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Abiding on the Vine: The Secret to Growing God's Fruit in Your Life

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”
— *Galatians 5:22–23*

Church family, we all know the fruit of the Spirit by heart: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Most of us can name them easily. And if we're honest, most of us wish we had a little more of at least one of them. Maybe it's peace in a season of stress, or patience with a person who tests it. We read the list and quietly wonder, *How do I get more of that?*

The answer might surprise you. You don't grow more fruit by trying harder — you grow it by staying connected to the Source. Jesus said in John 15:5, “I am the Vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”

To *abide* means to stay, to dwell, to make your home with. Think of it like a marriage. When two people vow to share life together, they promise to be present — through every joy and every challenge. In the same way, abiding in Christ means sharing your life with Him — talking with Him, walking with Him, and letting His presence shape every part of who you are.

And that's where prayer comes in. Prayer is not just something we do; it's how we stay attached to the Vine. Every time you pray — in quiet moments, in the car, at work, before bed — you're drawing life from the One who sustains you. Prayer keeps your roots deep and your spirit nourished. Without it, the branch begins to wither. With it, fruit begins to grow — naturally, beautifully, and in season.

So here's my challenge to you this week: Don't let prayer be an afterthought. Make it your lifeline. Talk to Jesus throughout your day — about your needs, your gratitude, your frustrations, your hopes. The more you stay connected, the more His character will show up in your life.

When we, as a church, learn to live this way — rooted in Christ, abiding in prayer — we will see His fruit not just in our personal lives, but in our congregation, our community, and beyond.

Stay in the Vine, friends. Everything you long for grows there.

— *Pastor Kerry Foote*

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.



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/>



Trunk or Treat outreach

Date: October 27, 2025

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Place: Texas Roadhouse parking lot
3131 Capital Circle NE



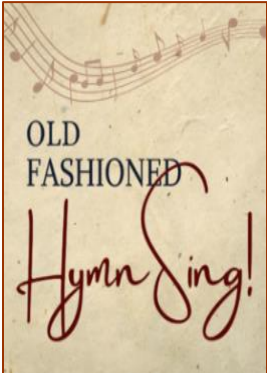
Chaires Methodist will be sponsoring and decorating a vehicle for the Texas Roadhouse trunk or treat event. Our church will be handing out candy and advertisements for our church.

For this event we will need members of the church to donate candy on Sunday (Oct 12th, 19th, and 26th). There will be a collection site located at the back of the multi-purpose building.

We will also have a special “stuffing” day (**October 26th after church service**) in which we will put the candy and advertisements in small trunk or treat bags to be handed out at the trunk or treat.

Finally, (**on October 27th**) we will need volunteers to help decorate our vehicle and hand out the goodie bags to the children in the Texas Roadhouse parking lot.. We will have a sign-up for that October event on the sign-up table located at the back of the multi-purpose building.

Old Fashion Hymn Sing



Date: October 19, 2025
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Waukeenah Methodist
81 Methodist Church Rd,
Monticello, FL 32344.

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



Chicken Pilau

Be sure to save the date. This year our annual Chicken Pilau will be on **November 13, 2025**, from **4:00 to 7:00 p.m.** Be on the lookout for volunteer sheets and requirements that will be posted in mid-October. More information will be given later.



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

New Sermon Series (Changing Soils)
October 2025



Have you ever wanted to live a more effective and impactful life as a disciple and follower of Christ? Do you long for the “fruitful soil” that Jesus describes in the gospel?

Changing Soils is a 4-week series built to speak directly into discipleship and to the encouragement of our congregation to make more disciples.

This sermon series will coincide with the book “21 Days to Becoming a Disciple Maker” by Jim Britts. This particular book will be provided to our church family (Free). We will

be handing them out on Sunday mornings before and after worship services.



Members
Casy Friel / Tiffany Foote / Franklin Chaires / Russel Clark / Amy Clark / Lynn Peters / Thompson Family / Roger Goram / Harrison family / Peters Family / Milan Novak / Marion Lollie

Friends and Family
James Dinkins family (Mike and Terry Hatcher) / Paige Moore (Lynne Fannin / Nancy Fannin (Lynne Fannin) Christine Stephens (Lynne Fannin) / Veronica Derksen (Tiffany Foote) / Willie Thompson (Francis Chaires) / Brittani Crum (Francis Chaires) / Thomas (Amy Clark) /Hoyu Family (Amy Clark) / Henry Lowery (Linda Minichiello) / Gerald and Beth Kirby (Linda Minichiello)

November 2 is All Saints Sunday

We will have a special service in the historic sanctuary, and we will celebrate by hanging remembrance bells on our outdoor cross and there will be a special time during the service in which we will be able to proclaim the name of the saints who made a difference in our lives and pay them respect.



Charge Conference

Date: November 22, 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Historic Sanctuary

 A Global Methodist (GM) Charge Conference is an annual meeting where a local church's leaders review its ministry, set goals, and make decisions for the coming year, led by the Presiding Elder (similar to a District Superintendent). The conference comprises the Presiding Elder, appointed clergy, and members of the local church's governing body, like the church council. It serves as the basic governing body for the local church, responsible for adopting objectives consistent with the Global Methodist Church's mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Coming Soon / Stay Tuned



October Birthdays	October Anniversaries
Amy Clark 4	Wes & Ashley Leggett 4
Thompson, Dale 7	Virgil & Maggie Hall 11
Marshall, Joy 23	
Messer, Jeff 31	

