



# 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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## Making Disciples: Confirmation 2018

*Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."  
Matthew 28:19-20*

How did Jesus make disciples? He did it by calling people to follow Him, by spending time with them, by sharing His life with them, and by allowing them to see and hear what it means to be His disciple. Like Jesus, we at Pierce Chapel are in the business of making disciples. In fact, we believe that that's our primary responsibility as a church.

Disciple-making starts young, and it continues throughout our lives. But there are certain points along the way when it's important to call people to commitment, to give them a chance to choose life as a disciple of Jesus Christ. And it's important to give them role models and mentors (of all ages) to follow, so that they can see and hear what it looks like to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. The process we call Confirmation is an opportunity for young people to hear the call of Jesus and to respond intentionally while learning and growing alongside other disciples.

Below are the members of Pierce Chapel's 2018 Confirmation Class, along with their adult mentors, their prayer partners, and their students mentors, who will be encouraging them and helping to connect them in meaningful ways to the Pierce Chapel youth ministry. The confirmands and adult mentors will spend the next four months engaged in weekly sessions that help them explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. At the end of those four months, each youth will have the opportunity to profess their faith in Christ publicly (maybe for the first time, or maybe publicly acknowledging a spiritual decision they had already made), and to commit to being a disciple of Jesus Christ. May all of our efforts together yield spiritual fruit that will bring glory to God!

With expectation & joy,  
Lynn & Howard

### Confirmand

Xavier Ayala  
Brenden Balsinger  
Abbigail Baugher  
R.J. Baugher  
Slade Croxton  
Ty Eldridge  
Charlie Evans  
Mason Jenkins  
Andrew Korytoski  
Meri Claire Marano  
Leah McCoy  
Nick Putnam  
Lawson Ragan  
Olivia Ryan  
Joseph Tabor  
Jackson Taylor  
Jeffrey Thiel  
George Edward Thompson

### Mentor

Windle McKenzie  
Ronnie Baugher  
Debby Balsinger  
Ray Waldheim  
Stephen Childers  
Craig Rhinehart  
Linda Laye  
Kevin Pinet  
Warren Mason  
Alicia Vinson  
Shannon Wooldridge  
Bruce Getz  
Gary Robinette  
Resa Lord  
Marty Graves  
Rick Rouse  
Chad Hasty  
J.J. Seman

### Student Mentor

Jack Kellum  
Wesley Rhinehart  
Annika Ryan  
Graham Hasty  
Philip Korytoski  
Sam Lord  
Emma Williams  
Devin Williams  
Devin Williams  
Laura Liesendahl  
Katherine Liesendahl  
Jack Kellum  
Ethan Wells  
Regan Tew  
Lucas Sheppard  
Taylor Davis  
Tripp Davis  
John Howard White

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Fred Van Noy  
Maria Hassel  
Jon Long  
Yvonne Proft  
Patti Russell  
Elaine McKenzie  
Juline Maholick  
Lynn Ingram  
LaRae Snipes  
Grace Davis  
J/J Duckworth  
Jane Armour  
Denise Rhinehart  
Becky Goldsmith  
Francis Gardner  
Kathy Robison  
Debbie Duke

## 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)

Pierce Chapel UMC

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## NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Cliff & Virginia Brewer

## ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

Michil Abitew (Kiddy Seifu's brother)  
Carolyn Billings  
Freddie Blanton  
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  
Savannah Delisle (Fritzie Fulton's granddaughter)  
Will & Debbie Duke  
Ben Dunton (Linda Socci's son)  
Marcia English  
Malachi Estevez (Leila Cantrell's great-grandson)  
Fritzie Fulton  
Linda Lewis (friend of Margie Grosser)  
LaVerne McClellan  
Pati Miller  
Hugh & Barbara Morris  
Julia Payne  
Don & Patti Russell  
Danny Seifu (Kiddy Seifu's son)  
Cheryl Seymour  
Mickie Tennyson  
Linda Todd  
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

## PIERCE CHAPEL'S EXPECTANT MOTHER LIST

Kasey Frisbee (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.

*We express our love and sympathy to:*

— Lisa & Luis Diaz at the death of Lisa's mother, Joleen Oney, on December 10.

— Dawn Krueger at the death of her mother, Sherry Beck, on December 23.

## **Church Office Deadlines**

News deadline for the **January 15** newsletter is **12:00 noon on Monday, January 8.**

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.

## **IT'S GAME NIGHT!**

### **TWEENAGERS** (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades)

Wednesday, January 3, 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Join us for a night food, games and contests including Australian hide & seek, Minute-to-Win-It games, dance-off and more! Friends are welcome!

### **YOUTH** (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

Wednesday, January 3, 4:00-9:00 p.m.

Join us for ultimate frisbee at 4:00, pizza at 6:00, and a Mario Cart tournament and video games until 9:00 p.m. Students, please bring a change of clothes (to wear after ultimate frisbee) and video games/systems/controllers if you have them.

