundays, 5:30-7:30 in the Youth Barn. Bring a friend! Sunday supper is \$2 per person (adults, tweens & youth). We meet in the Hospitality Room for supper at 5:30 then transition to the Barn for hangout time until 6:15. From 6:15 to 7:30 we worship together and have a lesson which includes experiential learning, student leaders, videos, and games.

Ultimate Frisbee Wednesday, January 4, 2:00 p.m. We'll play in the field at the church. Bring a water bottle. We'll play 2 games and finish up around 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper: will resume January 18 at 5:30 with the whole church in the worship center. We'll 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 Saturday, January 21, 12:00-3:00 p.m. in the Youth Barn. Call or text Stephen at 706-905-1701 for more information.

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

Mary/Martha Women's Bible Study

The Mary/Martha Women's Bible Study will begin their study of "*The Longing in Me*" by Sheila Walsh on Monday, January 16, with dinner at B. Merrell's at 6:00 p.m. This will be a planning meeting with fellowship. We began this study in the fall, but were unable to complete it due to different time constraints. So you haven't missed anything! Join us! Our regular meetings will be on Mondays from 7:00-8:15 p.m. in the home of Barbara Rouse (3344 Shirehill Lane). For more information, contact Barbara Rouse at rousehouse54@yahoo.com or 706-464-0425.

Sonshine Circle

All ladies are invited! Please join us for a time of fellowship on Tuesday, January 10, 11:30 a.m. in Room 210.

Women's Winter Retreat February 3-5 in Pine Mountain

Theme: "A Mind for Missions"

This year we will turn our minds and hearts toward missions as we prepare for GIC. Please join us for another fun and Spirit-filled retreat. We will focus on our role in missions, and our painting project will be for our missionaries who are coming to GIC.

Cost for one night \$70.00

Cost for two nights \$135.00

(\$20.00 non-refundable deposit due by January 22. Balance due February 3.)

This includes supper Friday and lunch Saturday. We will all share in the breakfast prep. For more info, contact Barbara Rouse at rousehouse54@yahoo.com or 706-464-0425.

Tabitha's Heart

To learn how to knit, join us every Tuesday evening beginning Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 p.m. in the home of Tina Armistead (7972 Oakmont Court). Come enjoy a time of friendship and learning while sharing God's love!

Thank you!

The goodness in the world is so easy to see with people like you around. Thank you for making our world better. Thanks to the Early Response Team (Mac Wooldridge, Rick Wimberly & Rick Dorer) for their support and comfort that they gave me and my family during hurricane Matthew. Words cannot speak more than love. God bless all!

*Vernon & Darlene White
of Allenhurst, GA*

Pierce Chapel UMC,

Your partnership has truly been helpful to our ministry. We are absolutely thankful and pray for God's blessings upon your ministry and all your members. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given..." Isaiah 9:6

Alain Bulambo

Dear Pierce Chapel UMC,

Words cannot express the gratitude I feel when I think about all that you have done and are doing for Carpenters Way Ranch and Arabella. Thank you for taking the time to show that you care. May God continue to bless Pierce Chapel.

Nick Alford

Regional Director of Our House

Dear Pierce Chapel Friends,

Thank you so very much for the pies you so generously gave all of the family & staff at Fox Elementary. I truly appreciate all the dedicated members of your church who diligently work to "build up the body" of Fox Elementary.

Sincerely,

Ella Bisset (Pre-K Teacher)

Happy Achers & Senior Exercise

Happy Achers Sack Lunch & Games for senior adults in the Hospitality Room at 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays, January 5, 19 & 26. Bring a sack lunch! January 12, we will eat at Rose Hill (car pool will leave the church at 11:15) and then head back to Room 210 for games. Join us for extraordinary fun & fellowship. 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.



New WOW (Women of the Word) Winter Study

We were never meant to take this journey of faith alone or in secret. God has entrusted us with the great and mighty gift of the gospel, something too precious and life-giving to keep to ourselves.

