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He Is Risen! Living the Victory of Easter

Easter Sunday is the ultimate declaration of victory. It is the day we celebrate that sin and death do not have the final word—Jesus does.

Each year, we journey through Holy Week together. We wave palm branches on Palm Sunday, remembering the crowds who welcomed Jesus with shouts of “Hosanna.” We stand at the foot of the cross on Good Friday, reflecting on the depth of Christ’s sacrifice. And then, on Easter morning, everything changes.

The tomb is empty.

In Matthew 28:1–10, we read about the women who came to the tomb expecting to find death, only to encounter life. What they discovered was not just surprising—it was world-changing. The resurrection of Jesus was not a quiet moment in history. It was a seismic shift. The earth shook, the stone was rolled away, and the power of God broke through in a way that would forever change the course of humanity.

That same resurrection power is still at work today.

So often, we carry burdens that feel like stones too heavy to move—fear, grief, uncertainty, broken relationships, or lingering doubt. Easter reminds us that no stone is too great for God. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in our lives, bringing hope where there was despair and life where things once felt lost.

The angel’s words to the women still speak to us today: “He is not here; He has risen.” This is not just something we believe—it is something we are invited to experience. Jesus is not simply a figure in history; He is our living Savior, present with us, calling us into new life. And this good news is not meant to be kept to ourselves. The women left the tomb afraid, yet filled with great joy, and they ran to tell others. That is our calling as well. Easter is not just a day we celebrate—it is a truth we live and a message we share. In a world that often feels weighed down by darkness, we are called to be people of resurrection—bringing light, hope, and joy wherever we go.

As we gather for worship this Easter, we lovingly challenge you to do more than attend—come expecting to encounter the living Christ. And as you go from that place, carry the message with you. Share it with a neighbor, a friend, or a family member who needs hope.

Because the truth of Easter is this: The tomb is empty, Jesus is alive. And because He lives, we have hope. We look forward to celebrating the joy of the resurrection with you this Sunday.

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

-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.

Music Director (Part-Time)

Chaires Methodist Church – Chaires, FL
Chaires Methodist Church, a small country congregation, is seeking a part-time **Music Director** to lead our adult choir and guide the musical life of our church.

Responsibilities:

- Direct weekly adult choir rehearsal
- Lead choir during Sunday worship
- Select and schedule music for weekly services and special seasons
- Collaborate with the pastor in worship planning
- Foster a welcoming and spiritually enriching rehearsal environment

Qualifications:

- Experience directing choirs or leading church music
- Ability to work with volunteer musicians
- Strong organizational and communication skills
- Commitment to Christian faith and meaningful worship

Position Details:

- Part-time: 6–8 hours per week
- Additional seasonal responsibilities (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter)
- Compensation commensurate with experience

The Music Director reports to the Pastor and works collaboratively with church leadership. To apply, please submit a resume and brief statement of interest to: pastor.foote@outlook.com.





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/>



Church Members

Lynn Fannin / Mike and Carol Stallard / Church Choir / Diane and David Matthews / Marty Holland / Rick and Paula Davies / Nancy Hardison / Amy Clark

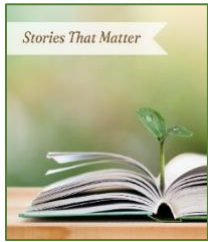
Friends and Family

Friend of Kathy Strubble / Tim Bricker (Kerry Foote) / Scott Sullivan (Maggie Hall) / Pat Powers (Mary Alice Linzy) / Nasir (Unknown) / Situation in Middle East (Diane Matthews) / Brenda Gant (Mike and Terry Hatcher)



Stories That Matter: New Sermon Series

Easter is not just a single day—it is a whole season of renewal, promise, and hope that began on April 5, 2026, and continues until Pentecost Sunday. This special time, known as Eastertide, invites us to lean into the stories that truly matter and reflect on the Resurrection's impact in our lives. Each week in our new sermon series, we'll gather to explore the journeys of those who wrestled with the meaning of Easter, along with Jesus' words of preparation that guide us to live the reality of eternity here and now.



We lovingly challenge each member of our church family to make this season a priority—come, be present, and invite a friend or neighbor to join us. Sharing these “stories that matter” can encourage and inspire not only ourselves but those around us. Let's fill our pews with love, laughter, and a renewed sense of community as we journey together through Eastertide. We can't wait to see you and those you bring!



Eastertide Small Group Bible Study: A Season to Grow

This Eastertide, we invite you to go deeper by joining a small group Bible study that will coincide with our sermon series. This opportunity comes directly from you. One of the requests shared during our recent townhall meeting was a desire for more small group connection and spiritual growth. We heard you—and this is one way we are responding.

Beginning **Thursday, April 9th through May 21st**, Pastor Kerry will lead a weekly, discussion-based Bible study that explores the same themes and scriptures from our Sunday messages. This is a chance to ask questions, share insights, and grow together in faith.

Two meeting times are available each week:

9:00 a.m. (Sunday School Room) – light breakfast provided

7:00 p.m. (Parsonage) – snacks and refreshments provided

We lovingly challenge you to make this a priority during Eastertide. Faith grows when we intentionally show up, open God's Word, and walk alongside one another. Study guides are available on the back sign-up table in the Multi-Purpose Building.

Come be part of this journey—let's grow together.

Amy Clark Fundraiser



Amy Clark, a member of our church family at Chaires Methodist Church, was seriously injured after being knocked down by a pack of dogs at a dog park. She suffered significant leg injuries requiring surgery, along with a hospital and rehab stay. She now faces a long recovery before returning to work. Her family has created a GoFundMe to help with medical and living expenses:

<https://gofund.me/8aa0e654a>

If you prefer not to use GoFundMe, Publix gift cards are another way to help with everyday needs. Thank you for keeping Amy in your prayers during this time.

April Birthdays

Messer, Wanda 1
Lightfoot, Gordon 9
Wood, Jeannette 14
Pahl, Debbie 15
Chaires, Franklin 23
Stallings, Mike 28

April Anniversaries

Pahl, Michael & Debbie 9
Dale & Susan Thompson 11