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Learning to Boast in the Right Things

³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. — Romans 5:3–5 (NRSV)

Dear Church Family,

When we hear the word *boast*, most of us feel a little uncomfortable. Boasting often sounds like arrogance—drawing attention to ourselves and our accomplishments. Yet the apostle Paul tells us in Romans that we should “**boast in our sufferings.**” At first, that feels confusing. Why would anyone boast about suffering?

The Greek word Paul uses can also mean *rejoice in* or *glory in*. Paul isn't encouraging us to brag about hardship. **Instead, he is inviting us to place our confidence in what God is doing even in the middle of life's struggles.**

One of the challenges of our culture is that it encourages us to handle everything on our own. But the Christian life was never meant to be lived in isolation. Faith is a shared journey—with God and with one another. Paul reminds us that suffering can produce endurance, character, and hope, especially when we walk through life together as the body of Christ.

Most importantly, our hope comes from knowing that **God is present with us.** As Paul writes, God's love has been poured into our hearts. That is what we rejoice in—not our struggles, but God's faithfulness within them.

Psalm 95 calls us God's people under his care and guidance and urges us not to harden our hearts. Staying open to God reminds us we are never alone.

So what do we boast about?

Not our accomplishments, but the grace we have received through Jesus Christ. The good news of the gospel is that even when we were far from God, Christ reconciled us and brought us back into relationship with him.

My prayer is that we will be a church that rejoices not in ourselves, but in the love and hope God continues to pour into our hearts.

Grace and peace,
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/>



Outdoor Movie Night: Under the Oaks

Join us for a delightful outdoor movie screening on our impressive 16-foot screen, set beneath the beautiful oak trees. This special evening offers a unique opportunity to enjoy a film together in a scenic, natural setting.

Please remember to bring your own chairs for comfortable seating. To enhance your experience, we will provide refreshments and set up fire pits, ensuring everyone stays cozy and warm throughout the event. We look forward to sharing this enjoyable night with you!



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





Church Members

Marion Lollie / Diane Matthews / Franklin Chaires / Eddie Peters / Choir / Amy Clark / Russel Clark / Mike and Carol Stallard / Ed and Claire Fannin / Renee Grubb / David Matthews /

Sue Austin is recuperating at her home in Tampa.

Friends and Family

Jesse Pennington (Terry and Mike Hatcher) / Pat Powers (Mary Alice Linzy) / Dess Katz (Tiffany Foote) / Thompson Family (Francis Chaires) / Johnny Blaylock (JD & Linda) / Miles Brown (Mary & Mike Linzy) / Connie Katz (Tiffany Lynn-Katz Foote) / Bettie Thornton (Janet Cayson) / Veronica Kartz (Tiffany Foote) /

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

Sign-up Required on back table



Messiah in the Passover: The Seder Experience

The "Messiah in the Passover" event begins with the observance of the traditional Passover Seder meal, including all the customary elements that are central to this significant Jewish festival. Throughout the meal, the speaker will guide participants by explaining the symbolic meanings behind each element of the Passover feast.

Special attention will be given to how these symbols connect to the Last Supper shared by the Messiah and His disciples, emphasizing the deeper redemptive meaning of the crucifixion. This approach highlights the rich heritage and spiritual significance that unite the Passover celebration with the Christian understanding of sacrifice and redemption.

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.

Maundy Thursday Service

Date: April 2, 2026

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

Place: Outdoor

Under the Oaks at

Chaires Methodist



This Maundy Thursday, join us outside under the oaks for a screening of *The Chosen*, Season 5, Episode 8 ("The Last Supper").

We'll reflect on the Last Supper's meaning and enjoy an evening of fellowship in a beautiful setting. Bring a blanket or chair for this unique community gathering.

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)

Historic Sanctuary

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 5th for the movement of the spirit of God in a mighty way.*

Easter Sunrise Service

Date: April 5, 2026

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Petrandis Home



All congregation members are invited to our Easter Sunrise Service at the Petrandis Home on Sunday, April 5, 2026, at 7:00 a.m.

Join us for worship and breakfast after the service. If you'd like to bring a dish, please sign up in the multi-purpose building. We hope to see you there as we celebrate Easter together.

March Birthdays

Capelouto, Susan 3
Alley, Christy 14
Taylor, Jim 25
Novak, Milan 30

March Anniversaries

Rick & Paula Davies 11
Jerry & Janet Cayson 28

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