



Chaires Methodist Church:  
"A Lighthouse Guiding People to Christ"

## No Fear

The Bible is full of commands. But do you know what the most common one is?

Don't be afraid. You'll find it 365 times in Scripture—including several times in the Easter story. "Don't be afraid" were the first words the angel told those who showed up at the tomb on Easter morning. They were also the first words Jesus spoke after the resurrection.

It's no wonder why it's a common theme of the Bible and in the Easter story: **Fear is humanity's most common problem.** You might not think you're a fearful person. But if you think about it, you may realize that many of your decisions are based on fear, such as the fear of what people think of you and the fear of failure.

But Easter brings good news! Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, you can now live without fear. The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, "[Jesus] included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own" (MSG).

When you live according to the resurrection of Christ, the Bible says you're living a better life, a life where you're free from fear. In fact, there are two truths about the resurrection that will set you free from fear if you understand them.

**First, you know Jesus tells you the truth.** Throughout history many people have claimed to be God or the Messiah—but only one proved it. The Bible says, "[Jesus] was declared to be God's Son with great power by rising from the dead" (Romans 1:4 NCV).

Without the resurrection, you couldn't trust anything Jesus said. But you can trust what Jesus says about God, heaven, and everything else he taught because he rose from the dead like he said he would.

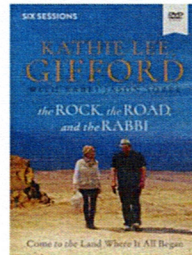
**Second, you know death isn't the end.** Until Jesus rose from the dead, people didn't know if there was life after death because there was no proof. Jesus changed that. The Bible tells us, "God raised the Lord Jesus from the dead, and we know that God will also raise us with Jesus" (2 Corinthians 4:14 NCV). You don't need to fear death, because Jesus' resurrection shows us that death isn't the end of the story. It's really the beginning of your best life—your eternal life in God's presence.

Learning to live without fear will transform your life now!



**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.**

**Sign up for an exciting adventure from April 25-May 30!**



Kathie Lee invites you to join her as she visits sites in Israel that have impacted her life. As she shares her story, Rabbi Jason Sobel, a messianic Jewish rabbi who was trained in the ancient rabbinical way, provides fascinating background details into the language, culture and

heritage that make the story of the New Testament come alive. Kathie Lee and Rabbi Sobel will take you and your group beyond the typical "Sunday school" teaching to examine the original texts of the Bible.

Now you can walk with Kathie on a journey through the spiritual foundations of her faith:

- **The Rock (Jesus Christ):** Hear directly from Kathie about her life-changing and ever-deepening connection with Jesus, the Lover of her soul.
- **The Road (Israel):** Explore dozens of ancient landmarks and historical sites from Israel, the promised land of God's covenant.
- **The Rabbi (God's Word):** Go beyond a Sunday-school approach to the Bible by digging into the original languages and deeper meanings of the Holy Scriptures.



Residing Hope, formerly known as the FL Methodist Children's Home, will be our mission focus for April. We will collect a special offering throughout the month and include articles in the newsletter. If you wish for your donation to be recorded on your church giving statement, make your check out to *Chaires Methodist Church* and write *Residing Hope* in the memo line.

### **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.



### The Choir Needs YOU!

All skill levels are welcome as long as you love music and fellowship with great folks! Practice is on Wednesdays @ 6:30

PM in the sanctuary. For more info, contact:

Gerry Nielson (321-652-5361; gerryniel@gmail.com)

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](http://chairesmethodist.church).

### Adult Sunday School

This class meets 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://chairesmethodist.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.

If you would like to receive the newsletter from the Florida Global Methodist Church, go to <https://floridagmc.org> and you can subscribe at the bottom of the page.

#### April Birthdays

Wanda Messer 1  
Gordon Lightfoot 9  
Jeanette Wood 14  
Debbie Pahl 15  
Barbara Palmer 17  
Franklin Chaires 23  
Mike Stallings 28

#### April Anniversaries

Michael & Debbie Pahl 9  
Dale & Susan Thompson 11

#### Chaires Staff

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



We are looking for volunteers who are willing to go out to veterinarian services to provide families who have to put their pets to sleep with prayer and support.

Please contact Pastor Kerry Foote if you are interested at [pastor.foote@outlook.com](mailto:pastor.foote@outlook.com) or cell phone: (305)407-7040.



#### Members

Barbara Palmer  
Marion Lollie and her husband, Sammie  
Mike and Carol Stallard  
Lance Harrison

#### Friends and Family

Beulah Holmes (aunt of Dale Thompson)  
Mary Taylor  
Mark & Sandra Harrison (cousin & aunt of Diane Matthews)  
Sara Weitzel (friend of Terry Hatcher)  
Unspoken  
Rishan Pala (young student of Amy Clark)  
Amy & Russell Clark  
Wendy Brown (friend of the Berrys)  
Brett Roddenberry  
Jack & Christine Stephens (brother-in-law and sister-in-law of Pete Peters)  
Esther Harrison  
Jonathan Crum  
Debbie Degagne (friend of Terry Hatcher)  
Daphne Lewis (co-worker of Renee Grubb)  
Pastor Bill Petersen  
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 who are in military service  
Pat and Bob McNealy

#### Praise

My granddaughter is graduating from college.  
Frances Chaires received a great medical report.  
Donnie Dampier was accepted into a clinical trial at Mayo in Jacksonville, FL.

