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4 Lessons We Can Learn from Joel

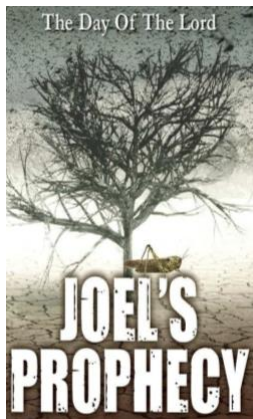
Joel is one of several divinely appointed prophets called by God to warn the people of Judah of God's coming judgment and subsequent restoration for those who repent. Though not much is known about Joel, his ministry contains important spiritual truths that are still relevant today.

1. The Day of the Lord Is Still Coming

The theme of judgment is unmistakable in the book of Joel, who prophesied that a day would come when the sovereign God would judge His people and the nations who rebelled against Him.

However, it is important to recognize that the day of the Lord is also a day that is still coming when Christ returns and God in His sovereignty executes a final great and terrible judgment on those who've rejected Him.

2. God Uses Physical Suffering to Get Our Attention



Joel shares how God often uses nature and events like famine, plague, violent weather, invading armies, and celestial phenomena to get our attention (Joel 1:5).

God, in His sovereignty, is not afraid to use earthly suffering and physical hardship to challenge us, wake us up, and turn our hearts back to Him before it's too late. Joel reminds us that, "the Lord will roar from Zion and thunder in Jerusalem" (3:16)

3. The Promise of God's Presence is Our Ultimate Hope

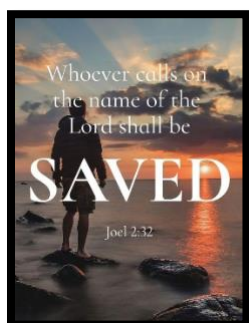
One of the key prophecies of the prophet Joel that came to fruition and was cited in the book of Acts was the eventual outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all believers. Joel writes, "it will come about after this that I (the Lord) will pour out my Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days." (Joel 2:28-29)

However, the promise of spiritual restoration through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as seen on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2), is only a taste of the final glory and power of Christ's presence and kingdom that will be released after the day of the Lord.

4. God's Judgment Is Great for Those Who Belong to God

Within Joel's vision of coming judgment and destruction, **there is also a promise of hope, restoration, blessing, and prosperity for the righteous and those who "call on the name of the Lord"** (Joel 2:32).

Those who know God and have been right with Him will stand before the judge in confidence, knowing that He will rule in righteousness. We know that God's judgment will be poured out on the wicked, but as a result of the day of the Lord, God's



blessing will be poured out on His people, as well as His restoration.

As Joel writes, "do not fear, O land, rejoice and be glad, for the Lord has done great things" (Joel 2:21) and "rejoice, O sons of Zion, and be glad in the Lord your God; for He has given you the early rain for your vindication." (Joel 2:23)

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.

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

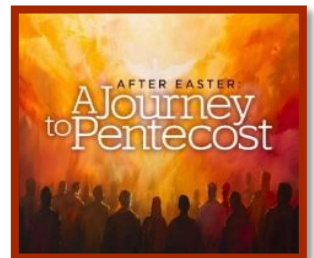


Think of *Core52* as a fast-pass to biblical literacy, calling for 15 minutes a day, 5 days a week, for 1 year. Just a reminder: If you are keeping up with doing the Core 52 reading with the congregation, this week we are on **Chapter 19 (Deeper Morality) and the key memorization scripture is: Matthew 5:20.**

Sermon Series

After Easter: A Journey to Pentecost is an eight-week sermon series that explores the encounters, teachings, and commissioning of Jesus following His resurrection, leading up to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Each week highlights a key moment—from Jesus' meeting Thomas in his doubt to Peter's restoration, the Great Commission, the Ascension, and the birth of the Church.



This series reminds us that Jesus is patient with our struggles, calls us to mission, and empowers us through the Holy Spirit. As we walk this journey, we are invited to deepen our faith, embrace our calling, and live as bold witnesses for Christ.



Choir Practice

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)



**Memorial Day Ministry for
The Month of May**

On Saturday, May 24, 2025, the Tallahassee National Cemetery on Apalachee Parkway will be holding a Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony at 1:00 PM. We can volunteer in this important local event by providing water and programs to the expected 200-300 attendees. There will be a sign-up sheet on the back table in the multi-purpose sanctuary on the first weekend of May. Please consider joining us and putting this on your calendar.



A Memorial Day ministry to consider donating to is (suggested \$11) (or more) **The Tunnel to Towers Foundation**. The Foundation is committed to ensuring we never forget 9/11 and the sacrifices that continue to be made by our military and first responders in the line of duty.

Tunnel to Towers supporters enable the foundation to create and maintain a variety of programs to serve the heroes who should never be forgotten. Two of these programs are the Foundation’s *Gold Star Family Home Program* and the *Fallen First Responder Home Program*, which honor the legacy of fallen members of the military, law enforcement and firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country. They provide a **mortgage-free home** to surviving spouses with young children. The Foundation’s goal is to ensure stability and security for these families facing sudden, tragic loss.

The Superhero Gospel and BBQ Luncheon

Date: June 15, 2025

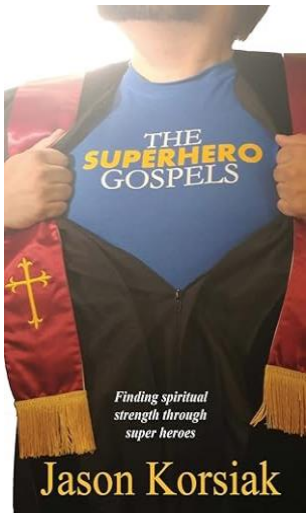
Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Multi-Purpose Building

Cost: FREE

Spider-Man! Batman! The Avengers! The greatest superheroes of all time illustrate timeless truths in this One-Man Show by Jason Korsiak!

Korsiak plays a stressed-out comic book artist tasked with the challenge of creating the next hit superhero. To do that, he looks at popular heroes and villains -- and what they can teach us about such topics as the Armor of God, teamwork, and using your talents as part of the Body of Christ. Along the way, the audience will take part in helping him create that new hero!



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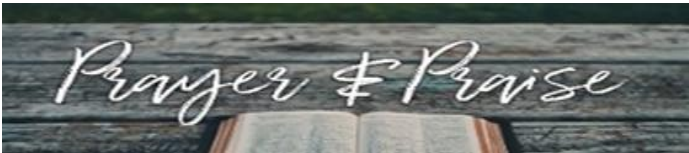
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Stay Tuned for Special Mission and Outreach



For the month of July, we will have a special sermon series called:

“**Christmas in July**”. With this sermon series we, members of our congregation, will have the opportunity to participate in a global mission called: “**Soles 4 Souls**”.

More information will soon follow.

<u>May Birthdays</u>		<u>May Anniversaries</u>	
Carol Stallard	2	Franklin & Frances Chaires 3	
Alan Eddy	5		
Brian Mullen	6		
Sheila Novak	29		

5-18-2025