In this 6-session Bible study, Beth will encourage you to guard what God has entrusted to you, further His kingdom by sharing Christ with others, and pour into future generations just as Paul once mentored Timothy. Because in this journey of joy and hardship, we need each other to stay the course and live lives of faithfulness.

Please join women of all ages and stages for this new study. The Sunday evening study will begin on Sunday, January 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 305 and will be led by Melissa Herndon. Monday WOW will begin on Monday, January 23, 9:15-11:15 a.m. in the Youth Barn and will be led by Kim Stanley-Heim and Becky Castellow. Study guides are available at LifeWay. Nursery will be available upon request. For more information or to request childcare, you may contact Melissa Herndon at msh.blessed@gmail.com or 706-888-0084 or Kim Stanley Heim at kdstanley@gmail.com or 865-771-1169.



"The Talk" Registration

for 5th & 6th graders and their parents

Led by Monica Cobis of The Pastoral Institute

LOCATION: Pierce Chapel Worship Center

DATE & TIME: Girls: January 22, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Boys: January 29, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

COST: Cost: \$20 for 1 child & 1 adult*

(includes materials and snack)

Payment is due by the date of the session you attend. Please make checks payable to Pierce Chapel and earmark them with "The Talk." Space is limited so sign up today at piercechapel.com/thetalk.

*An adult of the same gender must attend the session with their registered child. For example, mothers with girls, fathers or uncles with boys.



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 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.

2017 Devotional Books Available

Looking for something to help you read the Bible and pray on a daily basis? Consider using the 2017 Upper Room Disciplines, a devotional guide based on the lectionary featuring a different writer each week. The Disciplines offers you a way to spend the year listening to God through daily readings of scripture and reflections on those Bible passages. We have a very limited supply, so please request your copy by emailing Lynn at lynn@piercechapel.com. Checks should be made payable to Pierce Chapel for \$11 per book & earmarked "Disciplines."



January

- 1 Jason Paulk
Hector & Rebecca Andrades' Anniversary
- 2 Jennifer Gregory & Eleanor White
Tom & Allison Miller's Anniversary
Chris & Paula Murphy's Anniversary
- 4 Matt Dimitroff & Louise Frazier
Jarod & Katie Ingram's Anniversary
Len & Fay Williams' Anniversary
- 6 Josh Jinright, Amy Kellum, Valerie McClung,
Drake McClung, Bradley Taylor, Alexis Williams
& Jennifer Williams
- 7 Sara Haskell & Rachael (Hartin) Wilhelm
- 8 Gary & Pat Keppler's Anniversary
- 9 Aaron Anthony, Andy Bourke &
Mac Woodridge
Britt & April Kemp's Anniversary
- 10 Mary Kathryn Alford & Betty Cartledge
- 11 Margaret Hunt, Clay Robinette &
Morgan Robinette
- 12 Marty Graves
- 13 Peggy Baltimore & Rick Mattson
- 14 Lonnie Freeman
- 15 Lauri Hartley, Will Marano & Randy Watson
- 16 Harrison Hightower
Paul & Pati Miller's anniversary
- 18 Sarah Daniels, Jim Hawkins, Matthew Maholick
& Katie Underdown
- 19 Joy Bowles, Yvonne Proft, Emma Castleberry &
Jenny Williams
- 20 Colin Baltimore, Rachael Mockalis,
Sarah Mockalis
- 21 Kristi Kennedy, Tom Swilling, Jason Stansell,
Johnny Stansell & Randall Tew
- 22 Jacob Epley & Jesse Pace
- 23 David Blanchard, Paul Holmer-Monte,
Libby Meeks & Aiden Winkis
- 24 Kyle Watson
- 25 Katie Blanchard, Mason Jenkins, Chandler
McCann & Brian Williams
- 26 Danny Dudley, Craig Haggas, Steve Langford,
Richard Mohnney, Caylie Pace &
Christian Schmitt
- 27 Lauren Bush, Kathy Davis, Rebecca Griffin,
Emma Seets & Walker Williams
Keith & Dana Seifert's Anniversary
Johnny & Pat Stansell's Anniversary
- 28 Phil Penny
Peggy & Mike Baltimore's Anniversary
- 29 Tom Miller
Clay & Darlene Allen's Anniversary
- 30 Randy Pounds
- 31 Bryan Hooper & Philip Korytoski
Joseph & Sherry Corona's Anniversary

