



# 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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## New Addition to Our Ministry Staff



It has been nearly two years in the making, but it's finally come to fruition, and we are excited! In the next week, we'll welcome a new part-time staff member, Jessica Stanley. Jessica will serve as our first Youth Ministry Assistant who will focus on ministry with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. A native of Columbus, Jessica is married to David Stanley and has six children: Chloe, Hayley, Tristan, Erica, Conner, and David. Five of those are teenagers! ☺ Most recently Jessica was employed as a project manager with the Muscogee County School District but also has experience in the classroom with students of all ages (literally preschool through high school).

While her professional accomplishments are impressive, what drew us to her is her passion for teenagers and her deep desire to help them grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. Jessica

comes to us with the highest recommendations from former employers, colleagues, and friends. As one former employer wrote, "[She] is an absolute gem of a person, employee and friend [who] has been and no doubt will continue to be an inspiration and positive influence on everyone around her. Jessica is assuredly the kind of person that makes those around her better people." Can you see why we are so excited to have her join our ministry staff at Pierce Chapel?!

Jessica and David recently became official members of Pierce Chapel, and some of you had the opportunity to welcome them on that Sunday. We look forward to partnering with Jessica as she works alongside Nathan and all of us to help our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders become mature disciples who know, love and serve Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

With joy and gratitude,  
Lynn and Howard

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### 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.

## 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 Cliff  
Kathy Davis  
Will Duke  
Ben Dunton (Linda Socci's son)  
Marcia English  
Malachi Estevez (Leila Cantrell's great-grandson)  
Tracie Hadaway  
Margaret Hunt  
LaVerne McClellan  
Hugh Morris  
Susan Pagani (Alma Artz's niece)  
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

*(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 Mary Wakefield and Julie & Madison Crisp in the death of Ken Wakefield on May 8.*

## Thank you!

*Dear Flower and Visitation Team,  
Thank you so much for the blessing you have been to me during the time since Donald and I first had to move into assisted living. Different people have come on a number of occasions and brought beautiful flowers from the sanctuary and encouraged us with a wonderful visit. It is a marvelous service that you perform.*

*Thank you so much.  
Love,  
Julia Payne*

*Dear friends,  
We wanted to say hello and thank you again for your prayers and support for us and the Thai people — God is on the move here and we are blessed to be part of it. May God bless each of you for your faithfulness.*

*In His love,  
The Attaways*



## Vacation Bible School is June 12-16

VBS is open to kids age 4 (by September 1) to current 5th grade. Plan to join us for an awesome week where kids build, explore and discover that they were made by the Ultimate Creator and that He has a plan just for them! Registration is NOW open! Go to [piercechapel.com/vbs](http://piercechapel.com/vbs) to register your child(ren).

## Volunteer here:

[piercechapel.com/volunteer](http://piercechapel.com/volunteer)



We are looking for people to be crew leaders, jr. crew leaders, to help with registration, decorating, setting up, snacks & cleaning up. Willing to serve? Contact [roseanna@piercechapel.com](mailto:roseanna@piercechapel.com) for more information.



Get your marriage off to a great beginning with this fun class for engaged or recently married couples! Learn the essential skills to help you build a strong foundation for a lasting marriage. After attending the class, engaged couples also receive a \$40 discount when they apply for their marriage license!

**You'll Learn:** Effective communication skills, conflict management, appropriate expectations, financial responsibility and much more!

**Saturday, May 20, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

In the Community Room at the Pastoral Institute  
1515 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus, GA 31901  
Cost: \$100 per couple

For more information or questions, contact Monica Cobis at [mcobis@pilink.org](mailto:mcobis@pilink.org) or 706-507-0895.

## 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 next meeting is Thursday, May 18.** NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group is a free, peer-led support group for adults living with mental illness and people that 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.



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](mailto:armourbj11@netzero.com) or 706-763-8136) to discuss this important ministry.

## Do you know how to access the directory online?

If you do not yet have an ACS account, please go to [piercechapel.com/ACS](http://piercechapel.com/ACS), click the link and follow the instructions from there.

Want a constantly updated, electronic directory on your phone? Go to your app store on your phone and download "Church Life." Use the login information you created with your ACS account and you will have access to the directory on your phone! Questions? Contact Katie Ingram at [katie@piercechapel.com](mailto:katie@piercechapel.com) or 706-327-9807 ext. 1.



## Team & Committee Meetings

### Trustee Meeting

Thursday, May 18, 6:30 p.m.  
In Room 210

### Beyond the Valley Mission Team

Thursday, May 18, 6:30 p.m.  
In the Conference Room

### Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Sunday, May 21, 3:30 p.m.  
In the Conference Room

### Local Mission Team

Monday, May 22, 6:30 p.m.  
In the Conference Room

## Church Office Deadlines

News deadline for the **June 1** newsletter is 12:00 noon on **Monday, May 22**.

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

## Happy Achers & Senior Exercise

Happy Achers Sack Lunch & Games for senior adults 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.

