



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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(from left) Michelle Crawford, the Bullock family (Nina, Shaley, Evelyn, & Amos) & Linda Laye

**What you
(Pierce Chapel)
have done for
hurricane relief...**

What you did was give of yourselves in significant ways — some visible, some invisible. Here are some of the ways you gave:

- You hosted a vulnerable family of 3 generations that came to us needing shelter, food, financial support, compassion, and the love of Christ
 - 5 people stayed overnight as hosts, 3 of those stayed 2 nights each, and one person stayed 40 hours straight (through Irma on Monday)
 - 10 families provided meals (breakfast, lunch, or supper)
 - 4 families gave financially to repair their two cars and/or see that they were financially secure enough to return to their homes in south Florida
 - many offered or sent bedding, air mattresses, towels, toys, coloring supplies, and treats — more was offered than we could use
- One of you loaned and transported 20 cots to Arabella (part of Our House) to accommodate the teenagers who were evacuated from other South GA campuses of The Methodist Home
- One of you donated 30 box lunches to Arabella to feed the girls, staff, and their evacuee guests
- You put together 114 flood buckets that will be combined with 1000's of buckets from other UMCs around the country to assist families in recovery
- You took pillows and blankets to the Civic Center to help with our community's efforts to assist those evacuated from our Georgia coastline
- Some of you are mobilizing even now to be part of the force of some 28,000 UM servants who will be providing relief to those whose lives have been devastated by the storms

This is no small thing! Nor is the disaster. More will be asked of us. I'm confident more will be given, because you are the Church, the bride of Christ, His instrument in the world, being "salt and light," pointing to a Kingdom whose evidence is seen only in the physical presence and witness of His Church.

The burden to respond is not ours alone. But the part that is ours has been faithfully carried out. Thank you for that heart in you that is so like the heart of Christ.

Privileged to be your pastors,
Howard & Lynn

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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

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Michil Abitew (Kiddy Seifu's brother)
Carolyn Billings
Freddie Blanton
Cliff & Virginia Brewer
Peggy Brooks
Alice Brumbach
Thelma Bunch
Justin Carpenter (Alma Artz's grandson)
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)
LaVerne McClellan
Pati Miller
Hugh & Barbara Morris
Julia Payne
Don & Patti Russell
Danny Seifu (Kiddy Seifu's son)
Cheryl Seymour
Mickie Tennyson
Linda Todd
Zane Vaughan
Bill Wall
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
Brandon Davis

EXPECTANT MOTHER LIST

Karen Gore (due October 22)
Alexis Weeks (due November 3)
Kasey Anthony (due January 2018)

(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 Family,
Don and I want to thank Michelle Crawford and all the crew of volunteers who so graciously gave up an early Saturday morning to work cleaning and beautifying our yard. Each one of you deserves a huge thank you! We are so blessed to belong to PCUMC and thank God for all of you.
Patti and Don Russell*

Church Office Deadlines

News deadline for the **October 1** newsletter is **12:00 noon on Friday, September 22.**

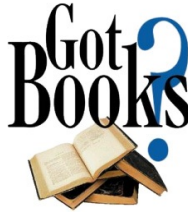
Sunday worship bulletin deadline is **12:00 noon on Wednesdays.** Please email all newsletter and/or bulletin announcements to katie@piercechapel.com or call Katie at 706-327-9807, ext. 1.

Market your products or skills!

Saturday, October 14, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

All proceeds fund future Global Impact Celebrations!

Vendors are invited to "rent-a-space" to have the opportunity to sell their wares at Pierce Chapel. Please help us by telling any vendor you know who might wish to participate. This event will be well-advertised and we hope to draw another big crowd! Jewelry, candles, decorative items, gift baskets, bows, Christmas items, home decor, and so much more. Breakfast and BBQ lunch will also be available. Interested vendors (perhaps that's you!), can get the registration form on the website at piercechapel.com/marketday or contact Debbie Tew at tewfarm@mchsi.com.



Clear out your old books & DVDs

Donations of gently used books & DVDs (no CDs please) are requested for our "Media for Missions" booth at Market Day. 100% of the proceeds from this booth will go to fund Global Impact Celebrations as will all proceeds from Market Day. Bring book donations to the marked box near the Welcome Center.

