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## Listen and Do

by Pastor Kerry Foote

*“Don’t fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear!”*

— James 1:22 (MSG)

As your pastor, I want to lovingly challenge you this season — not just to listen to the Word of God, but to *live it out*. James 1:22 makes this truth plain: hearing God’s voice is only the beginning. If we stop there, we’re deceiving ourselves. The true mark of a growing believer is obedience — the kind of obedience that moves us to action.

Listening, in a biblical sense, is not passive. It isn’t just reading a devotional, hearing a sermon, or quoting Scripture. Listening, as the Bible defines it, is giving God our full attention — and then aligning our lives with what He says. The Word of God should stir us. Challenge us. Move us.

God may speak to you through His Word, through prayer, or through the quiet promptings of the Holy Spirit. When He does, the question isn’t whether we heard Him — the question is whether we’ll *do* what He asks.

- When God comforts you in the Word, do you let His peace sink in — or do you go right back to your anxious thoughts?
- When He convicts you of a habit or a harmful behavior, do you obey — or reason your way around it?
- When He nudges you to reach out to someone, to pray, to encourage, to give, or to serve — do you respond in faith or hold back in fear?

Friends, we are not called to be spectators of the Gospel. We are called to be participants — not just hearers, but *doers*. Every time we act on God’s Word, we build our life on a firm foundation. Every act of obedience is an act of worship.

Let me encourage you this week: listen well. Spend time in Scripture. Quiet your heart in prayer. And then — *do something about it*. Let your listening lead to action. Let your action become a testimony. And let your testimony shine so others may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

I’m praying for a church that doesn’t just *listen* to God — but walks it out, boldly and joyfully.

Let’s be doers.

Let’s be obedient.

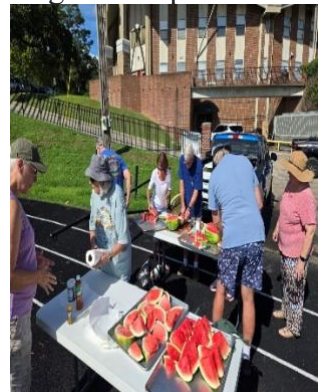
Let’s be the light of Christ in a world that desperately needs it.

With love and challenge,  
Pastor Kerry



## Missions and Outreach for August

In August, we become the watermelon church once again. During the hot days of August and prior to the start of school, the Lincoln High football team and band enjoyed a slice of refreshing watermelon. This year we added North Florida Christian School.



Our last day will be on Sept. 20 @11 a.m. at Gene Cox Stadium as Lincoln Band practices for their first halftime show. Sign up at the information table if you want to join us!

## Choir Rehearsal

Vacation time is over...school has started back up and so has our choir. We will be having our first choir rehearsal on **August 20<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) at 6:30 p.m.** in the multi-purpose building. The choir will be back to helping lead the congregation in singing on the first Sunday of **September 7<sup>th</sup>**.



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.

The Book of James: Faith and Works

Throughout Scripture, there is a balance between faith and works. Many have great faith but neglect to show it through their works, while others work extremely hard but lack faith. In the Book of James, we are taught how to live out both faith & works, simultaneously. In this five-week series we will learn key principles about life as a believer, helping our church community experience a faith that truly works.

Looking for Testimonies

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



<b>Date:</b> August 10, 2025 <b>Title:</b> James: Faith and Works <b>Theme:</b> Listening and Doing <b>Big Idea:</b> Believers are to both hear (receive) the Word and act upon it. The person who both listens and responds is blessed. <b>New Testament:</b> Matt 7:24-25 <b>New Testament:</b> James 1:19-27	<b>Date:</b> August 17, 2025 <b>Title:</b> James: Faith and Works <b>Theme:</b> Faith and Works <b>Big Idea:</b> Faith without works (action) is a dead faith. <b>New Testament:</b> Eph 2:8-10 <b>New Testament:</b> James 2:14-26
<b>Date:</b> August 24, 2025 <b>Title:</b> James: Faith and Works <b>Theme:</b> Speaking and Boasting <b>Big Idea:</b> Words are incredibly powerful and carry in them both life and death. <b>Old Testament:</b> Proverbs 18:1-7 <b>New Testament:</b> James 3:1-4:17	<b>Date:</b> August 31, 2025 <b>Title:</b> James: Faith and Works <b>Theme:</b> Waiting and Praying <b>Big Idea:</b> Waiting on God and praying in faith are two of the most powerful actions a believer can take. <b>Old Testament:</b> Isaiah 40:30-31 <b>New Testament:</b> James 5:7-18



