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Your Testimony, Part 2

By Rev. Kerry Foote

"Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it." — 1 Peter 3:15 (NLT)

Last week, I challenged you to reflect on what Christ has done in your life—and to start thinking through your personal testimony. This week, I want to walk alongside you a little further, to help you shape your story in a way that connects, inspires, and leads others toward Christ.



Believe it or not, your personal testimony is one of the most powerful tools God has given you. When someone hears how Jesus changed *your* life, it becomes real to them. And when your words are sincere, specific, and Spirit-led, they can pierce even the hardest heart.

So how do we prepare our testimonies? Here are five simple but important reminders as you begin to put your story into words:

1. Be interesting.

You have a story worth telling—so tell it like it matters! Avoid churchy clichés or overused phrases. Speak from your heart in a way that anyone, even someone unfamiliar with faith, can follow. Make it personal, clear, and engaging.

2. Be logical.

A good testimony follows a clear flow:

(a) *Before Christ* — What was missing? What were you searching for?

(b) *Your decision* — When and how did you meet Jesus?

(c) *After Christ* — How has your life changed? What difference has He made?

3. Be specific.

Don't be vague. Talk about *when* you chose to follow Christ and *why*. Focus on what He did—not just how you felt. Speak more about Jesus than your circumstances. People need to hear how you received Him, not just how you felt afterward.

4. Be practical.

Talk like a real person. Be honest and down-to-earth. Let people know that following Jesus hasn't removed every problem, but that He gives peace, purpose, and strength through them. Show how faith makes a difference in real life.

5. Be warm and genuine.

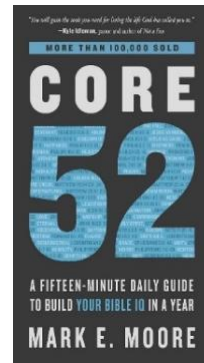
Let your joy in Christ show! A sincere smile and a loving tone open more hearts than a lecture ever could. Be kind. Be real. Let your gratitude for salvation speak louder than any polished words.

This week, I encourage you to write out your testimony. Practice it. Share it with someone close to you. And pray for opportunities to tell it to someone who needs hope. Ask the Lord to use your story as a light—and be ready when He does.

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 26 (Our Co-Mission)** and the key memorization scripture is: **Matthew 28:18-20.**



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



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.

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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.

July 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 5th @ 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.

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.



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 Chairés 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.

Looking for Testimonies

Listed below are the Scriptures, Titles, and Themes for the month of July. If you have a personal testimony that you would like to share that you believe ties into the sermon, let me know.

Date: July 6, 2025 Title: Christmas Playlist Theme: The First Noel Main Idea: The announcement given to the shepherds in the field was good news for all people Old Testament: Isaiah 7:14 New Testament: Luke 2:8-15	Date: July 13, 2025 Title: Christmas Playlist Theme: Away In a Manger Main Idea: This song reminds us that God is born to each of us, no matter who we are or where we come from. Old Testament: Psalm 139:23-24 New Testament: Philippians 2:6-8
Date: July 20, 2025 Title: Christmas Playlist Theme: Joy to the World Main Idea: The mark of a Christian should be a joy that is not dependent upon external circumstances or situations. Old Testament: Psalm 98:1-6 New Testament: Romans 5:17-18	Date: July 27, 2025 Title: Christmas Playlist Theme: O Come, O Come Emmanuel Main Idea: No matter where we find ourselves today, God is close to us and so is redemption. New Testament (Gospel): Mat 1:18-25 New Testament (Prophecy): Rev 21:3-4



- Members
- Milan Novak / Lucia Lightfoot / Marion Lollie / Debbie Pahl / Margaret Boyette / Jean Lombardi / Mary Alice Linzy / Pete Peters
- Friends and Family
- Karen Robinson (Terry Hatcher) / Mark Schroeder (Maggie Hall) / Eddie Doerr (Sheila Novak) / Ron Lance (Sheila Novak) / Beth (Sheila Novak) / Laura Sutliff (Sheila Novak) / Thomas Hatcher (Mike Hatcher) / Elizabeth Brazier (Terry Hatcher) / Randy Harrison (Diane Matthews) / Kris Harrison (Diane Matthews) / 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 Fairecloth (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)

July Birthdays Marty Holland 7 Trey Cayson 8 Theresa Smith 13 Victoria Messer 17 Amanda Novak 17 Dorothy Spence 24 Don Dampier 26	July Anniversaries Gordon & Donna Wheeler 19 Milan & Sheila Novak 24
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We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude.
- Chuck Swindoll

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

