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## Your Testimony, Part 1

By Rev. Kerry Foote

*"At midday, O king, along the road I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun... I heard a voice speaking to me... 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?' ... So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.'"*

— Acts 26:13-15 (NKJV)



One of the most powerful tools we have for sharing the gospel isn't a sermon or a Bible study—it's our story. Your personal testimony is a living, undeniable example of what Jesus has done. A skeptic can argue theology or criticize the church, but they can't argue with a changed life.

Your journey to faith—the way Jesus met you, transformed you, and is continuing to work in your life—is a story someone out there needs to hear.

The Apostle Paul knew this well. Between his third missionary journey and his voyage to Rome, he stood before six different groups of unbelievers. These weren't friendly crowds—they were often hostile, skeptical, even dangerous. And what did Paul do? He didn't launch into a theological debate or preach a long sermon. He simply told his story. He shared how Jesus changed him—from persecutor to preacher, from enemy to ambassador of the gospel.

***That same power is in your testimony!***

If you've never taken time to reflect on or write down how God saved you, now is a great time to begin. Consider the impact of your testimony. It's not just for evangelists or missionaries—it's for every believer. It's for you.

### Your challenge this week:

Think of **three specific and important changes** Christ has made in your life since you came to know Him. These moments of transformation are key parts of your testimony—real, personal proof of God's power and presence.

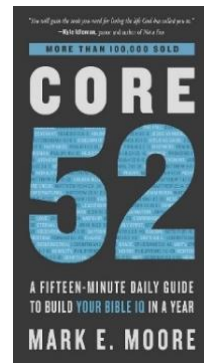
And if you haven't yet written your testimony, set aside time to do so. Put it on your calendar. Prepare your story with prayer—and be ready to share it.

Next week, I'll guide you through how to craft a testimony that is simple, powerful, and Spirit-led. But for now, reflect on what Jesus has done for you—and be ready to tell it.

## 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.

## Core52: A Fifteen-Minute Daily Guide to Build Your Bible IQ in a Year



Think of *Core52* as a fast-pass to biblical literacy, calling for 15 minutes a day, 5 days a week, for 1 year. Just a reminder: If you are keeping up with doing the Core 52 reading with the congregation, this week we are on **Chapter 25 (The Supernatural)** and the key memorization scripture is: **Matthew 25:41.**



## Choir Summer Break

The Church Choir will be taking a little break for the summer for the months of June – August. We will be replacing the choir with a praise team. If you are interested in helping lead the congregation during worship, please see Gerry Nielson to be put on a Sunday rotation. Now is the time to join if you would like to be a part of our new blended worship service. For more info, contact: Gerry Nielson (321-652-5361) [gerryniel@gmail.com](mailto:gerryniel@gmail.com)



We don't know if you have heard...but we are now going live with our Sunday morning service on Facebook. If you cannot make the service in person, you can join our Facebook family. Give us a like and follow us on Facebook to get up to date information about upcoming events and you can access live sermons on Sunday or access our archive.

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Chaires-Methodist-Church-61561720372576/>

## Pastor Visit

If you would like a visit from our pastor, please do not hesitate to call either Susan Capelouto (Administrative

Assistant) or Rev. Kerry Foote so that a visit can be arranged.

Mission Project for June

For the month of June, our mission emphasis will be the Residing Hope Children’s home in Madison, Florida. During every Sunday worship service, we will be giving reports and watching videos that inform us about the vital ministry that is happening there. At the end of the month and on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, church members will have the opportunity to give a special offering that will go to the Madison Youth Ranch.



Please make checks out to Chaires Methodist Church and put “Residing Hope” in the memo line.

Stay Tuned for Special Mission and Outreach



For the month of July, we will have a special sermon series called: “Christmas in July”. With this sermon series we, members of our congregation, will have the opportunity to participate in a global mission called: “Soles 4 Souls”.

We will need volunteers to help decorate the sanctuary for this special Christmas season. We will be meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 a.m. Hope to see you there.

Soles 4 Souls

People living in poverty want a better life, but many lack opportunity.

At S4S, they turn unwanted shoes and clothing into opportunity, by keeping them from going to waste and putting them to good use – providing relief, creating jobs and empowering people to break the cycle of poverty by helping people in low-income countries escape poverty through entrepreneurship.



When they equip entrepreneurs in low-income countries with donated shoes and clothing to sell, they create sustainable small businesses that lift families out of poverty and drive community growth.

Christmas Pot Luck



**Date:** July 6, 2025  
**Place:** Multi-Purpose Building  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m.  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Theme:** Christmas Meal  
Since our worship theme for the month of July is “Christmas in July, it only makes sense to kick off our July sermon series with a Christmas Pot-Luck. We will also have Christmas gifts to be handed out at this Pot-Luck. So, bring yourself and bring some friends.

Looking for a Few Volunteers

We have the new renovated church sign...now we just need some people to help change the message with special events and ministry that are coming up. This person could be you! If this sounds like something you might want to do, contact Susan Capelouto at (850) 219-9361.



SUNSHINE STATE  
GOOD NEWS TOUR  
WITH WILL GRAHAM

Beginning this October, Will Graham will share the Good News of Jesus Christ through a four-city tour in Florida. This evangelistic outreach depends on believers like you, and they want to join you and Chaires Methodist Church in proclaiming the Gospel message. Will you pray for the upcoming Sunshine State Good News Tour?

Mark your calendar for this event: **October 26, 2025 (Tallahassee)...more information to come.**



Members

Lucia Lightfoot / Marion Lollie / Debbie Pahl / Margaret Boyette / Jean Lombardi / Mary Alice Linzy / Pete Peters / David Matthews

Friends and Family

Jimmy Cobb (Marty Holland) / Our service men and women (Diane Matthews) / Floerke Family (Terry Hatcher) / E.L. McGraw (Terry Hatcher) / Benjamin Applewhite (Cathy Lee) /Family of Kenith Faircloth (Tony Minichiello) / Praise for Lisa Reeves (Mary Alice Linzy) / Families of Air Indie Flight (Unknown) / Wounded lawmakers in Minnesota (Unknown) / Lauren Keahey (Maggie Hall) / Pastor Stuart Owens (Terry Hatcher) / Lucia Lightfoot / David & Charlotte McPherson, Sandy & Keith Pugh (Carol S.) /Kasey Connell (Maggie Hall) / Family of Samuel Kersey / Family of Ken Fairchild (Tony Minichiello) / Family of Dennis Rackley (Brother of Diane Matthews) /Roger & Lisa (Laura) / Thomas Stumbaugh / My nephew, Duane (Frances Chaires / Family of Spencer Walker (Jean Lombardi)

Radical Hospitality Team

Yet another ministry that is on the horizon...we just keep growing and filling in needs...AMEN. A handful of church members have come forward with the desire to form a hospitality team that would be responsible for preparation for special events and be available to be on a food train. The food train is simply people volunteering to cook a meal for a day for those who are sick or coming home from the hospital. If you are interested in serving on this team...please reach out to either Kerry Foote or Susan Capelouto.



**June Birthdays**

Ed Fannin 29

**July Birthdays**

Marty Holland 7

Trey Cayson 8

Theresa Smith 13

Victoria Messer 17

Amanda Novak 17

Dorothy Spence 24

Don Dampier 26

**June Anniversaries**

David & Diane Matthews 29

**July Anniversaries**

Gordon & Donna Wheeler 19

Milan & Sheila Novak 24