



Chaires Methodist Church:
 “A Lighthouse Guiding People to Christ”

Palm Sunday: Missing the Meaning

Hindsight is always 20/20. Yet while we are in a particular situation, we tend to make things out to be what they aren't and infer wrong meanings. We kick ourselves, thinking, If only I had known then what I know now!

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem must have been one of those moments for His disciples. It had appeared to be such a wonderful day for them—and it was, but for different reasons than they realized. They thought the Messiah had come to reestablish Israel's power in the world. But God had something else in mind.

The disciples weren't the only ones who had misconceptions about the Messiah. Many Jews of the day expected Him to be an earthly king. When the crowds heard Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they cheered, “Hosanna!” which means, “Save now!” They saw Him as their new King, come to bring salvation from political and societal oppression. He raised the dead—no doubt he could also restore the kingdom of David and free them from Roman rule.

Seated upon a donkey, Jesus resembled a ruler returning to his city in peacetime, loyal subjects lining his path with coats and palm fronds. Even the Pharisees were there watching in indignation, saying, “Look, the world has gone after Him” (John 12:19).

This week, think back to those times when circumstances looked one way but turned out to be something else entirely. Remember when you realized God was different than you imagined and saw His will unfold in surprising ways. Look for an opportunity to share your insight with a friend or loved one.

Church Council will meet TODAY from 11:30 am -1:00 pm.

Today is the last day for ordering Easter lilies. Please give your slips to Mary Alice Linzy.



Men's Breakfast on April 3
 from 8-9:30 AM. Bring a friend!

Sign up on the back table.

MAUDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Chaires Methodist Church will be having a special Maundy Thursday worship service on **March 28th @ 7:00 pm in the historic sanctuary**. There will be a special reader's theater that will require volunteers to make it happen. We need 12 volunteers that will read the parts of various apostle's that were in that upper room with Jesus prior to Good Friday. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Kerry Foote to receive a part in the reader's theater.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Chaires Methodist Church will be having “A Service of Tenebrae” for **Good Friday on March 29th @ 7:00 pm in the historic sanctuary**. A Service of Tenebrae, or "Shadows," is based on a twelfth-century late night service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ.

HOLY SATURDAY PRAYER VIGIL

Chaires Methodist Church will be hosting a Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil on **March 30th from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm in the historic sanctuary**. Holy Saturday offers us an invitation to quiet prayer and stillness as we join Mary and Martha as they sit before the tomb and keep watch. This is the last day of Lent, and the church will be open for individuals and families to come by to spend time in prayer and reflection to prepare for Easter.

Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast Sign Up

We'll be celebrating Easter with a service and breakfast at the Petrandis Farm from 7:30-9 am on Easter morning. There is a sign-up sheet for folks who will be attending and volunteers who will provide food. Sunday School and worship will follow at the church.

Liturgists for Worship

We would like members of the congregation to participate in the worship service by reading the Call to Worship and the scripture readings. If you are interested, a sign-up sheet is on the long back table.

As we worship in person, all church services will continue to be posted after 1 pm each Sunday through the church website at chairesmethodist.church.

Adult Sunday School

This class will be meeting each Sunday at 9 AM



If you would like to place flowers in the church during, please sign up on the bulletin board opposite the restrooms.

The Upper Room for March and April is available on the back shelf in the sanctuary.

Giving Through Our Website

Go to <https://chairemethodist.church> and just click the blue GIVE button and you will be taken to the church REALM site. The church secretary can help you set up your account.

March Birthdays

Susan Capelouto 3

Christy Alley 14

Jim Taylor 25

March Anniversaries

Rick & Paula Davies 11

Jerry & Janet Cayson 28

Chaires Staff	
Pastor	Rev. Kerry Foote
Secretary	Susan Capelouto (secretarychairesumc@gmail.com)
Music Director	Gerry Nielsen
Custodian	Janet Cayson
Audio/Visual	Marty Holland

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Save-the-Date

- March 28-Maundy Thursday Reader's Theater 7 pm
- March 29-Good Friday Service 7:00 pm
- March 30- Holy Saturday Vigil 6am-6 pm
- March 31-Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast at Petrandis Farm @7:30-9:00 a.m. followed by Sunday School and 10 am worship service.
- March 31-Sign up for Spring Bible Study begins.
- April 3- Men's Breakfast 8-9:30 am
- April 25-Bible Study (*The Rock, The Road, and the Rabbi*) begins.



If you would like Pastor Kerry to call or visit, please let Susan, the secretary, or Pastor Kerry know. His contact information is in the bulletin.



Members

Marion Lollie and her husband, Sammie
Mike and Carol Stallard

Friends and Family

Jonathan Crum
 Debbie Degagne (friend of Terry Hatcher)
 Daesena Lewis (co-worker of Renee Grubb)
 Pastor Bill Petersen
 Fred Taylor (friend of Don & Gail Dampier)
 Dennis & Sandra Rackley (brother & sister-in-law of Diane Matthews)
 Donnie Dampier (son of Don & Gail Dampier)
 Stevie Hubbard (son of Edie Hubbard)
 Christian Foote & all those deployed
 Family of Dell Speigner (friend of Diane Matthews)
 Pat and Bob McNealy

A praise that a particular person is attending church.