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What is a Love Feast and When Are We Having One?

The Love Feast, or Agape Meal, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry and expressing the koinonia (community, sharing, fellowship) enjoyed by the family of Christ.

Although its origins in the early church are closely interconnected with the origins of the Lord's Supper, the two services became quite distinct and should not be confused with each other. While the Lord's Supper has been practically universal among Christians throughout church history, the Love Feast has appeared only at certain times and among certain denominations.

The modern history of the Love Feast began when Count Zinzendorf and the Moravians in Germany introduced a service of sharing food, prayer, religious conversation, and hymns in 1727. John Wesley first experienced it among the Moravians in Savannah, Georgia, ten years later. His diary notes: "After evening prayers, we joined with the Germans in one of their love-feasts. It was begun and ended with thanksgiving and prayer and celebrated in so decent and solemn a manner as a Christian of the apostolic age would have allowed to be worthy of Christ."

It quickly became a feature of the Evangelical Revival and a regular part of Methodist society meetings in Great Britain and throughout the English-speaking world. As Methodists immigrated to North America they made Love Feasts an important part of early American Methodism.

While Love Feasts became less frequent in the years that followed, they continued to be held in some places; and in recent years the Love Feast has been revived. Love Feasts have often been held at Annual Conferences and Charge Conferences, where persons may report on what God has been doing in their lives and on the hope and trust they place in God for the future.

We will be hosting a Love Feast for our **Church Conference on Sunday, November 3 @ 11:30 a.m.** Stay tuned for more information!

Aside from food, testimonies and praise are the focal point in most Love Feasts. Testimonies may include personal witness to God's grace or accounts of what God has been doing in the lives of others and the church. Praise may take the form of hymns, songs, choruses, or spoken exclamations and may vary from the relative formality of an opening and closing hymn to spontaneous calling out of requests and singing as the Spirit moves.

September Sermon Series

How many of us desire to give our congregations the tools and confidence they need to share their faith? In **Surprise the World** you'll find practical tips that will help our church cultivate powerful missional habits.



This 4-week series comes straight from Pastor Michael Frost's book by the same name, *Surprise the World*. Pastor Kerry will also be providing the congregation with specific chapters to read prior to Sunday's sermons so that congregants will have a preview of the sermon.

The *Surprise the World* campaign is sure to ignite new passion, interest, and opportunities for discipleship among our community. What may start as a simple sermon series may grow into an entire community transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ as our church body begins to live more and more on mission with God.

- **Sept. 22nd** sermon background reading will be from Chapter 4 of "Surprise the World" book.
- **Sept. 29th** sermon background reading will be from Chapter 7 of "Surprise the World" book

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)

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 4th 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.

Music Director	Gerry Nielsen
Custodian	Janet Cayson
Audio/Visual	Marty Holland

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 4th @ 7:30 p.m. 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.

We will pick-up on *The Chosen* series and the line-up is as follows.

7:30 pm

Oct. 4: (The Chosen) - Thunder - Season 2 Episode 1
 Oct. 18: (The Chosen) - I Saw You - Season 2 Episode 2
 Oct. 25: (The Chosen) - Matthew 4:24 - Season 2 Episode 3
 Nov. 1: (The Chosen) - The Perfect Opportunity - Season 2 Ep. 4

6:30 pm

Nov. 8: (The Chosen) - Spirit - Season 2 Episode 5
 Nov. 15: (The Chosen) - Unlawful - Season 2 Episode 6
 Nov. 22: (The Chosen) - Reckoning - Season 2 Episode 7
 Nov. 29: (The Chosen) - Beyond Mountains - Season 2 Ep. 8
 Dec. 6: (The Chosen) - Homecoming - Season 3 Episode 1
 Dec. 13: (The Chosen) - Two by Two - Season 3 Episode 2
 Dec. 20: (The Chosen) - Physician, Heal Yourself - Season 3 Ep. 3
 Dec. 27: (The Chosen) - Clean, Part 1 - Season 3 Episode 4

6:45 pm

Jan 3: (The Chosen) - Clean, Part 2 - Season 3 Episode 5
 Jan 10: (The Chosen) - Intensity in Tent City - Season 3 Ep. 6
 Jan 17: (The Chosen) - Ears to Hear - Season 3 Episode 7
 Jan 24: (The Chosen) - Sustenance - Season 3 Episode 8

7:00 pm

Feb. 21: (The Chosen) - Promises - Season 4 Episode 1
 Feb. 28: (The Chosen) - Confessions - Season 4 Episode 2
 Mar. 7: (The Chosen) - Moon to Blood - Season 4 Episode 3

8:00 pm

Mar. 14: (The Chosen) - Calm Before - Season 4 Episode 4
 Mar. 21: (The Chosen) - Seating, Serving, Scheming - Season 4 Ep. 5
 Mar.28: (The Chosen) - Dedication - Season 4 Episode 6

8:15 pm

Apr. 4: (The Chosen) - The Last Sign - Season 4 Episode 7
 Apr. 11: (The Chosen) - Humble - Season 4 Episode 8

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.

Adult Sunday School

This class meets each Sunday at 9 AM.

Chaires Staff

Pastor	Rev. Kerry Foote
Secretary	Susan Capelouto (chairesmc.office@gmail.com)

Watermelon Ministry

We are looking for some volunteers to help with a unique type of ministry. On September 21st, Chaires Methodist will be serving the Lincoln High School marching band along with other local marching bands with some fresh cut cold watermelon at their rehears-a-thon event that is being held at Gene Cox stadium.



We will need people to help set up and take down tables and while there, cut and serve cold watermelon to the marching bands. We will need people at the field at 10:30 and serving will be at 11:00 am.

If you are interested, please sign up at the back table of the multipurpose sanctuary.



Women's Group of Chaires Methodist Church

On September 28th (10:00-noon), Terry Hatcher will lead the ladies' group in making Christmas cards. She attends card-making classes and has some real expertise to offer. Y'all come!

Church services will be posted after 1 pm each Sunday through the church website at chairesmethodist.church



Members

Alice Simmons
 Martha Fletcher
 Nancy Hardison

Friends and Family

The Washington Family (friends of Matthew Bouchard)
 Brian Matthews
 Casey (friend of Sheila Novak)
 Kay Comer (friend of Kerry and Tiffany Foote)
 Donnie Dampier (son of Gail & Don Dampier)
 Todd Hair (cousin of Marty)
 Deana McCorvey – David & Diane Matthews
 Jordon Israel (Janet Cayson)
 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)

Please cover our young grandson in prayer as well as any students who have heard of the school shootings and are fearful that it could happen in their school. His parents have talked to him. It is hard for adults to comprehend these tragedies and even more so for young students.

Diane Matthews

Praise for our Sunday School class and God's Holy Word.

(9-15-24)

<u>September Birthdays</u>	<u>September Anniversaries</u>
Rick Davies 2	
Tiffany Foote 2	Gordon & Lucia Lightfoot 13
Bobbie Harrison 13	
Ashley Leggett 13	
Eddie Peters 13	
Martha Fletcher 14	
Amber Stallings 26	
Mike Hatcher 28	