Meetings

Finance Meeting

Monday, January 9, 5:30 p.m., in Room 210

Administrative Council Meeting

Monday, Jan. 9, 7:00 p.m., in Worship Center

Stephen Ministry

Thursday, January 19, 6:00 p.m., in Room 206

Global Impact Celebration

February 10-12

God.
is on the
move

Faith Promise "Year" Ends on February 12, 2017

Our total Faith Promise this year is \$99,289.00, of which \$51,508.47 has been received. There is still time to fulfill your Faith Promise! Remember that this Faith Promise "year" will not end until 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 (either verbally or in print)? If so, please contact Lynn Meadows-White at lynn@piercephel.com.

Faith Promise Disbursements 1/1/16 - 11/30/16

(The disbursements listed below are from 2015

Faith Promise funds that had not previously been disbursed as well as 2016.)

	2015	2016
Jerusalem (Local Missions)		
Wilson Easter Egg Hunt	\$79.53	\$128.31
Wilson Apartment Bible Study	\$432.68	
Our House Christmas Party	\$20.60	
Our House	\$1,939.91	\$528.52
Military Ministry	\$2,500.10	
Highland VBS	\$860.81	
Fox Elementary	\$607.20	\$543.03
Habitat for Humanity	\$432.71	
Pierce Chapel Work Day	\$160.51	
Valley Interfaith Promise	\$1,238.50	\$225.00
Chattahoochee Valley Jail Ministry	\$1,038.50	
Rose Hill UMC Food Ministry	\$473.88	
Rose Hill Pantry Project	\$205.00	
Rose Hill UMC Health Kits		\$25.92
Day of Service		\$49.13
Concrete Ramp	\$325.10	
Plumbing Supplies (for Andrew Barrett's home)		\$196.85
Upper Room for Trinity House		\$25.35
Sara Spano Clothing Project	\$1,400.00	
Open Door Circles Loan Empowerment Fund	<u>\$1,298.13</u>	
Jerusalem Total	\$13,013.16	\$1,722.11
Judea (National Missions)		
Kentucky VBS	\$522.03	\$509.31
Henderson Settlement- Construction	\$2,550.00	\$2,800.00
Henderson Settlement- Nathan & Lynn	\$560.00	\$560.00
Henderson Settlement- After School Program	\$250.00	
Henderson Settlement- Salary Support	\$3,250.00	
Henderson Settlement- Summer Intern	\$343.35	
GSW Wesley Foundation Welcome Packs		\$100.00
Youth Conference (Training for Maggie Mayes Middleton)	\$776.45	
Fran Lynch	\$1,000.00	
Fran Lynch (toward a new van for her ministry)	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	
Judea Total	\$11,751.83	\$3,969.31
Ends of the Earth (International Missions)		
Honduras Medical Mission (Medicine)	\$2,373.50	\$2,244.60
Gideons International (Bibles)	\$3,400.00	
Attaways in Thailand	\$1,000.00	
Agriculture Program in Mozambique	\$604.67	
Unto the Least of His	\$3,226.82	\$1,573.18
Mission on the Move	\$6,325.00	\$2,675.00
Joel Aycock	\$2,050.00	
International Friendship Ministries	<u>\$3,175.00</u>	
Ends of the Earth Total	\$22,154.99	\$6,492.78
Total Faith Promise Disbursements	\$46,919.98	\$12,184.20