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**Confidence in Being Christ’s Ambassador**

*Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.*

*– 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NKJV)*

As members of God’s family, we are given a remarkable responsibility: to invite others into this family. Each one of us is an ambassador for Christ, representing Him wherever we go. Scripture reminds us, “*We are Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us.*”

However, you might be thinking, “I’m not qualified to be an ambassador for Christ.” Maybe you believe it requires a certain personality or a gift for persuasion, or perhaps you struggle with the confidence to share the hope you have in Jesus. But take heart! There are truths that can equip and empower you to step confidently into this role.

Here are five truths that will strengthen your confidence as an ambassador for Christ:

**Everyone Shares the Same Longings**

When you became part of God’s family, you didn’t stop being human. You still have the same basic drives and desires as everyone else. The life you offer—a life filled with purpose—is what people are yearning for. It is a gift everyone longs to receive.

**Everyone Has the Same Big Questions**

We all ask fundamental questions like, “Where did I come from?” “Why am I here?” and “Where am I going?” These are not small inquiries; they reflect the deepest yearnings of the human heart. The good news is that the answers are found in God’s Word, offering clarity where there may be confusion.

**Most People Are Uncertain About What They Believe**

Many people today hold beliefs that contradict each other. For instance, some might say, “There are no absolutes in life”—which, ironically, is an absolute statement! When you share the hope of Jesus, it brings clarity to their confusion and aligns them with the truth.

**Listen for the Key to Their Heart**

Every person has an unmet need or hidden hurt—the key that can open their heart to Jesus. While the only way to God is through Jesus Christ, people come to Him for many different reasons, often through their pain or challenges.

**You Have the Holy Spirit and the Truth on Your Side**

You are not alone when you share God’s plan of salvation. The Holy Spirit is with you, guiding your words and working in the hearts of those you speak to. As you share the truth of God’s love and grace, the Spirit will provide you with the words you need at just the right moment.

Remember, many of us feel uncertain or lack confidence when it comes to sharing our faith. But be encouraged:

God will give you the words to speak when you need them, and He will do so in ways that surprise and amaze you. Trust in His guidance and know that, as His ambassador, you carry the hope of the world with you.

**Choir News**

Choir practice is on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Now is the time to join if you would like to be a part of the music during Advent and Christmastide. For more info, contact:

Gerry Nielson (321-652-5361; [gerryniel@gmail.com](mailto:gerryniel@gmail.com))

**Saint Francis of Assisi Day (Blessing of the Pets)**

Saint Francis of Assisi, the acclaimed Catholic friar, philosopher, mystic, and teacher, is celebrated by the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi every October 4. He founded the men’s Order of Friars Minor and the women’s Order of Saint Clare, among many others.

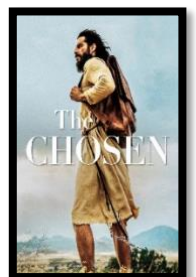
This saint led a colorful and interesting life before devoting his life to God and becoming one of the most renowned Christians of all time. To celebrate him and commemorate his journey to the afterlife, the town of Assisi lights oil lamps for two days. Religious services are held, and some children even bring their pets to be blessed on this day.

In honoring Saint Francis, Chairs will be hosting a special, “Blessing of the Pets” on the Chaires Methodist campus on **October 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.** Bring your pets to church to receive a blessing from our pastor.

*If you would like Pastor Kerry to call or visit, please let Susan, the secretary, or Pastor Kerry know.*

**Movies Under the Oaks**

It is coming back! Get your field blankets ready and dust off your folding chairs. Watching movies under the Oaks at Chaires Methodist Church will start back up on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m. There is a complete schedule through April 11<sup>th</sup> on the information table. This event will be free to the community and food and refreshments will be provided: Hotdogs, soft pretzels, popcorn, lemonade, tea and hot chocolate on chilly nights.



Movies will be projected on our 14ft outdoor screen unless weather conditions do not allow for this and in that case, movies will be shown in multi-purpose sanctuary.

**Adult Sunday School**

This class meets each Sunday at 9 AM.

Secretary	Susan Capelouto (chairesmc.office@gmail.com)
Music Director	Gerry Nielsen
Custodian	Janet Cayson
Audio/Visual	Marty Holland

## October Potluck

Don't forget, October 6<sup>th</sup> is the first Sunday of the month and that we will be having our first of the month pot-luck meal. Bring a dish to share and be ready for some wonderful food and fellowship.

**Save the Date: Chicken Pilau on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>!**  
**Plan now to sign up on the volunteer sheets that will be on the information table in October.**



This year Chaires will again be sponsoring a vehicle at the annual Texas Roadhouse Trunk or Treat. That means we need a lot of candy.

So, for the month of October, we will be taking up candy donations every Sunday in the back of the sanctuary. We will also have a special "stuffing" day on **Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** following the Sunday worship service in the Sunday School classroom. We need to stuff special gift bags with candy and various "Christian themed" Halloween trinkets and prizes.

Mark your calendars and save the date for our



annual **Church Conference / Love Feast on November 3, 2024 @ 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

We will not only be affirming the business of the church, but we will be celebrating all our accomplishments over the past year and turning our attention to what the future holds for Chaires Methodist.

We will kick off this event with a Love Feast / Potluck meal in which Chaires will provide BBQ that is prepared on our open pit grill, and we are asking members of the congregation to bring a side dish to share. This Love Feast will start in the multi-purpose sanctuary and after the meal, we will head over to the historic sanctuary for a time of conference and celebration.

### **Giving Through Our Website**

Go to <https://chairesmethodist.church> and just click the blue GIVE button and you will be taken to the church REALM site. The church secretary can help you set up your account.



### Members

Gail & Don Dampier  
 Alice Simmons  
 Martha Fletcher  
 Nancy Hardison

### Friends and Family

Keith Rackley (brother of Diane Matthews)  
 Erin Roan (Renee Grubb)  
 Christine Stephens  
 Eileen Peters  
 Chad Craig  
 Brian Matthews  
 Casey (friend of Sheila Novak)  
 Kay Comer (friend of Kerry and Tiffany Foote)  
 Family of Donnie Dampier (son of Gail & Don Dampier)  
 Todd Hair (cousin of Marty Holland)  
 Deana McCorvey – (David & Diane Matthews)  
 Jordan Israel (Janet Cayson)  
 Family of Roy Lollie (Marion Lollie)  
 Bryan Ayers (Martha Fletcher)  
 Lisa Davis (Martha Fletcher)  
 Becky Hempstead (Martha Fletcher)  
 Ginny R.  
 Tim Bricker (Kerry Foote)  
 Prayer for two patients with Big Bend Hospice (Kerry Foote)  
 Bob Brush (co-worker of Virgil Hall)  
 Family of Roy Lollie (brother-in-law of Marion Lollie)  
 Robbie Brunger (Friend of Mary Alice & Michael Linzy)

Church services will be posted after 1 pm each Sunday through the church website at [chairesmethodist.church](https://chairesmethodist.church)

### October Birthdays

Amy Clarke 4  
 Dale Thompson 7  
 Jeff Messer 31

### October Anniversaries

Wes & Ashley Leggett 4  
 Virgil & Maggie Hall 11

(9-29-24)

### Chaires Staff

Pastor Rev. Kerry Foote