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"After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias." — John 21:1

Easter (Resurrection Day) may be a day on the calendar, But Eastertide is 50 days. The power of the resurrection is something that continues to unfold in our lives—day by day, moment by moment. The gospels remind us that Jesus didn't just rise once and disappear. He kept showing up. Over and over again. And I believe He still does.

But here's something worth noticing: in nearly every post-resurrection appearance, the disciples didn't recognize Him right away. Isn't that remarkable? People who walked with Jesus, heard His voice, saw His face—they didn't recognize Him at first. **And yet, in time, they did.**

Take John 21, for instance. The disciples had returned to their regular routines, fishing once again by the Sea of Tiberias. They had been out all night and caught nothing. Then a man—just a man, as far as they could tell—called to them from the shore and suggested they try the other side of the boat. When they did, their net was so full of fish they couldn't pull it in. That's when John said, *"It is the Lord."*



Not when they saw Him. Not when they heard Him. But when they saw the abundance — when they remembered. This had happened before. And in remembering, their eyes were opened.

Sometimes I think we miss Jesus because we're waiting for a thunderclap when He often shows up in a whisper. Or in the familiar. Or in the abundance we didn't expect.

I've learned that one of the most powerful ways to recognize Jesus in my present is to look back at how He has shown up in my past. The prayers that were answered. The doors that opened. The peace that came in the middle of a storm. These were miracles, every one of them—but I only saw them as miracles because I believed.

That's the thing about miracles: they require the eyes of faith. Faith is what allows us to recognize the presence of Christ even when our eyes—or our hearts—are slow to see.

So if you're fishing and coming up empty, if you're tired or wondering where Jesus is, don't give up. He may be standing on the shore, closer than you realize, already preparing a miracle for you. Look back. Remember. Believe. And let faith open your eyes.

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

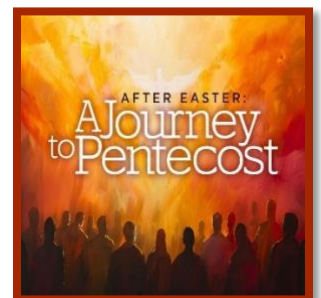


Think of *Core52* as a fast-pass to biblical literacy, calling for 15 minutes a day, 5 days a week, for 1 year. Just a reminder: If you are keeping up with doing the Core 52 reading with the congregation, this week we are on **Chapter 17 (Son of Man) and the key memorization scripture is: Daniel 7:13.**

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.

Since we will be having a church potluck on this day, we will be cancelling the church potluck for May 4, 2025.

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.

Choir Practice

Choir practice is on Wednesdays at

<u>May Birthdays</u>	<u>May A</u>
Carol Stallard 2	Franklin & Fr
Alan Eddy 5	
Brian Mullen 6	
Sheila Novak 29	



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)



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

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



The Princess Gospels and High Tea

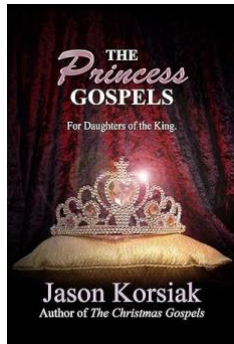
Date: May 11, 2025

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Multi-purpose building

Cost: FREE

CINDERELLA, THE LITTLE MERMAID, SNOW WHITE, AND MORE! In "The Princess Gospels," Jason Korsiak illustrates how the most beloved princesses of all time can teach us timeless truths about what it means to be a Child of the King in a fun, interactive Stage Show for all ages!



We are in need of volunteers to provide nice tea sets for 6 tables and provide the set up on **Saturday May 10, 2025 between 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

We will need people to provide *hors d'oeuvres*. *It's a French term that translates to "outside of the meal" and refers to bite-sized, savory foods typically served before a meal, often at cocktail parties or as finger food.* These can be brought on the day of the event.

There will be a sign-up sheet located at the back of the sanctuary this Sunday.

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



We don't know if you have heard...but we are now going live with our Sunday morning service on Facebook. If you cannot make the service in person, you can join our Facebook family. Give us a like and follow us on Facebook to get up to date information about upcoming events and you can access live sermons on Sunday or access our archive.
<https://www.facebook.com/p/Chaires-Methodist-Church-61561720372576/>



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!

