

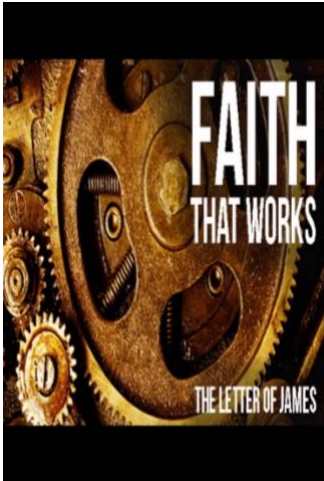


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The Book of James?

Sometimes, when we share our testimonies as Christians, it can sound like: "Before I found Jesus, I had problems. Now my problems are solved!" But the Christian life is not that simple. We still go through hard times as believers. But we know that in the midst of these hard times, we are not alone. Rather, we are accompanied and resourced by the God who is all-wise and infinitely good so that we are able--through prayer and faith-filled action--to have joy regardless of our circumstances. This is the main theme of the book of James.

The book of James was written by James the half-brother of Jesus (Matthew 13:55). During Jesus' life, the Bible records that "even his own brothers did not believe in him," (John 7:1-10), but after Jesus' and resurrection, "he appeared to James," (1 Corinthians 15:7) and James believed. He eventually became the leader of the Jerusalem church and was instrumental in motivating the Jewish-background believers to prioritize sharing the gospel with Gentiles (Acts 15:13-20). And he wrote one of the letters that is in our Bible today, giving wise instruction on God's wisdom, trials, words, obedience, prayer, and more!



According to ESV.org, James wrote this letter around AD 40-45 to the "twelve tribes in the Dispersion" (1:1) which

means it was meant for Jewish-background believers who were scattered "throughout most of the ancient Mediterranean world." It seems that these Christians are being tested in their faith because James spends considerable time encouraging them and giving them perspective on trials and suffering, instructing them on how to live lives of prayer and action, using the wisdom that God will graciously provide them even in the midst of hard times.

According to the NIV Study Bible, some date the letter in the early 60's. There are indications, however, that it was written before 50:

- Its distinctively Jewish nature suggests that it was composed when the church was still predominantly Jewish.
- It reflects a simple church order -- officers of the church are called "elders" (5:14) and "teachers" (3:1).
- No reference is made to the controversy over Gentile circumcision.
- The Greek term synagogue ("synagogue" or "meeting") is used to designate the meeting or meeting place of the church (2:2).

If this early dating is correct, this letter is the earliest of all the NT writings -- with the possible exception of Galatians.



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 will be practicing for the 2025 high school football season. This year we are also adding North Florida Christian School.



We will be showing up after their practice to provide some fresh cut cold watermelon. If you would like to help, there is a sign-up sheet located at the back of the sanctuary.

The days we will be serving are:

August 5th @ 10:30 a.m. (Lincoln High Football Field)

August 6th @ 5:30 p.m. (North Florida Christian School)

August 7th @ 10:30 a.m. (Lincoln Football Field)

August 8th @ 5:30 p.m. (North Florida Christian School)

September 20th @ 11:00 a.m. (Gene Cox Stadium)

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 20th (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 7th.**



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



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

Pick up a newsletter from our friends at Humble House at the information table. A lot of blessings to share and ways you can be a part of their ministry.
Contact: Susan Capelouto



Members

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

Friends and Family

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)

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.

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)
- Killlearn 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 5th Sunday for the Residing Hope Children’s Home

8-3-2025

<u>August Birthdays</u>	<u>August Anniversaries</u>
Lynne Peters13	Mike & Carol Stallard 18
Gail Dampier 15	Kerry & Tiffany Foote 22
Pat Alley 15	
Virgil Hall 16	
Amanda Novak 17	
Kerry Foote 22	
Cathy Lee 26	
Pete Peters 31	