## **HUMAN RELATIONS DAY**

**Sunday, January 14**

**Your gift gives ordinary people an extraordinary voice.**

*"Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute."  
Proverbs 31:8*



*That's Amore*  
Youth Fundraiser  
Friday, January 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
*Get your loud voices and passionate hand gestures ready for a hilarious and joyful evening - Italian style*

Save the date for a spaghetti, salad and garlic bread dinner. We will also have a silent cake auction, followed by a variety show of local Pierce Chapel talent and funny home videos. Tip jars will be available on each table as a way to say thank you for great service.

All proceeds will benefit the Pierce Chapel Youth who will be serving as your waiters and waitresses for the night. *Talent acts of all ages needed! Reservation form coming soon.*



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Global Impact  
Celebration Sunday!  
Sunday, February 11

**God is always on the move**

## **SonPower Early Bird Rate** **Deadline: Sunday, December 31**

**His Image students and parents:** Sunday, December 31 is the absolute **last day** to register for SonPower at the *low, low* price of \$30 per student. Please contact Donna **immediately** to secure your place! (Even if you miss the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline, there are still opportunities to go...for \$28 more per person.)

## FROZEN ASSETS

Would you like to spend a few hours cooking in our kitchen while blessing others in our congregation? Then please join us Friday, January 5, 10:30 a.m. in the Pierce Chapel kitchen. The Frozen Assets Team will be preparing frozen meals that we will take to those in need at our church at a later date. We would love your help, but space is limited! To reserve your space or for any questions you might have, please text Susan Wooldridge at 706-358-2973.

## 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 Thelma Bunch at 706-610-6496.

**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.

### Finance Committee

Monday, January 15, 6:30 p.m.  
In the Conference Room

### Local Mission Team

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

### Administrative Council

Monday, January 29, 7:00 p.m.  
In the Worship Center



## Chick-fil-A Spirit Night!

Please make plans to attend Pierce Chapel Preschool's Chick-fil-A Spirit Night on **Tuesday,**

**January 2, 5:00-8:00 p.m.** Wear your Pierce Chapel shirt (if you have one), stop by Chick-fil-A at Kitten Lake in Midland, and tell them you are there for Spirit Night. A portion of your purchase comes back to our preschool. We were able to put down new playground mulch using funds raised from our previous Spirit Nights! Invite friends and family to participate as well!

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

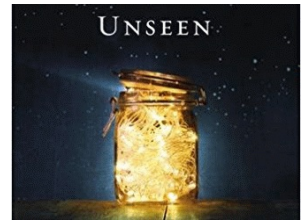


## W.O.W (Women of the Word)

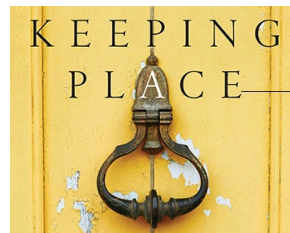
Join WOW for our new winter study: Priscilla Shirer's revised and expanded edition of *Discerning the Voice of God*. Through 7 sessions, discover the root to clear and daily communication with God - humble obedience. Learn how surrender unlocks His many blessings intended for us, centers us in His will, and helps us discern His voice in everyday life. Sunday WOW will begin on Sunday, January 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the hospitality room and will be led by Melissa Herndon. Monday WOW will start Monday, January 22, 9:15-11:15 a.m. in the Youth Barn and will be led by Kim Stanley-Heim. For more information or to request childcare, you may contact Melissa at [msh.blessed@gmail.com](mailto:msh.blessed@gmail.com) or 706-888-0084 or Kim at [kdstanley@gmail.com](mailto:kdstanley@gmail.com) or 865-771-1169. Study guides are available for purchase at Lifeway.

## Growing in Grace Book Club

We will be reading Sara Hagerty's book *Unseen* for our next book study. We will meet Monday, March 5, for a potluck supper at the home of Barbara Rouse to discuss "the gift of being hidden in a world that loves to be noticed."



## Mary/Martha Women's Bible Study



Home. There's nowhere quite like it. It's a safe place, a place of belonging, the place we feel secure. The Mary/Martha Women's Bible Study will be following up on Howard's sermon series *Coming Home* by studying Jen Pollock Michel's book *Keeping Place*. In this 5-part series, the author will take us on a journey through Scripture to uncover the meaning of home. Join us Mondays, beginning January 22, 7:00-8:30 p.m. as we study *Keeping Place*. Mary/Martha meets in the home of Barbara Rouse, 3344 Shirehill Lane. For more information, contact Barbara at 706-464-0425 or [rousehouse54@yahoo.com](mailto:rousehouse54@yahoo.com).

## Women's Winter Retreat February 2-4 in Pine Mountain

Theme: "Touchdown for the Word"

It's Super Bowl weekend, so let's get in the spirit and make a touchdown for the Word of God! Look forward to good food, great fellowship, lots of fun, and worshiping with your sisters in Christ.

