



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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GRATITUDE FOR A RELATIONSHIP OF LOVE

If you ever wonder what difference your Faith Promise dollars make, or what difference our consistent presence at

Henderson Settlement has made over the years, read Maggie Middleton's letter below. Through our steady, faithful, "pouring into" this mutual love relationship between the youth at Henderson Settlement and the youth at Pierce Chapel, God is doing more than we could ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). Please pray for our Kentucky Mission Team as we head back to Frakes on Sunday, July 2, and praise God for his amazing work in these precious lives and in ours.

May 30, 2017

Pierce Chapel Family,

I wanted to share my gratitude to the Lord and to you for our relationship. I notice that when I gear up for Summer Recreation and am in deep prayer for the kids/counselors/supporters, your names are heavy on my heart. I get overly emotional thinking about everything you do to love on us, not just the kids! Like Mike mentioned in his letter, "life gets in the way" and I am guilty of not letting you know how thankful I am for you. I feel like it was just February and I was visiting for GIC, and now summer is here! I know that God created a relationship here for many, many reasons, and one of them is me, and how you've helped me for many years to grow closer to what He wants me to be for this community. I feel so uplifted and charged for Christ when I am encouraged and supported by you.

Just to reiterate, Youth Group (at Henderson Settlement) WOULD NOT be what it is, or even possibly not exist had it not been for Pierce Chapel. You helped create a spark of desire in our kids, and what initially was two kids' interest in being a part of Youth Group has grown to more than 2 dozen kids who come regularly to Youth Group and Youth Events! I now have kids in leadership roles as high school and college who some thought we shouldn't even try with because they were a "lost cause." I am humbled to be a part of God's work and thought that His church should know that you are the cornerstone of this growth and change.

I will be seeing you in a few short weeks with lots of high-spirited youngsters ready for a week with Pierce Chapel! I'm looking forward to another great time together! Love ya!

With gratitude,
Maggie Middleton
Youth Ministries Coordinator
Henderson Settlement

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

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Justin Carpenter (Alma Artz's grandson)

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Michil Abitew (Kiddy Seifu's brother)
Carolyn Billings
Cliff & Virginia Brewer
Peggy Brooks
Alice Brumbach
Thelma Bunch
Dorothy Carrothers
Joann Cherry (Sheila Cook's sister-in-law)
George & Linda Cliff
Kathy Davis
Will & Debbie Duke
Ben Dunton (Linda Socci's son)
Marcia English
Malachi Estevez (Leila Cantrell's great-grandson)
Margaret Hunt
LaVerne McClellan
Barbara & Hugh Morris
Julia Payne
Don & Patti Russell
Danny Seifu (Kiddy Seifu's son)
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

Cody Boyd

EXPECTANT MOTHER LIST

Jenny Wilcox (due August 24)
Alexis Weeks (November 3)

(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.



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 Jane Armour (armourbj11@netzero.com or 706-763-8136) to discuss this important ministry.

Outdoor Family Movie Night

7:30 pm
Friday,
June 30



Bring your blankets and chairs and come join us on the west lawn for a movie under the stars!



VBS singing, dancing, games and crafts begin at 7:30 pm. Big Hero Six movie begins at dusk with complimentary popcorn! Movie is rated PG.



In case of rain, activities will be held in the Worship Center.



Saturday, July 8, 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Are you ready for Christmas trees, bows, snowballs, jingle bells, and all things Christmas? Then join the members of the Esther and Sonshine UMW Circles on Saturday, July 8, 11:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room for Christmas in July! Come enjoy the loving fellowship and covered-dish lunch. Please bring wrapped gifts to exchange (\$15 maximum). Also, we are collecting large-print word-find books and crossword puzzle books to mail to the Brooks-Howell home (a continuing care retirement community for UM deaconesses and missionaries). Don't forget to bring a covered dish to share for lunch! Questions? Contact Thelma Bunch at 706-610-6496 or Barbara Morris at 706-565-7767. All ladies are invited to come and bring a friend!

Office Schedule

The office will close at noon on Monday, July 3, and will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.

Lynn Meadows-White & Nathan Carr will be with the Henderson Settlement Kentucky Mission Team from Sunday, July 2, through Saturday, July 8.

Office Deadlines

News deadline for the **August 1** newsletter is **12:00 noon on Monday, July 17.**

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

Tithing and making gifts to Pierce Chapel is easier! We offer online giving on our website at 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).