Members

Family of Pete Peters / Family of Barbara Palmer / Milan Novak / Marion Lollie / Debbie Pahl / Jean Lombardi / Mary Alice Linzy /

Friends and Family

Doris Harrison (Marion Lollie) /Veronica & Family (Tiffany Foote) / Tom Murvin, Rich Shine (Lynne & Ed Fannin / Robert Israel (Janet Cayson) / Robert (Rick Davies)/ Pastor Alexander Mack; Michael, our son (Frances Chaires) / Jay Matthews (Diane Matthews) / Family of Dustin Savage, Mark Schroeder (Maggie Hall) / Texas flood victims / Suzan Taylor (Terry Hatcher) / Eddie Doerr, Ron Lance, Beth, Laura Sutliff (Sheila Novak) / Thomas Hatcher (Mike Hatcher) / Elizabeth Brazier (Terry Hatcher) / Randy Harrison, Kris Harrison (Diane Matthews) / Jimmy Cobb (Marty Holland) / Tony & Karen Robinson have healed and are back at work. (Terry Hatcher)

Please be sure to mark your calendars for Pete Peters’ Celebration of Life on September 27<sup>th</sup>  
...stay tuned for time.

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.

8-10-2025

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?

Date: October 26, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Tallahassee Automobile Museum

Christian Life and Witness Course

“Always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you.”  
—1 Peter 3:15, NKJV

Leading up to the Good News Tour this fall, the Billy Graham Ministry will be providing practical training that will equip Christians to live out their faith and share it with others.

By attending this free course, participants will learn: Biblical principles for living a life that pleases God and points other people to Him. / Practical tips and advice for sharing the Gospel. / How to encourage and support new Christians and help them grow in their faith through studying God’s Word. Find a site and day near you:

- Capital City Church
  - Aug 11 @ 6:00 p.m. (Session 1)
  - Aug 12 @ 6:00 p.m. (Session 2)
- Immanuel Baptist Church
  - Sept 8 @ 6:00 p.m. (Session 1)
  - Sept 9 @ 6:00 p.m. (Session 2)
- Killearn Methodist Church
  - Sept 11 @ 6:00 p.m. (Session 1)
  - Sept 13 @ 9:00 a.m. (Session 2)
- Thomasville Road Baptist Church
  - Oct 6 @ 6:00 p.m. (Session 1)
  - Oct 7 @ 6:00 p.m. (Session 2)

For more information, check out the website below-  
<https://billygraham.org/events/sunshine-state/clwc>



Don’t forget that this is a 5 Sunday month, so we will be taking up a special offering on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday for Residing Hope Children’s Home.

Operation Christmas Child Coming Soon  
Delivering the Good News of Jesus Christ

National Collection Week November 19-24  
Chaires filled approximately 68 shoe boxes last year and our goal for this year is 75. Hopefully, we will have volunteers filling 50 shoeboxes and the remaining 25 will be covered with a packing party. HINT: Currently back-to-school supplies are on sale, which can be a good choice for the shoeboxes, and you have a head start on filling the shoeboxes. More information to come later.



<b>August Birthdays</b> Lynne Peters 13 Gail Dampier 15 Pat Alley 15 Virgil Hall 16 Amanda Novak 17 Kerry Foote 22 Cathy Lee 26	<b>August Anniversaries</b> Mike & Carol Stallard 18 Kerry & Tiffany Foote 22
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