

Welcome

September 17, 2017
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Statement of Mission and Faith

Leader: What is the mission of Pierce Chapel?

People: The mission of Pierce Chapel is to develop mature disciples who know, love, and serve Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Leader: What do you believe?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *universal

*Hymn of Praise "Your Grace Is Enough" No. 3106

Great is your faithfulness, O God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart. You lead us by still waters into mercy, and nothing can keep us apart. So remember your people, remember your children remember your promise, O God.

Chorus: Your grace is enough, your grace is enough,
your grace is enough for me. Your grace is enough,
your grace is enough, your grace is enough for me.

Great is your love and justice, God. You use the weak to lead the strong. You lead us in the song of your salvation, and all your people sing along. So remember your people, remember your children, remember your promise, O God. (Chorus)

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God, I see your grace is enough. I'm covered in your love. Your grace is enough for me, for me.

Musical Word "Family of Faith" arr. Choplin

Children's Sermon

(After the children's sermon, children age 3-kindergarten are invited to go to Children's Church across the hall in Room 315, and children in 1st-4th grades are invited to go to Chapel Kids in the Chapel.)

*Hymn of Meditation "More Love to Thee, O Christ" No. 453

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee! Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee. This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; now thee alone I seek, give what is best. This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

Morning Prayer The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Greeting

*Hymn of Praise "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" No. 365

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt! Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss; grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the refuge, the mighty cross. (Refrain)

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide. What can avail to wash it away? Look! There is flowing a crimson tide, brighter than snow you may be today. (Refrain)

*Prayer for the Offering (8:30) Craig Rhinehart (11:00) Tonya Hill

Receiving the Offering

*Doxology ("Praise God")

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Written Word Matthew 7:1-5

Spoken Word

*Song of Commitment "Amazing Grace" No. 378

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

*Benediction

*Please stand as you are able.

CONNECTION CARD

Name _____ Email _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Names of other family members (include grades for children or youth): _____

Service attending: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Check all that apply: I shime guest Returning guest

I shime filling out this card Update contact info

How did you hear about Pierce Chapel? _____

DECISION CARD

Name _____

Address _____


Phone _____

Email _____

I would like to:

- Receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.
- Recommit my life to Jesus Christ.
- Talk with the pastor.
- Be baptized.
- Become a member of Pierce Chapel.

Questions and/or comments: _____

 *Prayer Request*
Please write your prayer request below so we may join with you in prayer.

Please pray for _____

Requested by _____

Would you like to be informed when prayers are lifted up? Yes / No

Email _____

Phone# _____

Please place completed form in the offering plate today or in the locked box at the Welcome Center. Your request will be communicated promptly to our 15-member Prayer Team.

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

September 17, 2017

Attendance Sunday School: 254 Sunday Night:
8:30 Worship: 212 Youth: 38 + 4 adults + 4 supper helpers
11:00 Worship: 294 Tweenagers: 6 + 2 adults
Total in both services: 506

<u>Offering</u> Generously Given	\$26,605.89
Generously Given to Date	\$569,658.18
Budgeted to Date for Ministry	\$574,971.00
Benevolence Fund	\$115.00
Faith Promise (Mission Offering) Generously Given to Date	\$40,161.84
South GA Conference UMCOR (Hurricane Relief)	\$745.00
Open Door Community House (Sunday School Offering)	\$45.02
Ronald McDonald House (Sunday School Offering)	\$103.00
Building by Faith	\$2,687.00
Building by Faith Loan Principal	\$1,018,263.60
Targeted Monthly Payment	\$13,527.00
Building by Faith Month-to-Date Generously Given	\$4,340.00
Building by Faith Month-to-Date Shortage/Overage	(\$9,187.00)



Thank you for worshiping with us at Pierce Chapel today. We hope you'll be encouraged and inspired by your experience here. If this is your first time at Pierce Chapel, please take one of the colored bags found at the Welcome Center. It's our little gift to you! Again, thank you for being here today. May God bless you.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the audio-visual booth at the back of the Worship Center.

A "cry room" with closed-circuit TV capability (Room 305) is available across the hall for parents of infants and toddlers who wish to keep their children with them for the service but feel more comfortable in a more child-friendly environment.

Copies of this week's calendar are available on the credenzas in the hallway.

