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## Working for a Living

Some people hate to do it. Some love to do it. Some go to great lengths to avoid doing it. Some do it too much. While there are many different attitudes toward work, one thing remains constant: work must be done. Since the Garden of Eden everyone has worked or depended on someone else's work for their survival. Work sets a person's lifestyle—where you live, when you sleep and eat, the time with family, even your dress.

Another constant about work is the fact that God has a clear perspective on it, and we are to align our thoughts with His. As you reflect on your own attitude toward work, consider the following 8 principles that outline God's view of work:

**1) Work is ordained by God.** It was His creative invention from the beginning. The Bible declares that God worked (Genesis 1). By working we resemble God. Like God, you have the ability to work, make plans, implement them, and be creative. Additionally, God gave us the task of ruling over and taking care of His creation (Gen. Genesis 1:28, Genesis 2:15).

**2) Work is for a lifetime.** By the sweat of your face, you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground (Genesis 3:19). God intends that humans are to work as long as they live. Meaningful activity plays a critical role in being a human being - whether paid or volunteer. The magical age of 65 shouldn't end meaningful, purposeful work.

**3) Work is not a punishment.** God did not create work as drudgery, but as a gift of fulfillment to life. A human being can do nothing better than...find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without Him, who can eat or find enjoyment (Ecclesiastes 2:24-25)?

**4) Work has three purposes:** to provide money or resources to supply the necessities of life; to provide for

a quality of life in the satisfaction of doing a job well; and to serve God.

**5) Work calls for obedience.** Even when the boss isn't looking, a good worker is consistent and diligent in the task and loyal to the organization (Colossians 3:22). The real boss is Jesus Christ. See your job as service to Him - not simply your employer. Employers should treat employees with respect and fairness.

**6) Work should be done with excellence.** You are to render service, as to the Lord, and not to men (Ephesians 6:6-7); not to be men-pleasers but God-pleasers. God's standard of excellence needs to be the human standard.

**7) Work is honorable.** All professions and all kinds of work, assuming they are legal and biblically ethical, are honorable before the Lord. There is no dichotomy between sacred and secular work. All work brings glory to God and fulfillment to you, if it is done to God's glory (1 Corinthians 10:31).

**8) Work provides an opportunity for witness.** You manifest a powerful message, both verbal and nonverbal, of a supernatural approach to work. The world today needs this powerful witness to the reality of Christ and the difference that He makes in His followers. (Matthew 5:16)

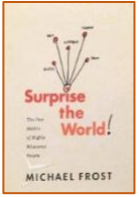
*A Celebration of Life for Bill Butler will be held on September 7 from 3:30-5:00 PM in the historical sanctuary followed by a catered meal. There is a sign up on the information for desserts.*



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

**Don't forget about the covered dish lunch TODAY!**  
**Adult Sunday School**

This class meets each Sunday at 9 AM.



## September Sermon Series

**Title:** *Surprise the World: The 5 Habits of Highly Missional People*

**Theme:** Evangelism

How many of us desire to give our congregations the tools and confidence they need to share their faith? In **Surprise the World** you'll find practical tips that will help our church cultivate powerful missional habits.

This 4-week series comes straight from Pastor Michael Frost's book by the same name, *Surprise the World*. Pastor Kerry will also be providing the congregation with specific chapters to read prior to Sunday's sermons so that congregants will have a preview of the sermon.

**Free books will be handed out after worship today.**

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### Choir News

Choir practice is on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Now is the time to join if you would like to be a part of the music during Advent and Christmastide. For more info, contact:

Gerry Nielson (321-652-5361; [gerryniel@gmail.com](mailto:gerryniel@gmail.com))

Church services will be posted after 1 pm each Sunday through the church website at

[chairesmethodist.church](http://chairesmethodist.church) .



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.

#### August Birthdays

Pete Peters 31

#### September Birthdays

Rick Davies 2

Tiffany Foote 2

Bobbie Harrison, 13

Ashley Leggett 13

Peters, Edie 13

Fletcher, Martha 14

Stallings, Amber 26

Hatcher, Mike 28

#### September

#### Anniversaries

Gordon & Lucia

Lightfoot 13

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.



