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### Jesus Wants to Share Your Burden

*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.* — Matthew 11:28-30 (RSV)

I don't know the specific burdens you are carrying today. I don't know what has been weighing on your heart, keeping you up at night, or filling your mind with worry. But I do know this: You don't have to carry it alone.

Jesus, in His infinite love and grace, invites us to come to Him. He knows our struggles, our fears, and our weariness. When life feels overwhelming, when the weight of our responsibilities presses down on us, He gently calls us to lay it all at His feet.

For a long time, I didn't quite understand what Jesus meant when He said, "Take my yoke upon you." At first, it seemed like He was asking me to carry even more—but I came to realize that a yoke is not a burden; it is a gift.



A yoke is a wooden frame that connects two oxen together, allowing them to share the load. Instead of one struggling alone, they work in unity, making the work lighter. This is what Jesus offers us. He is not giving us more to bear—He is offering to bear our burdens with us.

When you take His yoke upon you, you are no longer walking through your troubles alone. You are moving forward with Christ, step by step, at His pace. He sets the direction. He carries the weight. And He gives you peace along the way.

Jesus calls us to come, learn, and take. Come to Him, just as you are, weary and burdened. Learn from Him—His gentleness, His patience, His way of handling the storms of life. And take on His yoke, trusting that He will walk beside you, lighten your load, and bring you the rest your soul has been longing for.

If you are struggling today, I encourage you to accept Jesus' invitation. Don't try to carry the weight alone. Let Him shoulder it with you. Let Him guide you. Let Him give you peace.

You are deeply loved, and you are not alone.

### Women's Group of Chaires Methodist Church

*Please sign up at the info table  
if you plan to attend.*

Join us **Saturday, March 29, 2025 (10:00 AM–Noon)**, for a soul-nourishing gathering with the Women's Group! We'll begin with a **wonderful devotion** led by **Maggie Hall**, offering us the opportunity to reflect, connect, and grow together in faith.

Afterward, stay for fun as **Mary Alice Linzy** demonstrates the art of chocolate making! Whether you're a chocolate enthusiast or simply love learning new things, this hands-on activity promises to be sweet and memorable. Mary Alice brings creativity and enthusiasm to the table, making it a delightful experience for everyone.



Come ready to fill your heart with inspiration and your hands with chocolatey goodness. Bring a friend, your Bible, and maybe an apron—because this morning is sure to be as meaningful as it is fun! **Y'all come!**

**Sunday School meets each Sunday  
at 9 AM.**



### Core52: A Fifteen-Minute Daily Guide to Build Your Bible IQ in a Year

Think of *Core52* as a fast-pass to biblical literacy, calling for 15 minutes a day, 5 days a week, for 1 year. Just a reminder: If you are keeping up with doing the Core 52 reading with the congregation, this week we are on **Chapter 11 (Good Shepherd)** and the key memorization scripture is: **Psalms 23:1-3**



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 our new blended worship service. For more info, contact: Gerry Nielson (321-652-5361 [gerryniel@gmail.com](mailto:gerryniel@gmail.com))

**Lenten Bible / Devotional Study**



Our pastor will be providing a Lenten Bible/Devotional Study that will coincide with our Lenten sermon series on Thursdays @ 9:00 a.m. (Sunday School room) and 6:30 p.m. (Parsonage). The 6:30 study includes a potluck meal and will also be provided via Zoom for those that cannot attend in person.

*If you are interested, please sign up at the information table and pick up your student guide.*



**Members**

Debbie Pahl / Margaret Boyette / Jean Lombardi / Mary Alice Linzy / Pete Peters / David Matthews / Franklin Chaires / Martha Fletcher / Bobbie Harrison / Casey Friel

**Friends and Family**

Rebecca (mother of Amy Clark) / Frances & R.L. White (brother & SIL of Debbie Pahl) / Family of Cathy Katz (Tiffany Foote's aunt) / Gary Applewhite (bother of Cathy Lee) / Eddie Doerr (Sheila Novak) / Family of Kelsie Brown / (friend of Terry & Mike Hatcher) / Verlie LaBounty / (mother of Paula Davies / Family of Jerry Mulder / Family of Brent Roddenberry (Bobbie Harrison's daughter's FIL) / Elsie Carter (sister of Edna Matthews) / Rodger Gorman / James Martin / Sandy Shockley / Chad Craig (Janet Cayson) / Goram Family (Franklin & Frances Chaires) / Noah Messer (Diane Matthews) / Family of Aunt Fran McCurdy (Tiffany Foote) / Shafer Family (Tiffany Foote) Marti King (Margaret Boyette's sister/ Johnny Bass (nephew of Bobbie Harrison) / E.L. McGraw (Terry Hatcher) / Dennis Rackley (brother of Diane Matthews)

**Holy Week Schedule**

It is not too far off to be putting on your calendar events for this year's Holy Week. Below are dates, times, and brief descriptions of things coming up. More information will be given as we get closer to the dates.

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** (10:00 am) Palm/Passion Sunday Service

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** (7:00 pm) Maundy Thursday Service- This will be held in the historic sanctuary and communion will be served. This also has a reader's theater that will need volunteers.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>** (7:00 pm) Good Friday Service- This will be held in the historic sanctuary and will be a retelling of the betrayal and crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

**April 19<sup>th</sup>** (9:00 am – 9:00 pm) Black Saturday prayer vigil. We will be hosting 12 hours of prayer in the historic sanctuary and will be asking members of the congregation to sign up for 1-hour slots.

**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.

**Easter Sunrise Service**

Looking ahead please mark your calendars for our special Easter Sunrise service that will be held on **April 20, 2025 @ 6:45 am** on the property of Johnny & Penny Pentrandis. Stay tuned for more information.

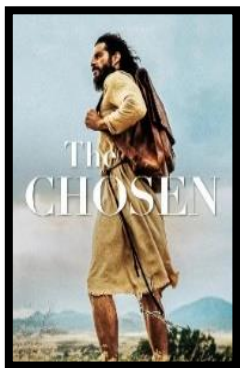


NKJ Exodus 17:12 But Moses' hands *became* heavy; so, they took a stone and put *it* under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

Stay tuned for more information to come out soon about this new ministry at Chaires Methodist Church...A&H

**Movies Under the Oaks**

Bring your field blankets and folding chairs. Here 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.



**8:00 pm**  
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



Don't forget that we will be having a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday special offering for the Residing Hope Children's Home on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a special offering envelope located in the March 30<sup>th</sup> bulletin

<u>March Birthdays</u>	<u>March Anniversaries</u>
Capelouto, Susan 3	Rick & Paula Davies 11
Alley, Christy 14	Gerry & Janet Cayson 28
Taylor, Jim 25	
Milan Novak 30	

*If you would like a phone call or visit from Pastor Kerry, please let him or Susan Capelouto, the secretary, know.*