



# Chaires UMC

## Newsletter

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### Featuring ~ Franklin & Frances Chaires



We've met some wonderful people since we have been in this church, and if you already know this couple (as most of you probably do) you know that they may be the nicest, most dedicated members of this church. An extremely quite, lovely pair that I have very much enjoyed visiting with and getting to know.

Franklin Miller Chaires is a native of Chaires and the oldest and only survivor of three children born to J. P. and

Carrie Miller Chaires. Franklin is a direct descendant of Benjamin Chaires, one of three brothers of a pioneer family that located in and around the present day Chaires community in the early 1800's. Franklin lost his

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### Treats for Troops – A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!!!

On March 21 and 22, we packed and mailed our first shipment of treats for troops. We sent 60 pounds of goodies to three men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan to enjoy and share with their units. This first shipment went to Eva Bryant, U. S. Army, Rodolfo Ayala, U. S. Marines and Aaron Bartelt, U. S. Army, who was featured in our April newsletter.

We have already received letters of appreciation from several of the men and women. One, which I found particularly uplifting, is posted on our bulletin board. This plan to show OUR gratitude for THEIR sacrifice could not have been realized without the support of those in our church family who baked, packed, donated money for shipping and wrote notes to enclose with the goodies. TWENTY SAINTS from our Chaires UMC contributed to the success of our first shipment; and it was a success! This is a quote from the thank-you letter sent by Eva Bryant.

“We greatly appreciate the women of the church to take time

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### Big Bend Walk to Emmaus

You've heard people talking about a mysterious Emmaus Walk/retreat weekend? But do you know what it is all about; would you be interested? Why have people like Bill and Jean Ingram, Steve and Sharon Lenzo, Dianna Pollock, Lynne Mulder, Margaret Boyette, Sandy Tuten, Evelyn Brown, Jeff and Brenda Messer, Sue Wilson, John Peth or Bob and Lynn Glover chosen to go? Are you missing out on something good?

Short answer - YES!

The purpose of Emmaus is the renewal of the Church as the body of the risen Christ in the world, through the renewal of church members as faithful and leavening influences in their local churches. The purpose of Emmaus is not fully realized during the three days of the event itself, but rather, in the Fourth Day (a coined term

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<h3 style="margin: 0;">Building Expansion Update</h3> <p>After establishing the Building Committee (BC) as a sub-committee of the Trustee Committee, the BC met and determined what the church expansion would incorporate, based on previous meetings and discussions with members. The item list was dubbed the "Wish List". The Wish List was provided to our chosen architects (Hicks Nation Architects, Inc.), who subsequently provided two potential schemes to meet our expansion needs and Wish List.</p> <p>The two schemes were evaluated by the BC. The selected scheme and refinements to the Wish List were communicated to the architects. The revised scheme will be reviewed when it is returned.</p> <p>The next step (step 6 of the United Methodist Building Manual), to make a presentation to the "District Board of Church Location and Building" to receive approval to proceed with the project, was made April 24th and approval by the District Board. Next, will be a "Charge Conference" to present the final scheme to receive agreement from our church to proceed toward detailed design. We expect that meeting to be scheduled for May, date and time to be determined.</p> <p>At this time, the expansion is expected to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Adding approximately 150 seats (for a total of up to 300 seats).</li> <li>● Adding three new meeting rooms and administrative space (along corridor to restrooms).</li> <li>● Adding a Narthex entry.</li> <li>● Adding paved handicapped parking areas.</li> <li>● Enlarge the kitchen pantry area and install several new appliances.</li> <li>● Enlarge the chorus practice area.</li> <li>● Add new isolated A/V control area.</li> </ul> <p>Estimated costs are still very rough. A lot will depend on the square footage of the final scheme and the increases in building material costs, which have been steadily increasing over the past few years primarily due to increases in energy costs. The final costs will be based on actual bids to perform the construction. For want of a better unit price, we are still basing the estimate on \$110 per square foot. With the rough estimates of size, architects' fees, surveying costs, permit fees, construction, furniture, fittings and finishes, the best guess right now is about \$370,000, recognizing that increasing material and labor costs may increase that number.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>~ submitted by Jon Berry</i></p>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">Easter Sunrise Service</h3> <p>The day began with a deliciously excellent breakfast provided by Johnny and Penny Petrandis and Buddy and Pat Alley. At least fifty people were in attendance and enjoyed the wonderful meal.</p> <p>Pastor Bill Ingram and Director of Music, John Rainwater led the service. A most beautiful sunrise burst forth in honor of Our Risen Lord.</p> <p>Easter church service witnessed two hundred people, which left standing room only in the sanctuary. The choir sang several beautiful songs and it just got better as they sang! The Holy Spirit was certainly with us and Pastor Bill brought a message on "What Will You Do With Jesus?" It was a cold, but beautiful day and one to worship our risen Lord.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>~ submitted by Evelyn Brown</i></p>
	<h3 style="margin: 0;"><u>Chaires UMC Newsletter</u></h3> <p style="text-align: center;">Volume 2, Number 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Editor: Evelyn Brown</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Layout: Mulder Brown</u></p> <p>Thank you to all of you who helped us in preparing and distributing this newsletter. It is with our sincere regrets that we have determined that it is necessary for us to suspend publication of the newsletter for the next two months – the June and July issues. We hope to resume publication with the August issue. Again, thanks!</p>

