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7 Powerful Truths from the Woman at the Well



It was an ordinary day for the woman at the well — until she met Jesus. Alone, carrying the weight of her past, she came to draw water and instead found living water that changed her forever. The Church later came to know her as **Saint Photini**, the “Enlightened One,”

because her encounter with Christ brought light not only to her own life but to an entire community. Here are seven truths we can learn from her life:

She Was Open to the Conversation.

When Jesus spoke to her, she could have walked away. But she stayed and listened. Her willingness to engage opened the door to transformation. Friends, God often speaks in unexpected places — if we’re willing to listen.

She Found Common Ground.

Though Jews and Samaritans avoided each other, she reached for shared understanding. Jesus used that moment to bridge what divided them. As followers of Christ, we’re called to do the same — to look beyond barriers and find common ground with others.

She Thirsted for More.

When Jesus spoke of living water, she didn’t fully understand, but she knew she wanted it. Deep down, she was thirsty for something lasting. We all are. No possession, relationship, or success can satisfy the soul’s thirst — only Jesus can.

She Faced the Truth.

When Jesus revealed her past, she didn’t run or hide. She stayed. It’s uncomfortable to be seen so completely, but healing begins when we allow Christ to see our truth and still love us there.

She Learned What True Worship Is.

Jesus told her that real worship isn’t about a mountain or a temple — it’s about spirit and truth. God isn’t looking for perfect rituals but for open hearts that honor Him daily.

She Recognized the Messiah.

Her hope was simple: “I know the Messiah is coming.” And Jesus said, “I, the one speaking to you — I am He.” Like Saint Photini, may we recognize the presence of Christ in our own ordinary moments.

She Shared Her Story.

The woman who came to the well in shame ran back in joy. Her testimony brought many to faith. The outcast became an evangelist — her story turned into God’s story.

Friends, Saint Photini’s life reminds us that no one is too far gone, too broken, or too ordinary to be used by God. Her transformation began with one simple act — staying in conversation with Jesus.

So here’s my challenge to you this week: don’t rush past the wells in your life. Take time to meet with Christ in prayer. Listen for His voice. Let Him refresh you with living water. And when you’ve been filled, go and share it. Because like Saint Photini, your story might be the one that leads others to the Savior of the world.

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.

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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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Trunk or Treat Outreach

Date: October 27, 2025

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Place: Texas Roadhouse parking lot
3131 Capital Circle NE



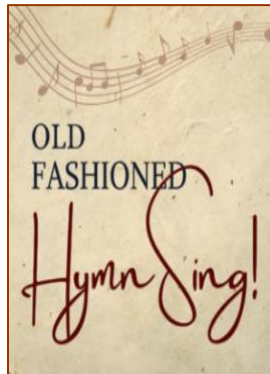
Chaires Methodist will be sponsoring and decorating a vehicle for the Texas Roadhouse trunk or treat event. Our church will be handing out candy and advertisements for our church.

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.

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. PLEASE REMEMBER YOU NEED TO BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.

Date: October 26, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Tallahassee Automobile Museum

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

Edie Hubbard / 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

Debbie Sosa (Lynne Peters)/ Rev. Zig Bays & Cindy / Family of Steve Hubbard / Family of Ronnie Cox (Frances Chaires)/ 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.

More information in the back of the church!

Packing day is Nov. 15th 9-11 AM



October Birthdays

Amy Clark 4
Thompson, Dale 7
Marshall, Joy 23
Messer, Jeff 31

October Anniversaries

Wes & Ashley Leggett 4
Virgil & Maggie Hall 11

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