

ROOTED IN THE PAST • GROWING FOR THE FUTURE

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The Church's mission is to spread the gospel. This has been done with varying degrees of effectiveness through the centuries, but recently more attention has been given to communicating the Good News to different kinds of people in ways that they will understand and embrace. Jesus had something to say on this subject in Matthew 13-1-23

Middle Eastern farmers of the first century sowed their seed as they walked up and down their land with a basket of seed on their hips, scattering seed in a sweeping arc. The seed would fall on all kinds of soil. Some would flourish, and the rest would never produce at all. Jesus used this common occurrence as an illustration of what happens when the Good News of the kingdom is spread abroad by his disciples.

God's word is like seed. When it is presented to men and women, it meets with a variety of responses. Some hearers are so well prepared that they eagerly respond. They receive the message, believe it, and embrace it, and new life begins to show (13:23). But sadly, other hearers hardened—perhaps disinterested antagonistic—that the truth is quickly lost on them (13:19). Some hearers respond shallowly intellectual assent and even a glad acknowledgment of the truth that hides an unchanged heart (13:20-21). Others fail to recognize the unique significance of the message, its importance lost among all the other things that clutter their lives (13:22).

What does this mean for the disciple who is eager to propagate the Good News? First, he should have confidence in the power of God's word, just as the farmer has confidence in the ability of his seed to produce. Second, the disciple must recognize that he is responsible to communicate the truth, but he cannot control the response. The farmer is responsible to sow the seed, but he cannot ensure a good harvest, no matter how much preparation he makes. Third, the disciple will meet people who want to evaluate the message, while in fact it is "evaluating" them! The soil doesn't "evaluate" the seed—it's vice versa! Fourth, the disciple must remember that people by nature are spiritually blind and deaf-they need God's miraculous intervention in their lives (13:12, 15).

Paul got it right when he said, "My job was to plant the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God, not we, who made it grow" (1 Cor. 3:6). We are responsible for the sowing, but God is responsible for the growing.

-Rev 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.



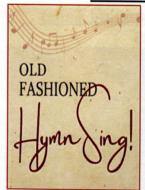


We don't know if you have heard...but we are now going live with our Sunday morning service on Facebook. If you cannot make the service in person, you can join our Facebook family. Give us a like and follow us on Facebook to get up to date information about upcoming events and you can access live sermons on Sunday or access our archive.

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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

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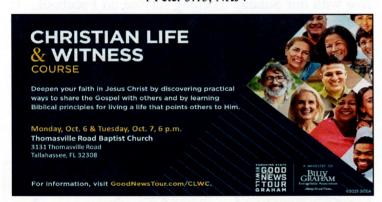
Beginning this October, Will Graham will share the Good News of Jesus Christ through a four-city tour in Florida. This evangelistic outreach depends on believers like you, and they want to join you and Chaires Methodist Church in proclaiming the Gospel message. Will you pray for the upcoming Sunshine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



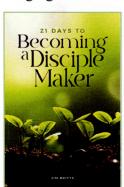
Leading up to the **Good News Tour** this fall, the Billy Graham Ministry will be providing practical training that will equip Christians to live out their faith and share it with others.

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.

Please consider following along by taking part in the 21 day challenge and sharpen your skills on becoming a Disciple Maker!



Members

Renee Grubb / Franklin Chaires / Russel Clark / Amy Clark / Lynn Peters / Thompson Family / Roger Goram / Harrison family / Peters Family / Milan Novak / Marion Lollie

Friends and Family

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 Minishiello) / Danny Chaires (Laura Goram)

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

CHARGE CONFERENCE

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

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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