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### Palm Sunday Service



**Palm Sunday, in Christianity, Sunday before Easter, so called from the custom of blessing palms and of carrying portions of branches in procession, in commemoration of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The custom may be traced back at least to the 4th century.**

And a triumphant entry it was; belated, but still triumphant! And probably the person most glad to see them was John Rainwater (or maybe the choir). As John led the choir in its traditional rendition of the hymn, *Enter the Gate*, at last the children entered the sanctuary waving their palm branches in honor of Palm Sunday. The congregation was eager to see them as John continued to lead them in song until the children made their spectacular entry. What a show! A big thank you goes out to Joy Marshall, Brenda Messer and Judy O'Steen for their commitment and the wonderful job they continue to do with "our children."

### BSA Troop - 25 News

Summertime is a good season for scouting. The scouts are not constrained by homework or school obligations. The days grow longer and so does our meetings. The scouts do more outdoor games like "capture the flag", "fox and the hound" and "water gun battle royals." In the summer, they will complete many more requirements and receive more awards.

Speaking of camping, there's a lot lined up. May 4 - 6 is the Archaeology Campout in Civil War Park in Andersonville, GA. We'll "dig" during the day and tell ghost stories at night while we camp on "Cemetery Road". And of course, there's the Memorial Day weekend campout at Wild Adventures.

Then on to BSA summer camp. We'll be heading out on June 10 and returning on June 16. The younger scouts will learn scouting skills, including swimming and first aid, whereas the more seasoned scouts will be experiencing adventure like wilderness survival and cope (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience).

We will go on some hikes and backpacking trips on the Florida trail. The scouts want to work on their "Cycling Merit Badge". In August, we can't keep the scouts out of water. We like canoeing, tubing and snorkeling. Summer is a busy time for us.

~ submitted by Terry Hague, Scoutmaster Troop-25

### UMW Ministry News

Some of our ladies attended a meeting with ECHO and were inspired as they witnessed the people who were in need of food, cookware and tote bags, not to mention many other needs. They still need donations of these items. Please bring your donations to church and place them in the ECHO box in the church sanctuary.

Donations of miniature toiletries are needed for the Refuge House ministry. Give items to be donated to Mary Taylor.

Jeanne Robbins is still collecting shoes for those in need. If you would like to donate shoes, place them in a bag or other container with Jeanne's name on it and give it to her or place it on the floor near the ECHO box.

Alice Raggett and Sue Horne volunteered some of their time toward helping work on a quilt at Margaret Boyette's home. If you would like to volunteer toward this project, please see Margaret.

HOME COMING will be celebrated on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Everyone will be looking forward to your future "Recipe of the Month"! Ornaments will be on sale again.

Please continue to pray for Doris Chaires and her family during their time of the loss of her husband, Orus Chaires.

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News from our Children's Church	Chaires UMM's Ministry
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Wow! We have had a great month of March and April. We have been busy bees with our lessons on the events leading to Easter and the true meaning of Easter. We are now studying the Gospels; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Last week we had breakfast on the beach with Peter as he told us of the 153 fish he caught with the help of Jesus. We are all learning to be fisherman for Christ. Beginning in May we will have a Sunday School teacher for the children age four and under. In this class we will focus on the basics of the Bible. We will begin with the story of creation and move through Noah and the Ark, story of Moses, and many more. We hope your little ones can join us!

In addition to our Sunday school activities, we have great activities planned so mark your calendar.....


May 13 - Singing Performance for the Congregation

June 3 - Family Fun Picnic @ Chaires Elementary School Playground 11:30 -?

July 29 - Summer Celebration! @ Church...waterslide and summer fun 11 -2:00

We would like to thank all of you who have so graciously supplied the little ones with snack on Sunday. We would also like to say thank you to all of the nursery workers!