## Sleep In Heavenly Peace (Back to School Mission Project)

Contact: Pastor Kerry Foote

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a national non-profit whose mission is to end child "bedlessness" and ensure that NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN! Chaires has decided that we will support this mission for the month of September, and it will be our back-to-school mission project. The event will happen on **September 7th** at the Lowes store on 5500 Commonwealth Blvd (exit 196 on I-10) starting at **8:30 a.m.** If you are interested in participating in this mission outreach, please sign-up on the back table and provide your e-mail so that we can send you the online registration that must be filled out to participate

*The Upper Room for September/October is on the shelf on the back wall of the sanctuary.*

### September Events

Sunday School every Sunday @ 9 AM

Worship every Sunday @ 10 AM

Choir practice every Wednesday at 6:30 PM

4-Men's breakfast 8-10 AM

7-Sleep in Heavenly Peace event 8:30 AM

7-Celebration of Life for Bill Butler 3:30 PM

Historic Sanctuary followed by a catered meal

21-Watermelons for LHS@ Cox Stadium

28-Chaires MC Women's Group 10 AM-Noon



### Members

Alice Simmons

### Friends and Family

Veronica and family (Tiffany Foote)

Family of Kyla Parker (Diane Matthews)

Torbin Dykes (cousin of Frances Chaires)

Donna Oxendine (niece of Frances Chaires)

Jay Hipps (friend of Frances Chaires)

Faye Jones (friend of Frances Chaires)

Lisa (neighbor of Frances Chaires)

Strauss family (neighbor of Frances Chaires)

Chelsea

Casey (friend of Sheila Novak)

Chelsea (neighbor of Kerry and Tiffany Foote)

Kay Comer (friend of Kerry and Tiffany Foote)

Becky Israel (sister-in-law of Janet Cayson)

Family of John Cox (friend of Frances Chaires)

Chris McDowell (friend of Renee Grubb)

Dwight McDonald (friend of Janet Cayson)

Giving Through Our Website

Regan Stokes (friend of Jeannette Woods)  
Donnie Dampier (son of Gail & Don Dampier)

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Faith Responders  
Missions & Outreach Contact: Sue  
Graham

Chaires Methodist Church is a part of the network of churches participating in the Global Methodist Church's *Faith Responders* outreach. Churches provide funds and volunteers to assist those who have experienced natural disasters, mainly in North Florida.

In August, the local focus has been on meeting needs arising after Hurricane Debby in the Live Oak area. Some volunteers have helped with debris cleanup, chainsaw work, and damaged home clean outs. Others have provided funds for gift cards, Bibles, plastic storage bins, hotel stays, and other helpful items.

Our District Faith Responder leader is Rev. Laura Lambert. In September, she will be holding a training overview to help let churches know how they can plug in to Global Methodist Church recovery efforts. Stay tuned.



Women's Group of Chaires Methodist Church

On August 24th, 13 ladies participated in putting together birthday cake kits for Marion Lollie to take to ECHO so that less fortunate folks can take one to celebrate special events with their families. Diane Matthews presented a birth-themed devotional. We were

**blest to have one of the women from Humble House with us.**

**On September 28th, Terry Hatcher will lead the ladies' group in making Christmas cards. She attends card-making classes and has some real expertise to offer. Y'all come!**



Pet Ministry News  
Contact: Sheila Novak

From Genesis 2:19-20 (The Message)

18-20 God said, "It's not good for the Man to be alone; I'll make him a helper, a companion." So, God formed from the dirt of the ground all the animals of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the Man to see what he would name them. Whatever the Man called each living creature, that was its name. The Man named the cattle, named the birds of the air, named the wild animals; but he didn't find a suitable companion."

We are looking for volunteers to help with a community pet pantry, located at Lake Jackson United Methodist Church, the third Saturday morning once a month to disburse pet food, and about an hour and a half sometime that week to portion and prepare for disbursement.

It's fun! Pet people are fun! Doing God's work is fun!

Call or email Sheila to learn more how you can serve

Community Pet Pantry Ministry  
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## Chaires Staff

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