PIERCE CHAPEL STAFF

Rev. Howard G. White	Pastor
Rev. Lynn Meadows-White	Minister of Discipleship
Nathan Carr	Director of Youth Ministries
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Donna Pounds	Service Accompanist/Choir Director
Debi Van Noy	Preschool Director
Katie Ingram	Church Secretary
Dawn Krueger	Financial Secretary
Jessica Stanley	Youth Ministry Assistant
Allison Williams	Ministry Intern
Justin Daniel	Tweenager Intern
Katie Ingram	Nursery Director/Caregiver
Kiddy Seifu	Nursery Caregiver
Lisa Courtney	Custodian
Steven McKenzie	Set-Up Custodian
Jarod Ingram	Security

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Confirmation Info Event

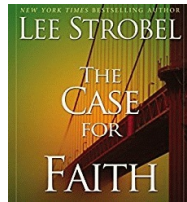
Next Saturday, September 23, 6:00-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Barn

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.

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 today, 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

Tomorrow, 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, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate** or 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

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

Mary/Martha Women's Group

The Mary/Martha Women's Group will be studying *Uninvited* by Lysa TerKeurst beginning October 2. 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 information about Mary/Martha or the Growing in Grace Book Club at rousehouse54@yahoo.com or 706-464-0425.

Support Pierce Chapel's Mission Efforts with BBQ Tix!



Take a pack of 4 BBQ tickets (\$8 each) and reach out to friends, neighbors, co-workers and extended family to offer them the chance to purchase a BBQ plate — they'll have an excellent meal & will be supporting God's work through Pierce Chapel. Please get your tickets near the Welcome Center, and return the money for the tickets as well as the completed stubs no later than Sunday, October 8.



Clear out your old books and 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 help fund future Global Impact Celebrations. Bring book donations to the marked box near the Welcome Center.

YOUTH NEWS: *His Image* Youth Choir WILL meet today at regular time (4:30-5:30), and pizza will be provided at 5:30 here at Pierce Chapel for those in *His Image* who are going straight to 3rd Night at Brookstone School at 6:00 p.m. 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.

Our Calendar for the week

Sunday, September 17

4:00 PM Lay Leadership Team in Conference Room
4:30 PM Children's Choirs in Worship Center
4:30 PM His Image Youth Choir in Room 302
5:30-7:30 PM *W.O.W. (Women of the Word) in Hospitality Room
5:30-7:30 PM Tweenagers (5th-6th grades) supper/meeting
6:00-7:45 PM Youth (7th-12th grades) meet for 3rd Night at Brookstone School
6:00-7:15 PM Men's Fellowship Bible Study in Room 216

Monday, September 18

9:15-11:15 AM *W.O.W. (Women of the Word) in Youth Barn
6:30-7:30 PM Adult Handbells in Room 108
6:30 PM Men for Christ in Youth Barn

Tuesday, September 19

9:00-10:30 AM Senior Exercise in Youth Barn
6:30-8:00 PM Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts throughout church
7:00 PM Tabitha's Heart in home of Tina Armistead

Wednesday, September 20

4:15-4:45 PM Chapel Chimes (5th-7th grades) in Room 108
4:50-5:25 PM Youth Handbells (8th-12th grades) in Room 108
5:30-7:00 PM *Harbuck Community Group in Room 210
5:30-6:30 PM Youth (7th-8th grades) Small Groups in Youth Barn
5:30-6:30 PM Youth (9th-12th grades) Small Groups in main building
6:30-7:30 PM Youth (7th-12th grades) Ultimate Frisbee
7:30-8:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal in Room 302
8:00-8:30 PM Christmas Cantata Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 21

9:00-10:30 AM Senior Exercise in Youth Barn
11:30 PM Happy Achers sack lunch & games in Hospitality Room
5:30-6:00 PM Prayer Team in Room 105
6:00 PM Stephen Ministry in Room 210
6:30-8:00 PM Financial Peace University in Worship Center
6:30-8:00 PM N.A.M.I. (National Alliance on Mental Illness) in Room 216

Friday, September 22

6:30-8:30 PM Circle of Faith Party in Youth Barn

Saturday, September 23

9:00-10:30 AM Senior Exercise in Youth Barn
6:00-8:30 PM Confirmation Info Event in Youth Barn

*Indicates loving childcare provided for infant to 36 months.