Support Pierce Chapel's Mission Efforts with BBQ Tickets!

To support what God is doing in & through Pierce Chapel's missions ministry, we need your help selling BBQ lunch tickets for Market Day. Beginning Sunday, September 17, we're asking each family to take a pack of 4 tickets (\$8 each) to sell or purchase prior to Sunday, October 8. Please reach out to friends, neighbors, co-workers, extended family—they'll have an excellent meal & will be supporting God's work through Pierce Chapel. Menu is chopped BBQ pork, baked beans, cole slaw, & bread. Please get your tickets on Sundays, and return the money for the tickets as well as the completed stubs no later than Sunday, October 8. Thanks for participating!



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AND
GIGANTIC.**

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Methodist Children's Home Work Day Offering Sunday, September 17

Would you give 1/365th of what you earn in one year to help abused and neglected children? Once a year, we have the opportunity—through the Methodist Children's Home Work Day Offering—to give a day's wages to help the Methodist Home for Children and Youth (which includes Our House/Carpenter's Way). A typical day at work becomes a labor of love for "the least of these." Come on Sunday, September 17, prepared to give hope and help mend broken childhoods! Checks for this special offering should be made payable to Pierce Chapel and earmarked "Children's Home." Give the gift of hope!

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.

Bonus Christmas Cantata Rehearsal

September 16, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Join us in the music suite on Saturday, September 16, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon for a bonus cantata rehearsal. Please email Donna at donnappounds@live.com if you will need childcare. Be sure to include the child's name and age in the email.

Called Administrative Council Meeting

Monday, September 25, 7:00 p.m.
In Worship Center

GO Team

Thursday, September 28, 6:30 p.m.
In Conference Room



National Alliance on Mental Illness

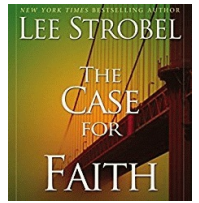
Pierce Chapel hosts a Connection Recovery Group Meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Room 216.

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 21. 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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEN

**"If God is love, then what about
all the suffering in our world?"**

Many people grapple with serious concerns about faith in God. As in a court of law, they want to shout, "Objection!" They say, "If Jesus is the door to heaven, then what about the millions who have never heard of him?" Or, "If God cares for everyone, then why does he eternally torture some in hell?" In *The Case for Faith*, legally trained investigative reporter Lee Strobel turns his investigative skills to those objections--the eight "heart" barriers to faith.



The Case for Faith is for those who are faced with intellectual barriers standing squarely in their path to Jesus. For Christians, it will deepen their convictions and give them fresh confidence in discussing Christianity with even their most skeptical friends. Join our men's Bible study **beginning Sunday, September 17**. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, 6:00-7:15 p.m. in room 215.

MEN FOR CHRIST

Monday, September 18, 6:30 p.m. in Youth Barn

Our guest speaker will be Randy Robertson, a 30-year veteran of the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office and President of the Fraternal Order of Police. Dinner will be provided. **To make a reservation**, contact Robbie Nicholas at nicholas.robby237@gmail.com.

BE WATCHFUL
STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH
ACT LIKE MEN
BE STRONG
LET ALL THAT YOU DO
BE DONE IN LOVE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

Mary/Martha Women's Group

The Mary/Martha Women's Group will be studying *Uninvited* by Lysa TerKeurst on Mondays, beginning October 2, for 6 weeks. In *Uninvited* Lysa lays out a heartfelt means to managing the fears, rejection, insecurities, and unsteadiness we all experience. Join us Monday, October 2 as we laugh, tear up, and become seriously convicted in our own journey of faith. We will meet 7:00-8:15 p.m. at the home of Barbara Rouse (see address below).

Growing in Grace Book Club So many books to read, so little time!

A new quarterly book study group is beginning this fall. This group is open to women of all ages who love to read. We will read one book a quarter, then meet for a pot luck supper to discuss the book. This fall, we are reading *Of Mess and Moxie* by Jen Hatmaker. Read the book on your own time, then we will meet on Monday, November 27, at the home of Barbara Rouse for dinner, fellowship, and discussion.

Barbara Rouse's address is 3344 Shirehill Lane. Please contact Barbara for more info about Mary/Martha or Growing in Grace Book Club 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 arntb@knology.net.