April -May Sunday School Verse:  
*"He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."*



*~ submitted by: Joy Marshall*

**A Letter of Thanks from a Marine**

Dear Lynn

My name is LCPL Watson. Thank you for the cookies. We all appreciated them. Its tough out here some times but kindness and your generosity pushes us through the struggle. Every marine appreciate every little bit of your generosity. Once again, thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Well, a funny thing happened to my plans to build a new disability ramp at the old Sanctuary that would be in compliance with the American's With Disabilities Act. My ongoing "Lets Make Something Old New Again" effort.

Two Saturday's ago, I was as busy as I could be laying out the design of a brand new disability ramp at the back of the Old Sanctuary, the entrance located on the East side of the building where you enter the Pastor's office. I spent three hours measuring, pounding in stakes and making sure my ramp met ADA standards. I knew you had to have an elevation of only 1 inch to every foot of ramp. That meant I was going to have 36 feet of ramp, two platform decks and hand rails with pickets. It was going to allow us to take down the old ramp that is not ADA compliant (since it is 2 inches per foot) and, just as important, help in cleaning up the front of the Old Sanctuary, and allow us to do a "remake" of the old brick steps to give the front of the Old Sanctuary that Old -but- New-Again look.

Everything was going fine until Lucia came out from the office, where she was doing a little book work and started asking me about my design.

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time out of their busy day and bake us some homemade goodies. Just as we render services over here, you as part of the body of Christ, render your services to us. As we ate the cookies, we tasted the love and kindness that was put in them. . .”

This project is for their enjoyment and to the Glory of God who gives us the desire and means to carry it out. I thank you and Jesus thanks you for being HIS hands and feet.

*~ submitted by Lynn Glover*



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Pretty straight forward stuff, like “ Why would you want a wheelchair ramp that led you to a door that you couldn't get a wheelchair through? ” Wow, I thought I had looked at the door and decided it was plenty big enough. Nope, it was a 30 inch door, at least 6 inches too narrow! And that wasn't bad enough. Lucia questioned, “For a disabled person, wouldn't it be more important for them to get into the Sanctuary? ”

Well, that did it. I had a ton of lumber and a poorly thought out plan. I had the Men's Ministry planning on coming to the Church on April 28<sup>th</sup> for a workday and wanting to build a brand new disability ramp, all ADA compliant with platforms and hand rails like I showed them. I was depressed for the rest of the afternoon and on into Church the next morning. And, then I thought, well, there is another project I have been promising the Pastor for three years. All he wanted (and Ms. Jane Kempton had also asked me a couple of times ) were some handrails going up the steps at the office and at the parsonage. What a great idea to salvage a workday! And we did it, but not without some effort. It took another trip to Lowes, another ton of lumber and even a secondary trip by ole faithful Lamont Wynn on Saturday right in the middle of the project to get more material for the project.



I want to thank Lamont Wynn, Keith Horne, Don Dampier, Jim Spratt and his Dad Joe (who provided any kind of tool we needed), Bobby Matthews and Marty Raggett for their great work. A special thanks to my brother-in-law, Andy Mendolia, (I called him my “ringer” as he is actually A.C. Mendolia Construction from Jacksonville) and he is also the young man that has been on our prayer list for several weeks for his continuing and successful efforts for a liver transplant. Andy got his liver less than a month ago and worked harder Saturday than any two of us. We now have three beautiful sets of picketed handrails going up the side of the two sets of steps at the Parsonage and the steps into the office at the Old Sanctuary.

And for you guys that missed all the fun, you have to know that Lamont (actually Ruth Ann) furnished sausage biscuits and coffee for a morning snack and Keith Horne led us in prayerful fellowship first thing in the morning. I think our newly reorganized Men's Ministry is going to be more involved in all our “Let's Make Something Old New Again” projects with even more exciting things in store for our Church.

And, thank you Lucia for keeping me on track.

*~ submitted by Gordon Lightfoot*

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sister, Mae Dell, in a tragic accident in 1944 when she fell from a truck as the family and neighbors were traveling to a picnic. His brother Alvin died in 1994 from a heart attack.

Frances, Franklin's wife, is also descended from a Leon county pioneer – Luther Hartsfield, Sr. He was her great grandfather who located on the west side of what is now Tallahassee in the 1800's, in the Lake Bradford area.

Franklin's aunt, Lucilla Miller, introduced him to Frances and after a short courtship, they were married on May 3, 1970. Franklin and Frances have been blessed through the love of the Lord with four children; Holly, Melissa, Laura and Michael. They have four grandsons, one granddaughter and two great grandchildren. They have also raised a nephew, Dennis.

