



# 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

God has moved powerfully in our previous GICs, and we are excited as we anticipate GIC 2017 just around the corner! This 3-day event is a time to welcome missionary guests (from local, national, and international ministries) who will share about how GOD IS ON THE MOVE through their ministries. They will also challenge us to be ON THE MOVE WITH GOD! We have a chance to get to know these missionaries personally, to hear their

stories of God's call upon their lives, and to listen for God's voice through their testimonies. We hope you've received a brochure and letter from Howard and will look for your meal reservation card in the worship bulletin on Sunday, January 22. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of what God is doing and can do through us!

### Here are some important details:

- You have an opportunity to bring some items to bless the ministries of several of our missionaries in a tangible way.

January 22 — If you took a "flag" from the UMCOR display, remember to bring your items back this Sunday if possible!

January 29 — Bring children's clothing to support the ministry of Ernie & Allison Sizemore of Mission on the Move in Honduras. Options are: preemie & newborn onesies, preemie & newborn pajamas, 3 month-12 month pajamas, 3 month-12 month clothes, size 2T & 3T boys' clothes, size 2T & 3T girls' clothes.

February 5 — Bring \$1 to fund a dinner for Circles at Open Door, a ministry directed by India Smith.

- All of our missionaries will be in different homes of Pierce Chapel members on Saturday, February 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at our **Missionary Home Fellowship Gatherings**. You're invited to attend any one of these to hear the missionaries share more personally about how God is working through their ministry. Sign-ups for those events will begin on Sunday, January 22, at the GIC table near the Welcome Center. **Childcare for any age is available at the church beginning at 6:30 p.m., but you must reserve it in advance.**
- This Sunday check out the **GIC Prayer Board** across from the Welcome Center to get a prayer card on one or more of our missionaries. Be praying for them now as we anticipate seeing how GOD IS ON THE MOVE!

With eagerness and joy,  
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

Peggy Brooks  
George Cliff  
Will Duke

## ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Michil Abitew (Kiddy Seifu's brother)  
Carolyn Billings  
Cliff & 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  
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

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.

## **Church Office Deadlines**

News deadline for the **February 1** newsletter is **12:00 noon on Monday, January 23.**

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

## **Meetings**

### **Trustees**

Thursday, January 19, 6:30 p.m.  
In Conference Room

### **Jerusalem Team Meeting**

Monday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.  
In Conference Room

### **Beyond the Valley Team Meeting**

Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 p.m.  
In Conference Room

# Global Impact Celebration

February 10-12



God.  
is on the  
move

## **Missionaries joining us for GIC 2017:**

- Alison Evans from The Methodist Home in South Georgia
- India Smith from Circles of Columbus at Open Door
- Joel Aycock from His Hands Mission International in Honduras
- Ron & Carole Collins from International Friendship Ministries in Columbus
- Erin Frey & Janjay Innis from Global Ministries in Tampa & Atlanta
- Maggie Mayes Middleton from Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY
- Dr. Florence Muindi from Life in Abundance International in Kenya
- Ernie & Allison Sizemore from Mission on the Move in Honduras

## **Wednesday Suppers are back!**

**Supper and all activities resume on January 18**

Start this new year with our wonderful Wednesday suppers! We have great fellowship and yummy food! Activities include something for all ages — adult studies, Bible Buddies for children, & youth meetings for 7<sup>th</sup> grade & up!

### **Regular Schedule:**

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| 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. | Chapel Chimes (5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grades)   |
| 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. | Supper line is open   |
| 5:40 - 6:20 p.m. | Youth Handbells (8 <sup>th</sup> grade & up)  |
| 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. | Adult Study led by Howard in Worship Center<br>Bible Buddies (age 3-6 <sup>th</sup> grade),<br>& Youth Meeting (7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grades) |
| 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Adult Choir Rehearsal   |

**Supper costs:** Adults & youth \$6; children age 5-12 \$3.50; children 4 & under eat free. Family maximum of \$21. **Note: \$1.00 charge added per family for clean-up helpers** ("Family" consists of parents with children under age 18 still living at home.) Use the flap on this worship bulletin to make your reservation or go to [piercechapel.com/wns](http://piercechapel.com/wns).