Anniversaries and Birthdays

July

- 1 Kristen (Anthony) Holt & Judy Tamplin
Luther & Beth Stanton's Anniversary
- 2 Luke Digby, Carley (Alford) Lewis & Janet Prater
- 3 Jim Daniel, Jackson Mellenberg, Marsha Newer
& Keith Seifert
- 4 Wynn Alford & Rob Powell
Don & Patti Russell's Anniversary
- 5 Joe Allen, Jr. & Jonny Hicks
- 7 Pat Stansell
Jim & Teresa O'Donnell's Anniversary
- 8 Jackson Kennedy, Stephanie Slayton
& Randy Wells
Greg & Nancy Gregory's Anniversary
Gary & Tonia Russell's Anniversary
- 9 Cameron & Caleb Greer, Emma Lewis
& Eden Walker
- 10 Robert Archer, Jonathan Parker & Kim Reaves
- 11 Sarah Beth Cardin, Bailey Diaz & Hugh Morris
- 12 Andrea Hadaway, Olivia Hadaway
Susannah Wooldridge & Michael Sovik
Paulette & Michael McAbee's Anniversary
- 13 Joanne Daniels, Laura Mason, Frank Saunders
& Murvina Underwood
- 14 Keria Christian & Linda Laye
James & Renee Tabor's Anniversary
- 15 Will Duke, Cole Castleberry, Paula Murphy
& Cole Stockton
Sandy & Ginny Denham's Anniversary
- 16 Fritzie Fulton, Tanda Lane, Cheri Mattson
& Doug Scott
- 17 Jackie Haggas McNeil, Casey Hewlett,
Katie Kemp, Judy Mullins & Teresa O'Donnell
- 19 Linda Buchanan
- 20 Sara Bankhead
- 21 Presleigh Stephens
- 22 Carly Bowles & Tom Weisenburger
- 23 Richard & Cindy Mohney's Anniversary
- 24 Denise Fuller & Barbara Telek
Mike & Wynn Alford's Anniversary
- 25 Bob Kellum & Marti Marano
David & Resa Lord's Anniversary
- 26 Nancy Gregory & Gregory Newer
- 28 Eric Crouch, Ben Layfield & James Tabor
- 29 Amy Croxton, Jane Fleming, Kyle Mason
& Gary Russell
- 30 Hutch Mellenberg & Carole Moore
- 31 Hector Andrades, Jr., Bruce Getz,
Norma Glerum, & Tom Matthews

Flower Calendar Opportunities

There are openings on the 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). Two vases of flowers are available each Sunday at a cost of \$30 each. You may sign up for one or both vases wherever there is an opening. For more information, call Tina Armistead (706-507-0351).

South Georgia Conference Mission U

"Growing in Love"

July 13-16, St. Simons Island, GA

The opening session is at 6:30 p.m. in the Ellie Harvey Room.

Registration deadline is Saturday, July 1.

To register, please go to epworthbythesea.org/events. Questions? Contact Karen Hartin at 706-615-1347 or karen.hartin@yahoo.com.

Prayer Pager Ministry

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. Prayer pagers show others God loves them and cares for them as they're going through a difficult experience. The encouragement & comfort given as they beep & vibrate is immeasurable. Please take time to prayer page today and/or in the coming month.

CURRENT PRAYER PAGERS

Carolyn Billings	706-683-7680
Bill Wall	706-683-7659
Laura Gardner	706-683-1576
Jan Greene	706-683-1547
Linda Todd	706-683-7765
Christie Warren	706-683-1590

Instructions: 1. Pray for the individual. 2. Dial the phone # beside the name. 3. When prompted, dial 111 & then #. 4. After you hear, "Thank you for calling," hang up. They will receive the prayer page within minutes. Questions? Contact Prayer Team Leader Yvonne Proft (profty@bellsouth.net).



1. Rose Hill/Safe House is looking for donations of:

Small spiral notebooks, pens & pencils (used are fine), large print Bibles

2. Thank you to all who helped support our efforts at Fox Elementary

this past school year through providing uniforms, staff luncheons and other Partner in Education (PIE) events!

3. 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 July 30. The menu is pork tenderloin, steamed broccoli, cole slaw, rolls & brownies. We'll be feeding 240 people! We are in need of supplies and help serving lunch. If you are able to donate any of the above items, prepare lunch on Saturday, help serve lunch on Sunday or give a monetary donation, please contact Teresa or Rick Wimberly at 706-563-0469 or rwimb79@bellsouth.net. Thank you for serving those who are often "the least of these" in our community.

Maker FunFactory News



A huge "THANK YOU!" to all our awesome VBS volunteers! God has used you to help almost 400 children learn that they are **CREATED BY GOD AND BUILT FOR A PURPOSE!**

Mark your calendars for VBS 2018

June 11-15: *Shipwrecked — Rescued by Jesus!*

Thank you!

Thank you so much for the lovely cards and gift to Building by Faith given in memory of my brother, Phil Merritt. I'm very grateful for the loving support received from the Pierce Chapel family following Phil's recent death.

