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The Fragrance We Leave Behind

Have you ever walked into a room and immediately noticed that something had been baking? Before seeing the food, you could smell it. The aroma told you that something good had happened there.

Our lives also leave something behind.

Every conversation, decision, and act of kindness creates an atmosphere. We can leave behind encouragement or discouragement, peace or tension, grace or judgment. Long after people forget our exact words, they may remember how our presence made them feel.

This Sunday, as we continue The Questions Jesus Asked, we will reflect on a woman who honored Jesus with a costly gift. **The fragrance of her offering filled the house.** Some people questioned her actions, but Jesus recognized the love behind them.

Her example invites us to consider the spiritual fragrance our lives are creating.

Worship is not limited to singing, praying, or attending church. Worship is also seen in how we treat people, how we respond when our plans are interrupted, and how generously we share what God has placed in our hands.

A patient response can be worship.
A quiet act of kindness can be worship.
Forgiving someone can be worship.
Showing up for someone who is hurting can be worship.

These actions may seem small, but God often uses simple acts of faithfulness to carry the love of Christ into places where a sermon may never be preached.

Each of us has something to offer: time, encouragement, compassion, prayer, or a willingness to serve. God does not ask us to do everything. He asks us to be faithful with what we have.

A phone call may lift someone's spirit. A meal may remind a family that they are not alone. A sincere apology may begin healing a relationship. A welcoming smile may help someone feel at home.

As we prepare for worship and Holy Communion this Sunday, let us remember that Jesus did not hold back His love from us. He gave Himself so that we might receive forgiveness, hope, and new life.

This week, ask God to show you what kind of fragrance your words and actions are leaving behind. May our homes, our church, and our community be filled with grace, kindness, humility, and the love of Christ.

God Bless and Keep You, **Pastor Kerry**

Pastor Visit

If you or someone you know is going through a difficult time, facing illness, feeling lonely, or simply in need of prayer and encouragement, please do not hesitate to reach out. Pastor Kerry would be glad to visit, pray with you and offer support. To arrange a pastor visit, please contact Susan Capelouto (Administrative Assistant) or Rev. Kerry Foote.



Find us on
Facebook



Have you heard the good news? Chaires Methodist Church is now going live on Facebook every Sunday morning! We would love to see you in worship in person, but if you are traveling, homebound, under the weather, or simply unable to make it to church that week, you can still join us online and be part of our worshipping family.

Tune in for the Sunday message, sing along from home, share the service with a friend, and stay connected to what God is doing in our church community.

Please give our Facebook page a like and follow so you can receive updates about upcoming events, special announcements, live worship services, and sermon archives you can watch or share anytime. Whether you join us in the pew or online, there is a place for you at Chaires Methodist Church.

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Chaires-Methodist-Church-61561720372576/>



Renee Grubb is offering to attach a Chaires Methodist Church patch to a shirt or cap of your choice free. Make sure the item has been washed to prevent fading first. Thank you, Renee, for offering this special gift.

The flower calendar through October has been posted in the hallway near the nursery.



Church Members

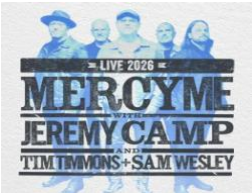
Mary Alice Linzy / Donna Corson / Frances Chaires / Franklin Chaires / Melissa / Casey Friel / Clark family / Ken Hatcher / Gordon Wheeler / Diane and David Matthews

Friends and Family

Gordon Lightfoot (Tony Minichicillo) / Craig Musgrove (Terry Hatcher) / Janice Ivie (Tarry Hatcher) / Julie Hewett (Maggie Hall) / Susan Berry (Margaret Boyette) / Carol Boyd (Pat Ally) / Sara Weitzel (Terry Hatcher) / Sean Young (Terry Hatcher) / Kyle and Susan Jones (Unknown) / Stormy the cat (Unknown) / Caryolyn’s great granddaughter (Diane Matthews) / Carolyn Creamer family (Diane Matthews) /



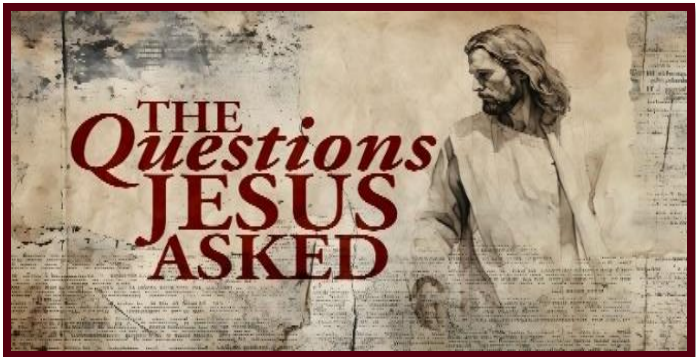
MercyMe Live 2026 Concert Sign-Up



Join us for an uplifting evening of music and worship at **MercyMe Live 2026** with Jeremy Camp, Tim Timmons, and Sam Wesley on October 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Donald L. Tucker Civic Center.

This promises to be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy inspiring Christian music, share fellowship, and experience the concert together as a church family. Chaires Methodist Church is gathering names so we can reserve tickets together. *Sign up at the back table of the multi-purpose building.*

Tickets are \$55.00 per person, and payment is due when tickets are delivered.



Our sermon series in July and August is **The Questions Jesus Asked**. Together, we will explore how Jesus’ questions open hearts, challenge assumptions, and still shape our faith today. Join us at **Chaires Methodist Church**—and invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to come with you.

Small Group Bible Study:
The Questions Jesus Asked

Come be part of something meaningful this summer! You are invited to join our weekly Small Group Bible Study as we dig deeper into **The Questions Jesus Asked** and discover how His words still speak to our lives today.

The first meeting was July 9th, but it’s not too late to join! Choose which time works best for you.

Thursday Morning at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School Room of the Multi-Purpose Building
Start the day with faith, fellowship, conversation, and a light breakfast.

Thursday Evening at 7:00 p.m.

At the church parsonage
Begin with a light dinner, compliments of Pastor Kerry Foote, then enjoy meaningful discussion in the living room.

Bring your Bible, bring your questions, and bring a friend. Whether you are new to Bible study or have been studying Scripture for years, there is a place for you as we listen together for Jesus’ voice in the questions He asks.

Surrounding Families with Hope

Our church is considering partnering with **Safe Families for Children**, a faith-inspired organization that supports families facing difficult circumstances. Their goal is to keep children safe, strengthen parents, and help families stay together.



Safe Families is not foster care or adoption. Parents voluntarily receive support while they work through challenges such as illness, unemployment, housing hospitalization, or instability.

There are many ways our congregation can help. Volunteers may temporarily host children, mentor and encourage parents, provide meals or transportation, donate needed items, or become prayer partners. No one person has to do everything, but everyone can do something.

Galatians 6:2 reminds us to “bear one another’s burdens.” Safe Families offers us a practical way to share Christ’s love with families in our community. Please pray about how God may be calling you to serve.

To learn more, speak with Pastor Kerry or visit **safe-families.org**.

August Birthdays	August Anniversaries
Peters, Lynne 13	Stallard, Mike & Carol 18
Gail Dampier 15	Kerry & Tiffany Foote 22
Pat Alley 15	
Virgil Hall 16	
Amanda Novak 17	
Tiffany Foote 22	
Cathy Lee 26	