

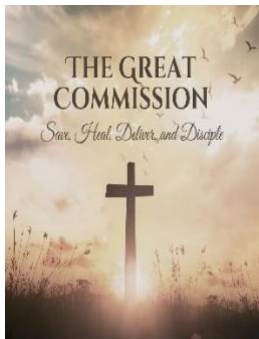


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## The Great Commission: There Is Still Work to Be Done!

*“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’” — Matthew 28:18–20 (NKJV)*

Jesus didn’t rise from the grave and ascend immediately into heaven. Instead, He spent 40 days walking among people, teaching, encouraging, and appearing to hundreds—at one point, even to a group of 500! Because He showed Himself alive to so many, the Gospel spread quickly across the Roman Empire.



Before His return to heaven, Jesus gave His followers one final set of instructions. These are known as *the Great Commission*, and they aren’t just for pastors, missionaries, or church leaders. They are for *all* of us—every believer, every disciple, everyone in the family of God.

This is our calling. Our shared assignment. We are commissioned to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, both near and far.

Why does this matter so much?

1. **Because God wants a big family.** If you’ve been adopted into God’s family, He wants you to invite others in. Evangelism is a personal invitation to grace, hope, and love.
2. **Because the Gospel is the greatest news in the world.** Only God offers eternal salvation. To keep that to ourselves would be a tragedy.
3. **Because the Great Commission is tied to the return of Christ.** Scripture tells us that Jesus will return once the Gospel has been preached to all nations. God is patient because He desires that *none* should perish.

As 2 Peter 3:9 reminds us:

*“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise... but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”*

And in Matthew 24:14:

*“This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.”*

The mission *will* be completed. The only question is: *Will it be our generation that finishes the task?* Let’s not wait. Let’s be bold. Let’s be faithful. Let’s tell someone about Jesus—today.

Or maybe... start by inviting a friend or family member to **Homecoming Sunday on May 18, 2025**. Together, we can help grow God’s family—one soul at a time.

## 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

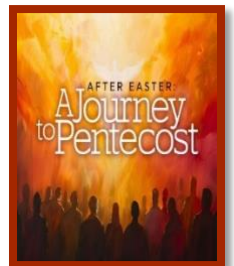


Think of *Core52* as a fast-pass to biblical literacy, calling for 15 minutes a day, 5 days a week, for 1 year. Just a reminder: If you are keeping up with doing the Core 52 reading with the congregation, this week we are on **Chapter 18 (Blessedness) and the key memorization scripture is: Matthew 5:11-12.**

## Next Sermon Series

*After Easter: A Journey to Pentecost* is a 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.

## Church Homecoming / Church Potluck

Our annual church homecoming will be coming up on May 18, 2025. Please invite friends and family from the past. It will be held in our historic sanctuary, and we will be having a church potluck after the service.



We will be celebrating the history of Chaires Methodist Church in the backdrop of the Pentecost sermon series.

**Date:** May 18, 2025

**Title:** After Easter: A Journey to Pentecost

**Theme:** The Ascension: A Call to Witness

**Main Idea:** Though Jesus ascended, His mission continues through us, empowered by the Holy Spirit.



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](mailto: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.



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and you can access live sermons on Sunday or access our archive.

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The Superhero Gospel and BBQ Luncheon

Date: June 15, 2025

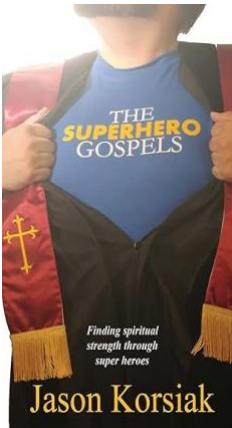
Time: 11:30 a.m.

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!



Members

Milan Novak / 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

Joan Briggs & Family / Jean Hodge / Nancy Whitfield / Mark Feliciano / Jon Pennington (BIL of Gretchen) / Debbie Degagne / Joel Rackley (brother of Diane Matthews) / Family of Chad Craig (Janet Cayson) / Kris Harrison (aunt of Diane Matthews) / Beth Kirby (SIL of Linda Minichiello) / Tony Robinson (Terry Hatcher / Family of JD Martin (Frances Chaires) / Else Smith (Mary Alice Linzy) / The Keahey Family (Maggie Hall) / Neighbor of Frances Chaires / Ken Faircloth and Lisa Leget (Tony & Linda Minchiello) / Dennis Rackley & his wife, Sandra (brother of Diane Matthews) / Creston (Donna Wheeler) / David & Susan Berry / Rebecca & son, Dominic (Donna Wheeler) / Thomas & Rebecca Stumbaugh / Family of Rod Strickland, Family of Aunt Linda (Diane Matthews) / Abby (Tiffany Foote) / Etta Young, Sheila & Al Godwin (Terry Hatcher / Floerke Family (Carolyn Floerke) / Ronny Wagner (brother of Pat Alley) / Jones and Strickland Families (Frances Chaires /

May Birthdays

Carol Stallard 2  
Alan Eddy 5  
Brian Mullen 6  
Sheila Novak 29

May Anniversaries

Franklin & Frances Chaires 3

Family of Drew Hubbard (friends of Dale Thompson)/  
Stevie Hubbard (son of Edie Hubbard) /  
Martha Capelouto

*Praise...no heart surgery is needed for Jon Pennington.*  
*In celebration of my sister everyday (Carol Shores).*