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New Sermon Series

As the year comes to a close, we are reminded of God's unfailing presence in our lives. The Advent and

Christmas season is a sacred time to pause, reflect, and celebrate the blessings God has given us, even in the midst of challenges. This year, we invite you to join us for a special 4-week sermon series titled "**The Best Christmas Ever.**" Together, we'll

explore the traditional Advent themes of **hope, peace, joy, and love**—gifts from our Savior that truly make every Christmas the best one yet. Let us draw closer to the heart of Jesus as we reflect on what is truly important.



Advent Bible Study

Enhance your Advent journey by joining our **Advent Bible Study**, which aligns with the sermon series, "The Best Christmas Ever." These gatherings offer a time to dive deeper into God's Word and experience the profound truths of the season.

Morning Class: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. (Multi-Purpose Building)
Lite breakfast provided.

Evening Class: Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. (Pastor's Parsonage)
Potluck meal; bring a side dish to share. A main dish will be provided.
Zoom option available for those unable to attend in person.

Study Dates & Themes:

- **December 5, 2024 (Hope):** Discover the eternal hope we have in Jesus and how we can share His light with others.
- **December 12, 2024 (Peace):** Embrace the peace that surpasses all understanding, a precious gift from Christ.
- **December 19, 2024 (Joy):** Reflect on the joy rooted in our relationship with Jesus.
- **December 22, 2024 (Love):** Celebrate God's unconditional love, revealed through His Son, and learn to love others as He loves us.

Sign up on the information table or call the church office to receive materials and Zoom invitations.

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.

Giving Thanks For Our First Responders

Unfortunately, not everyone has the opportunity to spend time with their families on Thanksgiving. Our First responders: Police, Fire, and Medical Emergency Services have to work during this holiday to ensure that we have the vital services that they provide.

At Chaires we want to acknowledge their service and what they do for our community. So, on **Thursday, November 28 @ 9:00 a.m.** we will be delivering sweet goodies to our first responders as a way of saying "Thank You" for working on Thanksgiving.



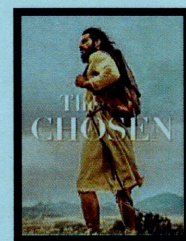
We need people to bring the homemade bake goodies to Chaires on Sunday, **November 24th following the 10:00 worship service and Wednesday, November 27th @ 5:00 pm.** On November 27th we will be boxing up all the sweet goodies.

Then on Thursday, **November 28th starting at 9:00 a.m.** we will be delivering those sweet thank you packages to the various first responders in the Tallahassee community.

Movies Under the Oaks

Every Friday starting @ 6:30 p.m.

Bring your field blankets and folding chairs. There is a complete schedule through April 11th on the information table. This event will be free to the community and food and refreshments will be provided: Hotdogs, soft pretzels, popcorn, lemonade, tea and hot chocolate on chilly nights. Movies will be projected on our 14 ft outdoor screen unless weather conditions do not allow for this and in that case, movies will be shown in multi-purpose sanctuary. **There is an UPDATED schedule of the movie dates and times on the information table.**



Choir Christmas Cantata/Holiday Mixer

Date: December 15, 2024

Let's rejoice together as our church choir brings Christmas cheer through music and fellowship.

- **Holiday Mixer: 5:00 p.m.** (Multipurpose Building)
Join us for Christmas goodies, a chocolate fountain, games, and an ugly sweater contest!
- **Christmas Cantata: 6:00 p.m.** (Historic Sanctuary)
Experience uplifting music and scripture that will prepare your heart for the coming of our Savior.



Blue Christmas Service:
A Time for Healing and Hope

Date: Sunday, December 22, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Historic Sanctuary



For many of us, the holiday season can be a bittersweet time, filled with both cherished memories and heartfelt challenges. If you find yourself carrying grief, loss, or struggle this year, we invite you to our **Blue Christmas Service**—a sacred time to find peace, comfort, and hope.

This special evening is designed to be a gentle, reflective space where we can bring our hurts to God and experience the light of His presence. Through quiet worship, meaningful scripture, and heartfelt prayer, we'll remember that even in the darkest moments, Christ's love shines brightly for us all.

Whether you are navigating the loss of a loved one, facing life's uncertainties, or simply feeling weary, know that you are not alone. Let's gather as a church family to embrace the hope and joy that only Jesus can bring this Christmas season. You are welcome here.

Parsonage Open House

Pastor Kerry and his wife Tiffany would like to invite you over to the church parsonage for a Christmas Eve Open house.

Date: December 24, 2024

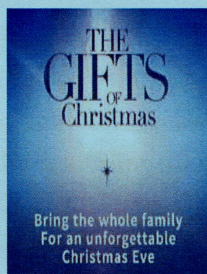
Time: 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Stop by before the Candlelight Service and experience the joy of the season with your church family. **on December 24th @ 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** Come enjoy Christmas treats, gifts, fellowship, decorations and lights. There is no sign up necessary...just show up.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with us on **December 24, 2024**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Historic Sanctuary. This year's theme, "**The Gifts of Christmas**," reminds us of the divine gifts of **Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace** through Jesus Christ.

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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:

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Members

Bobbie Harrison
Casey Friel

Friends and Family

Jane Powell (cousin of Frances Chaires)
Betty Posey
Witmer Family
Nick Swickley
Cindy Waldron (Marion Lollie's sister-in-law)
Gretchen Pennington
Pastor Bill Petersen
Chris Taylor (daughter in law of Jeanette Wood)
Family of Kim Wilson
Vickie Matthews (co-worker of Sue Graham)
Mrs. Bobbie Adams (friend of Diane Matthews)
Michelle Rackley (sister-in-law of Diane & David Matthews)
Dirk Flachsmeier (friend of Ed Fannin)

Humble House wants your plants and pots!

If you don't like dealing with a lot of plants during the cold months, have I got a deal for you! Humble House is in the plant business and it's a success! You can donate plants and also your unused pots. See Susan Capelouto.



November Birthdays

Mary Alice Linzy 4
Charlene Walker 19
Janet Cayson 27

Nov. Anniversaries

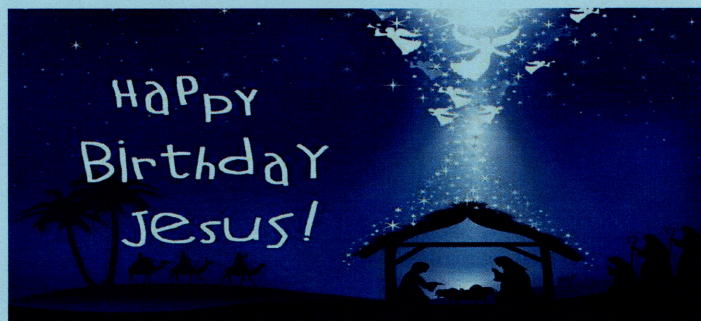
Lynne Peters & Ed Fannin 29

December Birthdays

Hatcher, Terry 8
Hubbard, Edie 12
Boyette, Margaret 15
Surles, Peggy 21

Dec. Anniversaries

Michael & Mary Alice Linzy 3
Russell & Amy Clarke 6



Chaires Staff

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