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### **THE NICENE CREED**

The Nicene Creed is deeply rooted in church history. It has been passed down through the ages and has often been recited in Evangelical, Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, and Catholic churches. It is a foundational declaration of our essential beliefs as Christians. In a world fraught with confusion over what it means to be a “Christian” the Nicene Creed calls us back to the core theology of our faith.

#### **The Origin of the Nicene Creed**

The early church was often persecuted and forced into secrecy. On top of the challenges of persecution, the early church of the first three centuries faced challenges of theological disputes.

When Constantine became the ruler of the Roman Empire, He tried to force people to become Christians. However, the church was very fractured in what it believed. To bring about some type of unity within the body of Christ, a council met in the city of Nicaea to determine what the core beliefs were of Christianity. Out of that council came the Nicene Creed. The earliest record of the Nicene Creed’s existence is recorded in a letter written by the council of Milan in 390 A.D.

Since the council’s decision, the Nicene Creed has remained the standard of Christian belief. Great protestant leaders throughout church history such as Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, Bucher, and Melancthon all affirmed the Nicene Creed and often quoted it in their writings.

Over the past 200 years, many churches particularly in the West stopped using the Nicene Creed. The reasons were varied. Fundamentalists claimed no creed but the Bible. Other evangelicals sacrificed doctrinal clarity in favor of more “seeker-sensitive” church services. Many wrestled with the word, “Catholic” in the prayer even though, the word catholic as used in the Nicene Creed means universal. It does not refer to a specific group.

Many churches today from various denominations and streams of Christianity are re-discovering the Nicene Creed. The statement calls the body of Christ to unity around the core doctrinal beliefs that define our faith. It is filled with deep theological truths about the nature of the Trinity and the finished work of Jesus.

### **JUNE’S MISSION MOMENTS**

For the month of June, our Mission for Chaires will be supporting our veterans and active-duty soldiers. The ways that you can support are listed below.



#### **Supportive Services for Veteran Families**

For very low-income Veterans, SSVF provides case management and supportive services to prevent the imminent loss of a Veteran's home or identify a new, more suitable housing situation for the individual and his or her family; or to rapidly re-house Veterans and their families who are homeless and might remain homeless without this assistance. See sign-up table for a list of items that can be purchased and donated.

#### **Military Care Packages From Home**

There is nothing that reminds a soldier of home, especially those that are stationed abroad, then to receive a “care package” while serving. If you would like to send a care package to a soldier, there is a list of soldiers that you can sponsor that will be posted next to our Daniel Chaires memorial along with copies of what you can and cannot send to our soldiers. Monetary donations to the Veterans Projects, it will be used for postage. Please note it in the memo line of your check or on the envelope.

If you have a family member that you would like to have put on our bulletin board, please see Susan Capelouto or Kerry Foote to provide information about the family member and a photo.

#### **Adult Sunday School**

This class meets each Sunday at 9 AM.



## Residing Hope (Madison Youth Ranch)

### Campus Tour

Chaires Methodist has scheduled a field trip for a tour of the Residing Hope (Madison Youth Ranch) on Thursday, June 27, 2024. We will be meeting at the church at 9:00 a.m. to carpool over to the ranch where we are scheduled for a 10:30 a.m. tour.

After the tour, we will be having lunch at Grumpy's Diner in Madison Florida on our way back to the church. If you would like to attend this event, please put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet located at the back of the multipurpose sanctuary. The sign-up will be available the next three Sundays.



*If you would like Pastor Kerry to call or visit, please let Susan, the secretary, or Pastor Kerry know.*



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.

## 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](https://chairesmethodist.church).

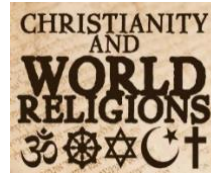
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### Chaires Staff

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

## New Sermon Series

For the month of June, Pastor Kerry will be introducing a new sermon series titled: **Christianity and World Religions**. During this series, he will be preaching on the 5 major world religions: **Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam**. We will learn what we have in common with these faiths of the world and what makes



Christianity different from these world faiths. If you have ever had the question, what makes Christianity different...this is a sermon series for you.

### 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.



### Members

Marty Holland	David Matthews
Mary Alice Linzy	Edie Hubbard

### Friends and Family

Michelle & Tom Ivie (daughter & son-in-law of Marion Lollie)

Family of Kenny Lawhorn

Casey and his mother

Grace Wallace-friend of Edie Peters

Debbie Mills-sister of Janet Cayson

Leona Cobb-aunt of Marty Holland

Glen Samuel - friend of Milan Novak

Pastor Bill Petersen

Betty Ann Cayson-relative of Janet Cayson

Stevie Hubbard-son of Edie Hubbard

Ed Nelson-Amy Clark's uncle



*Congratulations to Mrs. Verlie LaBounty (mother of Paula Davies) upon her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday on June 1, 2024!*

### June Birthdays

Verlie LaBounty1  
 Marion Lollie 1  
 Michae Linzy 4  
 Paula Davies 16  
 Lucia Lightfoot, Lucia 16  
 Nancy Hardison 19  
 Mike Stallard 20  
 Donna Wheeler 26  
 Ed Fannin 29

### June Anniversaries

Mike & Amber Stallings 17  
 David & Diane Matthews 29