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## Christianity's Family Tree Orthodoxy (Mystery, Liturgy, and Tradition)

The first followers of Christ, the first Christians, were Jews that called themselves, "Followers of the Way." 1/3 of all Jews recognized Jesus as the Messiah, The Truth, and the Way.

In 325 (Nicene Council) the church sought to define itself and stand as its own entity. Despite the coming together of solidarity with the Nicene Creed, there were difference between the Eastern and Western Christians. These differences were more cultural, philosophical, and political than theological.

### **The West (Catholic Church) Rome: Leader = Pope**

Christians in the west spoke Latin and the services were in Latin. They viewed the gospel in concrete terms. They had an emphasis on sin and justice within their theology.

### **The East (Orthodox Church) Constantinople: Leader = Patriarchs**

Christians in the east spoke Greek and the services were in Greek. They made a greater allowance for mystery, for experiencing God. They had an emphasis on salvation rooted in our experience of death and resurrection.

### **THE SCHISM...THE BREAK**

The *FILIOQUE* (Fil'i'o'que) Clause

In **AD 589**, a church council in Toledo, Spain, modified the Nicene Creed so that the Holy Spirit is said to proceed from the Father *and the Son*.

### **The Council of Lyons (1274)**

The filioque clause became part of the Nicene Creed in the Roman Catholic Church. The Eastern church was not invited.

## ORTHODOXY DOCTRINE

### **The Human Condition, Salvation, and Sanctification**

- Death is passed down to generations, not Original Sin
- Salvation is through Jesus Christ
- Sanctification is through participation of worship, the Divine Liturgy, prayer, and pursuit of the seven mysteries of the sacraments.

### **Scripture and Tradition**

They reject the concept of "sola scriptura". They have a collection of writings (much like our commentaries) that have stories of martyrs, letters, sermons, etc.

### **Reality**

The Orthodox Church reminds us (our jobs, our schooling, our relationships) are not the real world. The real world is Heaven, God's eternal kingdom: And real life is found in participating in that divine kingdom now, here on earth.

- Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

### **Surrounded by a Great Cloud of Witnesses**

**Veneration:** respect or awe inspired by the dignity, wisdom, dedication, or talent of a person.

"We do not worship those who are pictured on the icons. We venerate them and we look to them-specifically, the saints of the church-as good examples to follow."

While on this earth, you will never be closer to a loved one that has passed on than when you are in worship. The great cloud of witnesses is before God right now. Therefore, in worship you and your loved ones are worshiping side by side facing our great and glorious Lord.



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

### **Well Done!**

Thank you for the amazing response to our Veterans Projects. The boxes for the homeless veterans and those currently serving have been delivered and mailed.

Our next mission project will be in September.

### **Adult Sunday School**

This class meets each Sunday at 9 AM.

As we worship in person, all church services will continue to be posted after 1 pm each Sunday through the church website at [chairesmethodist.church](http://chairesmethodist.church).



### Church Potluck Today

Worship service in the historical church will be followed by a covered dish lunch in the fellowship hall/sanctuary.



### The Women's Group is Back!

The Chaires Methodist Church Women's Group had its first meeting in 4 years on Saturday, June 29th, in the multi-purpose building. The ladies had missed gathering together and there was a joyful feeling among the 12 who attended. We opened with a short Bible study about our being a unified body of Christ whose members bless and support one another, teaching and admonishing one another in song, submitting to each other, praying for each other, correcting each other with humility, loving each other sacrificially, and being bound to each other with cords that cannot be broken. We sang supporting songs.

Then we planned for the next 4 months. On Saturday, July 27th, at 10:00, Amy Clark and Janet Cayson will lead us in a devotional and a time of making lasagna in the church kitchen. Yum!

After our planning time, we painted black and white rocks with whatever designs the women wanted to create. Glittery flying insects seemed to capture imaginations. Tiffany created a rock band at the request of the pastor. (He says they are for the parsonage coffee table.) The creations were taken to the front of the church for display.

Finally, there was a time of presenting prayer requests and a closing prayer.

Anyone who would like to receive notices about upcoming Chaires Methodist Church Women's Group meetings and activities can contact Sue Graham at 850-228-4717.



If you would like to receive the newsletter from the Florida Global Methodist Church, go to <https://floridagmc.org> and you can subscribe at the bottom of the page.

### The Choir is on SUMMER BREAK!

The choir will be taking a brief break during the summer. There will be no choir practice for the remainder of June and all of July. The choir will start practice back up on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at its usual time of 6:30 p.m. For more info, contact:

Gerry Nielson (321-652-5361; gerry Niel@gmail.com)

### 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

Dot Spence

### Friends and Family

- Mike Wallace (neighbor of Marty Holland)
- Folsom Family (friends of Marion Lollie)
- Jay Matthews (nephew of David & Diane Matthews)
- Chad Craig (friend of Janet Cayson)
- Don Holly (friend of Martha Fletcher)
- Jennifer Baity (niece of Peggy Surles)
- Laura Sutliff (friend of Sheila Novak)
- Dennis Rackley
- Those who are traveling during the holiday week.
- Those facing difficulty due to weather, fires & floods.

Praise for Alex Alley's (granddaughter of Pat Alley) successful surgery outcome.



### We're Having a Party to Celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup>

#### Birthday of Dorothy Cooper Spence

Join us on July 27, 2024, from 3-5 PM

Chaires Methodist Church

Gifts are optional and cards are welcome.

Please RSVP to: Debbie Pahl (850)671-3779.

#### July Birthdays

Marty Holland 7  
 Trey Cayson 8  
 Theresa Smith 13  
 Victoria Messer 17  
 Dorothy Spence 24  
 Don Dampier 26

#### July Anniversaries

Gordon & Donna  
 Wheeler 19

### Chaires Staff

Pastor	Rev. Kerry Foote
Secretary	Susan Capelouto (secretarychairesumc@gmail.com)
Music Director	Gerry Nielsen
Custodian	Janet Cayson
Audio/Visual	Marty Holland

(7/7/2024)

**BE STRONG and COURAGEOUS!**

DO NOT *be* AFRAID OR DISCOURAGED.

FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.

Joshua 1:9