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How Participating in Lenten Traditions Opens Our Eyes to God's Wonder

Lent is a season for reflection and renewal, offering a sacred opportunity to grow closer to God and experience His wonder. Through spiritual disciplines like prayer, fasting, and helping others, Lent helps us prepare for Easter and can spark a lifelong love for God.

Lent is more than just a time of solemnity—it's a journey that leads to spiritual growth. By seeking God during Lent and inviting the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, we confront sin, embrace repentance, and emerge with a deeper relationship with God and renewed hope through Jesus' Resurrection.

At the heart of Lent is an invitation to deepen our relationship with God. Joel 2:12-13 urges us to return to God with all our hearts, focusing not on rituals but on genuine devotion.

When Is Lent?

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, when receiving ashes reminds us of our mortality and the need for repentance. The 40 days of Lent mirror biblical periods of testing and preparation, such as Jesus' fasting in the wilderness. Holy Week marks the final days of Lent, leading into Easter.

How Lenten Traditions Can Lead Us to Wonder

Lenten practices like prayer, fasting, and acts of compassion help us realign our priorities and deepen our faith. The Holy Spirit guides our growth, producing qualities such as love, joy, and self-control. Through prayer, we invite the Spirit to help us overcome challenges and grow in holiness.

Fasting during Lent—whether from food, activities, or habits—opens space for spiritual growth and reminds us to depend on God. Jesus' own fasting inspires us to seek fulfillment in God.

Helping those in need is another key tradition. Through generosity and service, we become vessels of God's love, discovering the wonder of participating in His redemptive work.

Lenten traditions are more than rituals; they are opportunities to partner with the Holy Spirit for spiritual renewal. By offering ourselves to God, we experience transformation and the wonder of His faithfulness.

The Power of Participating in Lent

In summary, Lent invites us to grow spiritually and experience God's wonder. Focusing on relationship rather than ritual connects us with God in meaningful ways. With the Holy Spirit's help, our efforts during Lent can lead to lasting transformation and a renewed spirit..

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.

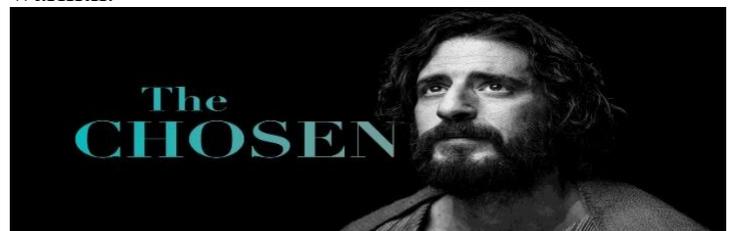


We don't know if you have heard...but we are now going live with our Sunday morning service on Facebook. If you cannot make the service in person, you can join our Facebook family. Give us a like and follow us on Facebook to get up to date information about upcoming events and you can access live sermons on Sunday or access our archive. <https://www.facebook.com/p/Chaires-Methodist-Church-61561720372576/>



Movies Under the Oaks

Please prepare for an outdoor movie screening on our 14-foot screen set beneath the oak trees. Guests are invited to bring their own chairs, while we will provide food, refreshments, and fire pits to ensure comfort and warmth.



February 27th (7:00 to 8:15) Episode 3
March 6th (7:00 to 8:15) Episode 4
March 13th (8:00 to 9:15) Episode 5
March 20th (8:15 to 9:30) Episode 6
March 27th (8:15 to 9:30) Episode 7
April 2nd (8:30 to 9:45) Episode 8





Members

Mike and Carol Stallard / Diane Matthews / Ed and Claire Fannin / Marion Lollie / Renee Grubb / David Matthews / Franklin Chaires / Jack Dull / Rick Davies
Sue Austin has moved to Tampa and is currently in the hospital with heart issues.

Friends and Family

Bettie Thornton (Janet Cayson) / Nancy Fannin (Ed Fannin) / Cathy (Francis Chaires) / Brian Matthews (Diane Matthews) Dave Mayo (Jean Lombardi) / Veronica Kartz (Tiffany Foote) / Dess Katz (Tiffany Foote) / Loren Phillips (Mike Hatcher) / Cindy (Mary Alice Linzy) / Shirley Harvey (Unknown) / Elsi Carter (Unknown) / Mrs. Verlie (Rick and Paula Davies)

Seder Meal: Messiah in the Passover

Date: March 22, 2026

Time: 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Place: Chaires Methodist

Multi-Purpose Building

Cost: Free



MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER begins with the traditional Passover Seder table—complete with all the articles of this important Jewish celebration. The speaker will explain the symbolic meanings of the various items of the Passover feast and highlight their relationship to the Last Supper that Messiah celebrated with the disciples, giving special emphasis on the redemptive significance of the crucifixion.

MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER gives the Christian community insight into Jewish traditions so that the Jewish roots of Christianity can be better understood. The experience also helps both Jewish and Christian communities understand their common heritage.

Chosen People Ministries is over 128 years old, an evangelical mission that was founded in 1894 by Leopold Cohn, a Hungarian rabbi who came to believe that Jesus is the Messiah promised by the Hebrew Scriptures. From humble beginnings in Brooklyn, New York, Chosen People Ministries has grown into a worldwide ministry to "the Jew first and to the Gentile." More information is online at chosenpeople.com.

Chaires Townhall Meeting



This will be a time to review what we did in 2025 and where we want to go in 2026 and beyond. This will also be a potluck so bring your appetite and visions and dreams for the future as we celebrate where we have been and where we are going.

Joel 2:28 (NKJV): "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions."

Maundy Thursday Service

Date: April 2, 2026

Time: (8:30 to 9:45 pm)

Place: Outdoor under Oaks at Chaires Methodist



This year, we are embracing a new way to honor Maundy Thursday. Instead of our traditional indoor service, we invite everyone to join us outdoors under the oaks for a special screening of Season 5, Episode 8 ("The Last Supper") of *The Chosen*.

Gathering in this beautiful setting, we will reflect together on the meaning of the Last Supper and its significance in our faith journey. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and come prepared for a memorable evening of fellowship, inspiration, and community as we revisit this sacred moment in a fresh, engaging way.

Good Friday Service

Date: April 3, 2026

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Historic Sanctuary



Join us for our Good Friday Service as we gather in the historic sanctuary on April 3, 2026, at 7:00 pm. This meaningful service will revisit the events of Jesus Christ's betrayal and crucifixion, offering a time of reflection and reverence during Holy Week.

Following the service, we invite volunteers to help blacken the sanctuary in preparation for the Black Saturday prayer vigil. Your participation will help create a sacred atmosphere as we continue our journey toward Easter morning.

Black / Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil-

April 4th (9:00 am – 9:00 pm)

We will be hosting 12 hours of prayer in the historic sanctuary and will be asking members of the congregation to sign up for 30-minute time slots. *This prayer vigil will be for personal reflection and the lifting up of our Easter service on April 20th for the movement of the spirit of God in a mighty way.*

**April 5th: (7:00 am) Petrandis Home
Easter Sunrise Service
Stay tuned for more information**

February Birthdays

Matthews, Diane 2
Leggett, Wes 3
Matthews, David 8

February Anniversaries

Don & Gail Dampier 12