Confirmation Info Event

Saturday, September 23

6:00-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Barn

Attention, all youth (7th-12th grades) and parents! You are invited to our "Confirmation Info Event" at Pierce Chapel! **Youth**, if you have never been part of a Confirmation Class at Pierce Chapel, please come to find out what Confirmation is all about. It's open to 7th grade and up, to anyone who has never been part of a Confirmation Class at Pierce Chapel before. We'll eat supper, play some games, talk about what Confirmation involves, and hear from some of our Confirmation veterans from previous classes. It should be FUN! **Parents**, we need you there too! Confirmation requires the whole family's support, so we need you to hear all about it. To register for the Saturday night info event, please email lynn@piercechapel.com so we can have enough pizza for everyone.



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.

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
Jan Greene	706-683-1547
Bill Wall	706-683-7659
Linda Todd	706-683-7765
Laura Gardner	706-683-1576
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).



Sunday Night Youth - New Format! Except for 3rd Night (Sept. 17), all youth (7th-12th grades) will meet in the barn for supper, free-time and praise and worship beginning at 5:30 p.m. Then, Jessica Stanley and her team will split off with the 7th & 8th grade students and head to the Worship Center while high school students will remain in the barn. Each age group will experience an interactive lesson including activities and discussion tailored to them.

New Wednesday Night Schedule with Small Groups: Student Small Groups will begin Wednesday, September 20 and the start and end times will change to 6:00-7:45 p.m. with small groups from 6:00-6:50 p.m. and Ultimate from 7:00-7:45 p.m.. Students should bring their own fast food to their small group or eat ahead of time. Middle school students (7th & 8th grades) will meet together in the Youth Barn and high school students (9th-12th grades) will meet in groups in classrooms in the main building. Student Small Groups will be followed by the option of Ultimate Frisbee or a game in the barn, 7:00-7:45 p.m.

Third Night will be Sunday, September 17 at Brookstone School, 6:00-7:45 p.m. 3rd Night is a high-energy monthly worship night with area youth groups. It includes fun and games, a professional band and lighting, engaging speakers and a great snack to end the night. For those in His Image: You will rehearse at PC at regular time (4:30-5:30), eat pizza quickly at PC at 5:30, and then head to Brookstone asap. (Please arrange transportation to Brookstone or let Nathan know you will need a ride.) If you're not in His Image, please go straight to Brookstone at 6:00! Pick-up for all students is at Brookstone at 7:45 p.m.

Fundraiser for FYR: Registrations are now due for Fall Youth Retreat on October 6-8. Our theme is: Life Apps - The app store isn't the only place you can find apps. This weekend we will challenge students to live outside of their phone and get plugged into the Bible. We will explore five life apps from the Bible including: forgiveness, confession, rest, trust, and encouragement. Each retreat session will include worship, biblical instruction, interactive games and illustrations, and breakout groups led by college students and adults. Camp will be located in the foothills of the Appalachians at Camp Lee in Anniston, AL. Activities will include: group games, organized activities, rock climbing, zip lining and more! Cost for the retreat is \$125 per student and covers transportation, food, lodging and program. It's not too late to sign up but registration forms and promise to pay deposits of \$50 are due!

L.I.G.H.T. (Ladies Inspiring God's Holy Truth) Calling all High School aged young women! Please join us for our High School girls' discipleship group on Monday, September 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Barn. Call or text Autumn at 706-570-6523 for more information.

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 Tuesday, October 17, 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the home of Stephen Childers (8001 Chapel Lake Drive). Call or text Stephen at 706-905-1701 for more information.

FYR (pronounced "fire"): Our fall youth retreat is fast approaching on October 6-8. Our theme is: Life Apps - The app store isn't the only place you can find apps. This weekend we will challenge students to live outside of their phone and get plugged into the Bible. We will explore five life apps from the Bible including: forgiveness, confession, rest, trust, and encouragement. Each retreat session will include worship, biblical instruction, interactive games and illustrations, and breakout groups led by college students and adults. Camp will be located in the foothills of the Appalachians at Camp Lee in Anniston, AL. Activities will include: group games, organized activities, rock climbing, zip lining and more! Cost for the retreat is \$125 per student and covers transportation, food, lodging and program. Promise to pay deposits of \$50 are due along with registration forms — DUE NOW!

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