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Tradition...Tradition...Tradition

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. - Colossians 2:8

In 1903, the Russian Czar noticed a sentry posted in a very odd place on the grounds in the Kremlin. He asked the head of security why the guard was there, but he didn't know the answer. So, he decided to do some investigation and discovered something very interesting.

It turned out that in 1776, Catherine the Great found there the very first flower of spring. So, she commanded that a sentry be posted there to see that no one trampled the flower under foot.



Some traditions just seem to hold on without letting go. This can especially be true among believers, some of whom even regard certain man-made traditions as equally authoritative as the Word of God itself.

But what's important to realize is that while traditions in themselves may not be bad, traditionalism can be destructive. That's when we see our traditions – our church buildings, our liturgy, even the color of the carpet in our sanctuaries – as the most important things.

Don't let your man-made traditions override your devotion to God's Word. Humble yourself and be willing to let go of the things that are of lesser importance. Appreciate tradition but always keep God first!

Prayer Challenge

Pray now and ask God to give you the right perspective on human traditions and the ability to let go of the things that may overshadow your devotion to God.

Questions for Thought

Why do you think it can be so difficult for people to let go of human traditions?

What are some man-made traditions you've become used to in your faith? Do they point you to Christ?

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.



Watermelon Ministry

We will be serving up some cold, sliced watermelon for the Lincoln High School marching band on **Sept. 20 @11 a.m. at Gene Cox Stadium.**

This particular rehearsal is used as an all-day fund-raiser for the band. So, the students will be more than ready for some refreshments. If you would like to help, please sign up at the information table if you want to join us!



Old Fashion Hymn Sing

Date: September 21, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Waukeenah Methodist
We will be singing with 3 other churches: Lloyd Baptist, Wacissa Pentecostal Holiness, and Waukeenah Methodist.



The Peter's family would like to invite you and your family to participate in a Celebration of Life for Pete Peters on September 27, 2025 in the Multi-Purpose building at 11:00 a.m.

This will be a time of mourning and celebrating the life of Pete Peters and there will be a time during this service in which people will be invited to share stories of Pete Peters and what he meant to them.

Following the service, church members are invited to attend a catered meal and those who desire, can bring a dessert to share with others.



What is Back to Church Sunday?

Date: September 21, 2025

National Back to Church Sunday started in 2009 with a simple but bold idea: What if churches made a special effort to invite people back to church on one Sunday of the year? This day was set aside for churches to rally together after summer break, welcome their communities through their doors, and remind people that hope is found in Jesus and in the Church community.

According to experts, 82% of people say they’d attend church if a friend simply invited them, but only 2% of churchgoers ever do. Back to Church Sunday aims to close that gap. Each year, those churches who participate often see a 25–27% increase in attendance on that Sunday alone!

Invitation post cards to hand out to family and friends are on the information table at the back of the sanctuary. Take as many as you want.

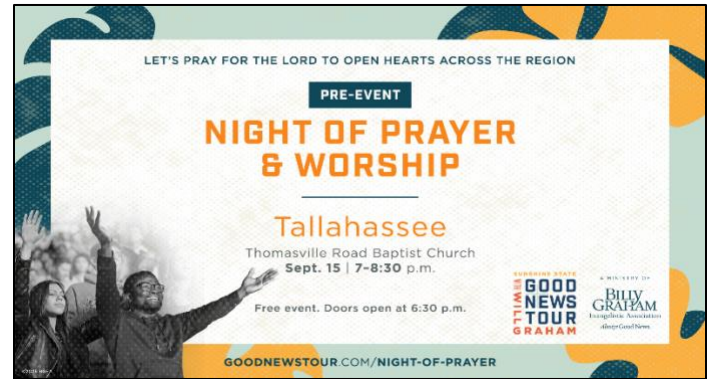


Beginning this October, Will Graham will share the Good News of Jesus Christ through a four-city tour in Florida. This evangelistic outreach depends on believers like you, and they want to join you and Chaires Methodist Church in proclaiming the Gospel message. Will you pray for the upcoming Sunshine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

Date: October 26, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Tallahassee Automobile Museum



Before the tour, let’s come together to lift our praise to God and ask Him to open hearts across Florida. Mark your calendar, tell your church, and invite your family and friends to join you for an inspiring evening.

Date: September 15, 2025

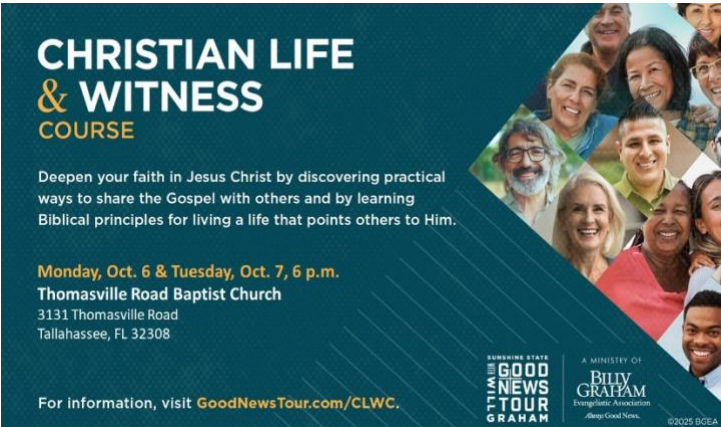
Event begins: 7:00 p.m.

Doors open: 6:30 p.m.

Place:
Thomasville Road Baptist Church
3131 Thomasville Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32308
No registration required.

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.



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/>



Members
Bertha Thompson / Bobbie Harrison and family / Family of Pete Peters / Family of Barbara Palmer / Milan Novak / Marion Lollie / Debbie Pahl / Kerry Foote & Tiffany Foote

Friends and Family
Peggy John (Terry and Mike Hatcher) / Thomas and Elizabeth (Terry and Mike Hatcher) / Bobby Durden and Paula Winter (Margaret Boyette) / Beth Kirby (The Minichiellos) / Peter Boogaard (Dorothea Guyette) / Ruth Bush’s family (Diane Matthews) / Janice Connell’s family (Marion Lollie) / Laura Sutliff (Sheila Novak) / Robert Israel (Janet Cayson) /Peggy Johns (Terry Hatcher)

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September Birthdays	September Anniversaries
Davies, Rick 2 Tiffany Foote 2 Leggett, Ashley 13 Peters, Edie 13 Fletcher, Martha 14 Stallings, Amber 26 Hatcher, Mike 28	Gordon & Lucia Lightfoot 13