Cost for one night \$70.00

Cost for two nights \$135.00

A \$30.00 deposit is needed with your reservation. This non-refundable deposit represents your "promise to pay" for the retreat. Your fee includes supper Friday and lunch Saturday. We will all share in the breakfast prep, and those staying two nights will pay for their own supper at Cricket's Saturday evening. A \$5.00 craft fee will be needed at the retreat. Please don't include it in your payment. For more information, contact Barbara Rouse at [rousehouse54@yahoo.com](mailto:rousehouse54@yahoo.com) or 706-464-0425.



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### January

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- 1 Jason Paulk
- 2 Eleanor White  
Chris & Paula Murphy's Anniversary
- 4 Louise Frazier  
Jarod & Katie Ingram's Anniversary  
Len & Fay Williams' Anniversary
- 5 Robert Ribolini
- 6 Josh Jinright, Amy Kellum, Valerie McClung & Drake McClung
- 7 Sara Haskell & Rachael (Hartin) Wilhelm  
Michael & Kristen Smith's Anniversary
- 9 Andy Bourke & Mac Wooldridge
- 10 Mary Kathryn Alford & Betty Cartledge
- 11 Margaret Hunt, Clay Robinette & Morgan (Robinette) May
- 12 Marty Graves & Jenny Wilcox
- 13 Peggy Baltimore & Rick Mattson
- 14 Lonnie Freeman
- 15 Will Marano & Randy Watson
- 16 Paul & Pati Miller's anniversary
- 18 Jim Hawkins & Matthew Maholick  
Rich & Sallie Curtis' Anniversary
- 19 Yvonne Proft & Emma Castleberry
- 20 Rachael Mockalis & Sarah Mockalis
- 21 Tom Swilling & Randall Tew
- 22 Jesse Pace
- 23 David Blanchard & Paul Holmer-Monte
- 24 Seamus Skelley & Kyle Watson
- 25 Katie Blanchard, Mason Jenkins, Chandler McCann & Brian Williams
- 26 Danny Dudley, Steve Langford, Richard Mohney, Caylie Pace, Warren Wilcox & Christian Schmitt
- 27 Lauren Bush, Kathy Davis, Rebecca Griffin, Emma Seets & Walker Williams  
Keith & Dana Seifert's Anniversary
- 28 Phil Penny  
Peggy & Mike Baltimore's Anniversary
- 29 Clay & Darlene Allen's Anniversary
- 30 Randy Pounds
- 31 Bryan Hooper & Philip Korytoski

## Faith Promise "Year" Ends on February 11, 2018

Our total Faith Promise this year is \$88,989.00, of which \$60,664.64 has been received. There is still time to fulfill your Faith Promise! Remember that this Faith Promise "year" will not end until February 11, 2018. If you made a Faith Promise for 2017, 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 at [lynn@piercephapel.com](mailto:lynn@piercephapel.com).

# Youth group SCHEDULE

**Sunday Night Youth** - 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.

**Wednesday Night Schedule with Small Groups** - Student Small Groups are 6:00-6:50 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 games in the barn, 7:00-7:45 p.m. We will have a game day on Wednesday, January 3 (see details below)

**Youth Game Day** - Join us Wednesday, January 3, 4:00-9:00 p.m. for a day of fun! We'll play ultimate frisbee at 4:00, eat pizza at 6:00, then have a Mario Kart tournament and play video games until 9:00 p.m. Students, please bring a change of clothes (to wear after ultimate frisbee) and video games/systems/controllers if you have them.

**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 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Youth Barn. Call or text Stephen Childers at 706-905-1701 for more information.

**Winter Ski Retreat 2018** - Saturday, February 17-Tuesday, February 20. It's getting cold and we're going skiing! We're returning to Winterplace ski resort in Ghent, WV and lodging at the Cabins at Pine Haven. We'll experience two full days of skiing at Winterplace, and we'll worship, learn and share together at the Pine Haven Lodge. The last two years have been a joyful and meaningful time to get away and be together with just our group. Winterplace is a great facility and a good place for beginners to learn to ski or snowboard - but don't worry, there's plenty of tougher terrain too! The Cabins at Pine Haven are beautiful and cozy and they even have hot tubs on the porches! Base cost is \$290/student. \$100 Promise to Pay deposits are due Sunday, December 3. Space is limited to 28 students and it is filling fast! Pick up an info packet at youth for more details. Questions or concerns? Contact Nathan Carr at 706-464-7548.

## 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 pray and page today.

### CURRENT PRAYER PAGERS

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

**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](mailto:profty@bellsouth.net)).

### Reminder about how to contact Will Duke:

We praise God that Will and Debbie Duke are HOME! They arrived home on December 23, but will have to return to M. D. Anderson in Houston the first week of January for continued monitoring. Remember that though Will doesn't have a prayer pager, you can still let him know you've prayed for him by texting 111 to Debbie's phone at 706-304-7206. Please do not expect a text conversation — just type 111 and they will know someone has prayed for them.