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WHY SHOULD I SURRENDER?

NKJ Luke 14:25 Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷ "And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

The story is told of the military legend Alexander the Great, King of Macedonia (336-323) and conqueror of Asia Minor, Syria, Egypt, Babylonia, and Persia, almost all of the known world.

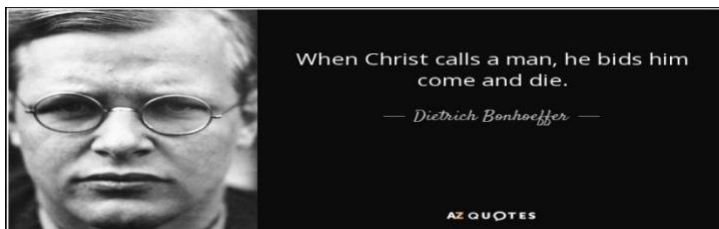


One day on the warpath, Alexander and small company of soldiers approached a strongly fortified walled city and Alexander raised his voice and demanded to see the king. When the king arrived, Alexander ordered him to surrender the city and everyone inside.

The king laughed, "Why should I surrender to you? You can't do us any harm!"

But Alexander offered to give the king a demonstration. He ordered his men to line up single file and start marching. He marched them straight toward a cliff. The townspeople gathered on the wall and watched in shocked silence as, one by one, his soldiers marched without hesitation right off the cliff to their deaths!

After 10 soldiers died, Alexander ordered the rest of the men to return to his side. The townspeople and the king immediately surrendered to Alexander the Great. They realized that if a few men were actually willing to die at the command of this leader, then nothing could stop his eventual victory.



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



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)

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.



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:



April 13th (10:00 am) Palm/Passion Sunday Service. This service will be a great celebration in which those in attendance will be invited to wave palm fronds and cheer for the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ.

April 17th (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. *If you would like to be a part of the reader's theater, please see sign up on the back table of the multi-purpose sanctuary.*



April 18th (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. *Following the service, we will need volunteers to blacken the sanctuary for the Black Saturday prayer vigil.*

April 19th (9:00 am – 9:00 pm) Black / Holy 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 30-minute time slots. *This prayer vigil will be for personal reflection and the lifting up of our Easter service on April 20th for the movement of the spirit of God in a mighty way.*

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

Resurrection Cross

April 20th (10:00 a.m.) Easter Service- We will be celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Prior to the service, we will be decorating our All-Saints Cross and converting it to a Resurrection Cross. We are asking members of our congregation to show up a little early and bring flowers to help with its decoration. We also need volunteers to help prepare and decorate our cross. *If you would like to be a part of the decorating team, please see the pastor's wife, Tiffany Foote.*



Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast



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 Petrandis. There is a sign-up sheet located in the multipurpose sanctuary for people to bring various dessert for breakfast following the service. *Please bring breakfast items by 6:30 am.*

Inviting your friends. We are encouraging members of our congregation to invite their friends and family members to our Sunrise service. Given that it is being held at someone's private residence. We are hesitant to advertise by flyers or newspaper. However, if you have friends or family members that you would like to invite, please take 1 or more of the invite postcards that are provided on the sign-up table in the multi-purpose building.



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

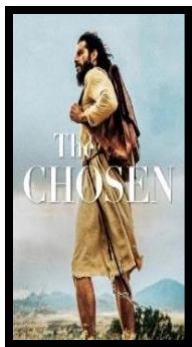
Think of *Core52* as a fast-pass to biblical literacy, calling for 15 minutes a day, 5 days a week, for 1 year. Just a reminder: If you are keeping up with doing the Core 52 reading with the congregation, this week we are on **Chapter 13 (Jesus Rejected)** and the key memorization scripture is: **Psalm 118:22**

Movies Under the Oaks

Bring your field blankets and folding chairs. This event is free to the community and food and refreshments will be provided.

8:15 pm

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



Thank You

A special thanks needs to go out to Nancy Hardison for making the wonderful Lenten / Easter Crosses that are on the front door of the Multi-Purpose building.



Members

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

Friends and Family

Etta Young, Sheila & Al Godwin (Terry Hatcher / Floerke Family (Carolyn Floerke) / Ronny Waagner (brother of Pat Alley) / Jones and Strickland Families (Frances Chaires / Family of Drew Hubbard (friends of Dale Thompson)/ Stevie Hubbard (son of Edie Hubbard) / Martha Capelouto (Susan's mother) / Family of Tobin Dykes (cousin of Frances Chaires) / Bob Brady (friend of Marion Lollie) / Hazel Oliver (sister of David Matthews) / Barbara Brandt (friend of Mary Alice Linzy) / 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)

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.



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

April Birthdays

Messer, Wanda 1
Lightfoot, Gordon 9
Wood, Jeannette 14
Pahl, Debbie 15
Palmer, Barbara 17
Chaires, Franklin 23
Stallings, Mike 28

April Anniversaries

Pahl, Michael & Debbie 9
Thompson, Dale & Susan 11

4-6-2025

Here We Grow

Special thanks to Djuan Tucker Concrete for the pouring of our new handicap parking pad that will make access to the historic sanctuary much easier.