Franklin attended school at Chaires Public Schools and Liveley Technical School. After working at several jobs in Tallahassee, he found his trade as a body shop technician at the age of twenty two. He worked forty one years, retiring in 1995 from the Ford dealership. He had previously worked for the dealerships of GMC, Proctors, Chevrolet, Lincoln/Mercury, Buick and then with Ford. He enjoys helping others and has assisted several families with their elderly fathers. He and Frances like gardening, fishing, cookouts with Franklin's family and camping in the state parks in North Carolina.

After residing in the city for twenty two years, they built their home in Chaires on the same land where Franklin was born. In 1993, after leaving the Words of Life Church of God, they came and joined Chaires United Methodist Church. Since Frances' retirement in January 2006, they have been keeping busy with their hobbies and caring for their granddaughter Asleigh and great niece Ashly.

*~ submitted by Evelyn Brown*

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term representing every day in your life after your walk).

The resurrection story told in Luke 24:13 -35 illustrates what happens for pilgrims on the Walk to Emmaus: Faith is re-explained, grace is re-experienced, Christian community is realized and the body of Christ is renewed through the renewed commitment of church members - Christ's disciples.

Are you seeking a deeper, stronger faith? Do you need to experience God's grace? Are you feeling called to deeper discipleship? Do you desire to utilize your spiritual gifts in your church and community? Perhaps then, you should consider making time to take a closer walk with Jesus at Emmaus! Walk weekends are held twice a year for both men and women (on separate weekends). If Christ is calling you to come and walk with Him, just ask anyone who's been there for directions and you'll be on your way.

We are thankful for Lynn Glover, our latest pilgrim, who just completed her Walk to Emmaus, along with her husband Bob and John Peth. They also need the prayers and support of the church as they live their Fourth Day. Chaires is blessed to have so many who are willing and desirous of a closer walk with Christ. Who knows? YOU may be next!

*~ submitted by Steve Lenzo*

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We will certainly miss the love and fellowship that Ms. Gwendolyn Thompson brought to all of us at Chaires. She has moved to Texas to live with her grandson and his wife for a while. If you would like to write to her, the new address is:

Ms. Gwendolyn Thompson  
13718 CR 2278  
c/o David Hooten  
Tyler, TX 75707

Ms. Gwen, we love you and miss you, but most of all we wish our very best for your happiness. It has been a pleasure knowing you and we miss your sweet smile and kind words. Please let us know if you will be coming for a visit, and we'll be waiting with lots of hugs and the love you know so well.

*~ submitted by Evelyn Brown*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			Family Night 6:00 pm.  Choir 7:00 pm		*BSA	Youth Activities 5:30pm  *BSA
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Communion <u>Sunday</u>  Echo Sunday  *BSA		United Methodist Men & United Methodist Women 6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study <u>10:30 am</u>  Choir 7:00 pm			Youth Activities 5:30pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Mother's Day  Children Sing for Congregation			Choir 7:00 pm			Armed <u>Forces Day!</u>  Youth Acti vities 5:30 pm
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<u>Homecoming!</u> Dinner on the <u>Grounds!</u> Widow's Mite Sunday!			Adult Bible Study <u>10:30 am</u>  Choir 7:00 pm	Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm		Koinonia <u>Dinner</u>  Youth Activities 5:30 pm
27	28	29	30	31		
					*Boy Scout Archaeology Campout Andersonville, GA May4 -6, 2007	

Anniversaries	Birthdays		
Franklin & Frances Chaires 3	Carol Stallard 2	Billy Weldon 15	
Jack & Neva Holland 18	Alan Eddy 5	John Peth 20	
Mulder & Evelyn Br own 30	Brian Mullen 6	Taylor Thompson 22	
	Evelyn Brown 6	Sue Wilson 23	
	Sarah Taylor 9	Michael White 27	
	Rosie Carpenter 12	Matt Ingram 27	

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Steve Lenzo, Lay Leader

## **Chaires UMC Vacation Bible School 2007**

**June 25 - 29**

**5:30 - 8:00 pm**

**Lift Off!**

**Soaring to New Heights With God**

**Teach me the way I should go,**

**for to you I lift up my soul!**

**PreSchool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Bible Stories, crafts, Music, games, snacks and**

**A Discovery Center Launch Lab!**

### **Recipe of the Month**

#### **Yummy Baked Chicken**

1 Chicken, cut up or halved chicken breasts

½ jar of apricot jam

½ of 16 oz bottle of Russian dressing

1 envelope of onion soup mix

Process last 3 items in a blender. Pour mixture over chicken in a bake -proof dish or pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour

*~ submitted by Mary Taylor*