## **Men for Christ**

Men For Christ (that's ALL men at Pierce Chapel!) will gather on Monday, January 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Barn. We'll enjoy a meal together and hear from our guest speaker, Councilman Glenn Davis, a former major league baseball All-Star as well as an entrepreneur and politician. Glenn will share his own story of how his faith has impacted his "success" in life. Menu TBA. Please let us know if you plan to attend by contacting Robbie Nicholas at [nicholas.robby237@gmail.com](mailto:nicholas.robby237@gmail.com).

## **Serving Lunch at Highland Community Church**

We have the privilege of providing and serving lunch to our brothers and sisters at Highland Community Church on 5th Sundays, so **our next opportunity is January 29.** The menu is sloppy joes, individual bags of chips, baked beans and plain brownies. We'll be feeding 240 people! We are in need of supplies and help serving lunch.



Please contact Teresa or Rick Wimberly at 706-563-0469 or [rwimb79@bellsouth.net](mailto:rwimb79@bellsouth.net) if you can help provide any of the following: Hamburger buns, ground beef, baked beans, individual bags of chips, Sloppy Joe sauce, plain brownies, help serve lunch, monetary donation.



## Happy Achers & Senior Exercise

**Happy Achers** Sack Lunch & Games for senior adults in the Hospitality Room at 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays, January 19 & 26. Bring a sack lunch! 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.

### Rose Hill UMC Work Day

Join us for a work day at Rose Hill UMC (a church which serves the homeless) on Saturday, January 28, 9:00 a.m. until approximately 1:30 p.m. We'll clean out and reorganize some closets and perhaps do a little yard work. We would love for you to join us on that day! We hope several other churches will join us as well, and we need a great representation from Pierce Chapel! Questions? Please contact Linda Laye at laye.linda@yahoo.com.



## 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!

### New Study for Searcher Sunday School Class

The Searcher Class has just begun a new DVD study titled *"The Land Between"* (Sundays, 9:45 a.m. in north end of Worship Center). Author Jeff Manion uses the biblical story of the Israelite's journey through the Sinai desert as a metaphor for being in an undesired time of transition. This study provides fresh biblical insight for people traveling through undesired and difficult transitions such as foreclosure, unemployment, uncertainty, and failure. Such times provide our greatest opportunity for spiritual growth. God desires to meet us in our chaos and emotional upheaval, and he intends for us to encounter his goodness and provision, his hope and guidance. You are invited!



### 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.

### Women's Winter Retreat

**February 3-5 at Pine Mountain Club Chalets (Lodge)**  
**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.

### Mary/Martha Women's Bible Study

The Mary/Martha Women's Bible Study will begin their study of *"The Longing in Me: How Everything You Crave Leads to the Heart of God"* by Sheila Walsh on Monday, January 23, 7:00-8:15 p.m. at the home of Barbara Rouse (3344 Shirehill Lane). YOU are invited to join us! For more information, contact Barbara Rouse at rousehouse54@yahoo.com or 706-464-0425.

### 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.

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

Our total Faith Promise this year is \$99,289.00, of which \$53,972.47 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.

## 5th Sunday Funday Coming Up!

Hey, kids! Plan to join us for our next 5th Sunday Funday on January 29! All kids age 3-4th grade are invited to join us for a Veggie Tales movie and real movie theater popcorn during the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services.

## Tweenager Mystery Movie Night

5th & 6th graders, join us for a surprise movie on the big screen in the Worship Center on Sunday, January 29! Dinner will be served as usual at 5:30 and then we will begin the movie at 6:00 pm. Bring a friend and come enjoy the show with fresh, movie theatre popcorn!

### 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](mailto: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.

**Wednesday Night Supper** is at 5:30 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 Saturday, January 21, 12:00-3:00 p.m. in the Youth Barn. Call or text Stephen at 706-905-1701 for more information.

### High School Girls' Monthly Bible Study

All High School girls are welcome! We will meet at Jon and Kathy Long's home (981 Preston Road, Cataula, GA 31804) on Monday, January 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m. We have an awesome group of girls attending, and we hope that you can join us!

Questions or concerns?

Contact Nathan Carr at 706-464-7548.



## "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](http://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.



## 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.

Watch for more details and camp themes soon!



## 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:lynn@piercechapel.com). Checks should be made payable to Pierce Chapel for \$11 per book & earmarked "Disciplines."