## Salad/Sandwich/Dessert Luncheon for Fox Faculty & Staff



### Wednesday, May 31, 11:30 a.m. at Fox Elementary

We have a chance to bless the Fox Elementary faculty and staff by providing a salad/sandwich lunch for them on Wednesday, May 31, at 11:30 a.m. To pull this off, we need your help! To provide a salad, sandwiches, or dessert, please **contact Anne Gemes at [aggemes@yahoo.com](mailto:aggemes@yahoo.com) or at 706-718-9665 to let her know what you plan to contribute.** Bring your contribution to the church office by 10:30 a.m. on May 31, or bring it to Fox by 11:15 a.m. on that same day. Thank you for helping us express our support and appreciation for those who teach some of the most vulnerable children in our community. You are a blessing!

# SUMMER

## KICKOFF

### Two Awesome Parties, One Great Day! Sunday, June 4

- Kids Living In Christ (KLIC) 3rd & 4th Grade: 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Tweenagers - 5th & 6th Grade: 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Water fun & slip-n-slide! RSVP: [roseanna@piercechapel.com](mailto:roseanna@piercechapel.com)  
Bring sunscreen, swimsuit, old t-shirt and a towel!

# TEACH US TO PRAY

## Teach Us to Pray

"Lord, teach us to pray..." Luke 11:1

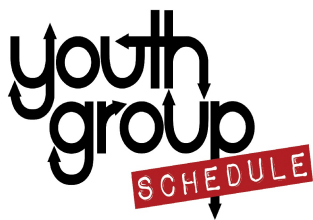
**Friday-Saturday, June 2-3**  
**Upatoi UMC**

Want to grow in your ability to pray? We have an opportunity to be led by Jim Hollis of Proactive Ministries on Friday and Saturday, June 2-3, at Upatoi UMC, to help us learn effective, strategic ways for Pierce Chapel to engage more faithfully in prayer. Jim will share seven very practical, applicable, proven prayer strategies that will help us become more faithful in prayer as a congregation.

**Friday, June 2, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. (includes supper)**

**Saturday, June 3, 8:30 (includes breakfast) - 3:00 p.m.**

This workshop is free and open to all ages. To register, contact Lynn at [lynn@piercechapel.com](mailto:lynn@piercechapel.com).



**Y o u t h  
Supper/Meeti  
ng** (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
grades) each  
S u n d a y ,  
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. Please note that we will not meet on Memorial Day weekend (Sunday, May 28).

**Renaissance Festival Trip:** Saturday, May 20, K.I.L.T. (High school guys' small group) and L.I.G.H.T. (High school ladies small group) will meet at 9:00 am in the parking lot near the Youth Barn. The group should return to the church around 5:30 pm. Tickets may be purchased in advance at [garenfest.com](http://garenfest.com) for less than at the gate. Please contact Stephen Childers at 706-905-1701 for more information or if you will need transportation to the festival.

**End of School Party on Wednesday, May 24:** Begins at 5:30 in the Youth Barn. Watch for more details!

**Souled Out Pre-Retreat Meeting:** All students going to Souled Out and one parent/guardian are required to attend a meeting on Sunday, May 21, 7:30-8:30.

**Souled Out Summer is coming!** Our annual Souled Out Summer youth camp is Monday, June 5 to Friday, June 9 at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center, FL. Souled Out is full of inspired teaching, powerful worship, sharing time for students, group time for Pierce Chapel, and lots of free time for the beach, pool and organized recreation. Souled Out is open to students finishing 6<sup>th</sup> grade through students finishing 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Cost is \$310/student (see fundraising and scholarship info in Youth News above) and covers almost all expenses including: transportation, speakers, the worship band, organized recreation, t-shirt, great food, and 5 nights lodging.

**Scholarships** All families and students are eligible to request a scholarship to help offset the cost of Souled Out. If a scholarship may be helpful for your family please contact Nathan.

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



## Congratulations to our 2017 High School Graduates

Vivian Lee-Boulton	Whitney Reeves
Brittney Calhoun	Ben Smith
Heather Hinton	Isabella Stubbs
Amber Lorentz	Harrison Tew
Carter McKinstry	Autumn Todd
Collin Murphy	Bryce Vinson
Jonathan Peck	Kellyn Ward
Kyle Pinet	Sydney Weisenburger



## Continuing the WNS Conversation on May 24

You are welcome to **bring your own supper** (BYOS) on Wednesday, May 24, to be part of a conversation about how we might use Wednesday nights more effectively in the fall. Come at 5:30 to join others for supper, or come at 6:15 to be part of the conversation. No reservations required. Remember, it's **BYOS** — no food or drinks will be provided! ☺



**Rose Hill/Safehouse Ministry** - We are collecting bathroom spray, insect repellent and insect spray during the month of May. Items may be placed in the bin by the Welcome Center marked for Rose Hill.

**Anyone having a surplus of fresh fruits or veggies** from their gardens may donate them to Rose Hill. Contact Gerry Pittman at [coalbucket56@yahoo.com](mailto:coalbucket56@yahoo.com) to have them picked up, if needed.

## 3rd Annual Walk Of Faith

Saturday, May 20

Join *Habitat for Humanity* as they celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Walk Of Faith 6.2 walk/10K run on Saturday, May 20, starting at 9:00 a.m.

In collaboration with Big Dog Running Company (BDRC). We will start at 1200 Broadway and enjoy a scenic walk/run down the RiverWalk. This is NOT a Certified Race.

Pre-register with the button below or sign up the day of at the BDRC store as early as 8:30 a.m.

Packet pick-up will be May 16-19 at the Habitat ReStore 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.