*Thanks very much.
Susan Stanton*

Dear Pierce Chapel,

Thank you so much for your recent gift to Blessings International. It means so much to us that you would not only be our "customer" but also want to participate in blessing others through your giving. In our fiscal year ending in 2016, we shipped 102 courses of medicine impacting 107 nations. With your help, we want to exceed this and bring hope, healing & restoration to even more people this fiscal year. Your gift was a tremendous encouragement to all of us!

*Together in His service,
Gayle*

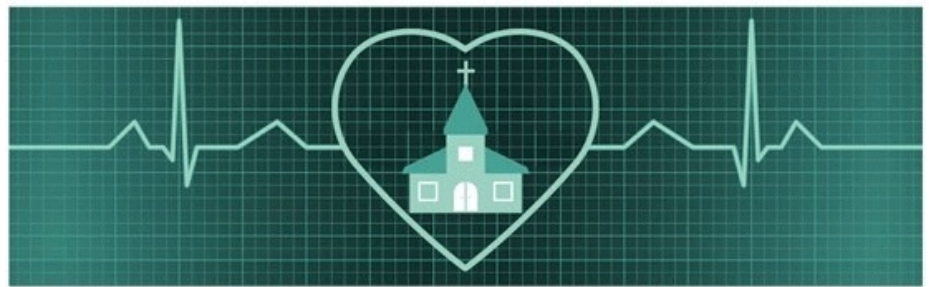
Happy Achers & Senior Exercise

Happy Achers Sack Lunch & Games for senior adults happens in the Hospitality Room at 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays. Bring a sack lunch! Join us for extraordinary fun & fellowship. Questions? Contact Sara Bankhead at 706-322-4753.

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.

National Alliance on Mental Illness

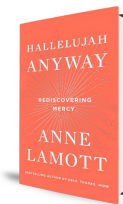
Pierce Chapel hosts a Connection Recovery Group Meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Room 216. **Our meetings this month are Thursdays, July 6 & 20.** NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group is a free, peer-led support group for adults living with mental illness and people 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.



PATHWAYS

Saturday, August 26, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Trinity UMC in Warner Robins, GA

This training event will offer participants more than 30 workshops to choose from, each designed to help congregations become healthier and to fulfill the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. The conference cost \$25 per person, which includes a boxed lunch from Chick-fil-A. Safe Sanctuaries compliant childcare is available for newborn to fifth-grade children at a cost of \$10 per child which covers the cost of their lunch. Pre-registration is required for childcare. For the schedule and information on each class please go to sgaumc.org [or click here](#). For questions, contact Allison Lindsey at allison@sgaumc.com.



Mary/Martha Women's Bible Study

The Mary/Martha Women's Bible Study group would like to invite you to read along with us this summer Anne Lamott's new book, *Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy*. We will meet for dinner mid to late August to discuss the book. Look for more info on a dinner date.

Youth Supper/Meeting (7th-12th grades) — most 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 Youth Barn at 5:30 for supper and 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. The summer schedule is crazy, so be sure to check it so you won't miss out! Please go to piercechapel.com/youth/events to get the full schedule.



Afterglows continue through Sunday, July 30. Each week after youth, we will have an activity called an "Afterglow" that will usually last until 9:00 or 9:30 p.m. Please go to piercechapel.com/youth/events to get the full schedule.

Summer Lunch Tour is all summer long! Join us at 12:30 p.m. each week (either Tuesday or Thursday) at a different restaurant! Please go to piercechapel.com/youth/events to get the full schedule.

Day at the Beach is Tuesday, July 11. We'll meet early, drive to the beach, hang out on the beach for about 4 hours, then head to ride go carts. Then we'll grab some dinner before we head back to Columbus. Cost is \$45 which includes transportation, go carts, bottled water and dinner. Students should bring a sack lunch and a change of clothes. We will meet at 6:00 a.m. in the west parking lot and will return at 11:30 p.m. Space is limited. Reserve your spot by signing up & paying on Sunday night or by bringing a check to the church office.

Six Flags is Tuesday, July 25. If you buy a ticket through Pierce Chapel, the total cost is \$49 for transportation, parking, and a park ticket. If you have your own ticket or season pass, the cost is \$15 for transportation and parking. Students should bring \$25 to cover lunch in the park and Chik-fil-A for dinner outside the park. \$8 more is recommended for a souvenir cup with free refills all day. Reserve your spot by signing up and paying at Sunday night youth or by bringing a check to the church office.

H.A.G.T.O.W.N. (Have A Good Time On Wednesday Night) Bring a friend & join us Wednesdays at the field next to the Lake Bottom orchestra pavilion for good fun, fellowship, & Ultimate Frisbee!

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