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The Spirit's Power and Purpose

By Rev. Kerry Foote

"Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts." — Ephesians 5:18-19 (NLT)



Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is God. A distinct person of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—the Spirit has a will, a personality, and a purpose. The Holy Spirit is not an abstract force or emotional experience, but a divine presence actively working in our lives.

Before we accepted Christ, it was the Holy Spirit who convicted us of sin and drew us toward salvation. And after we believed, the Spirit sealed us—marking us as God's own. Now, the Holy Spirit continues to guide us, strengthen us, and dwell within us daily.

Paul's letter to the Ephesians reminds us to *"be filled with the Holy Spirit."* This isn't about emotional hype or strange behavior—it's about surrender. To be filled with the Spirit means to be led and influenced by God in every part of our lives. The word Paul uses for "filled" also means *to permeate*—to soak through completely.

The Holy Spirit wants to permeate every area of our lives: our marriages, our singleness, our careers, our homes, our church, and our service. Nothing is off-limits. The Spirit isn't a Sunday-only presence or a one-time experience—it's a daily source of wisdom, peace, and power.

Let the Holy Spirit fill you—not just once, but continually. Ask God to fill you, to guide your decisions, to calm your fears, and to lead your steps. You don't have to live the Christian life by sheer willpower. God has given you His Spirit to strengthen and sustain you.

This is the Spirit's power. This is the Spirit's purpose. Let Him in.

Let the Holy Spirit guide
your lives.
Ephesians 5:16

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.

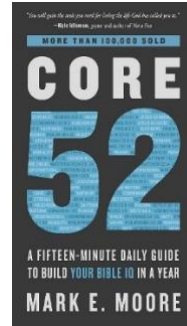


May Mission Project

We had two mission projects for the month of May. For the full month of May we focused members of the congregation to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation and each Sunday we took up a special offering for that organization. I am pleased to report that we collected \$985.00.

We also had members of our church attend a Memorial Day celebration at Tallahassee National Cemetery on Saturday, May 24th to hand out flyers and bottled water.

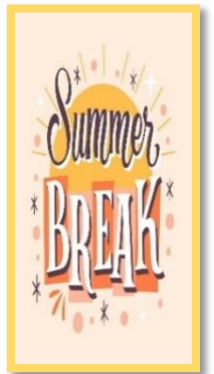
Core52: A Fifteen-Minute Daily Guide to Build Your Bible IQ in a Year



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 21 (Money) and the key memorization scripture is: Matthew 6:19-21.**

Choir Summer Break

The Church Choir will be taking a little break for the summer for the months of June – August. We will be replacing the choir with a praise team. If you are interested in helping lead the congregation during worship, please see Gerry Nielson to be put on a Sunday rotation. 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



The Superhero Gospel and BBQ Luncheon

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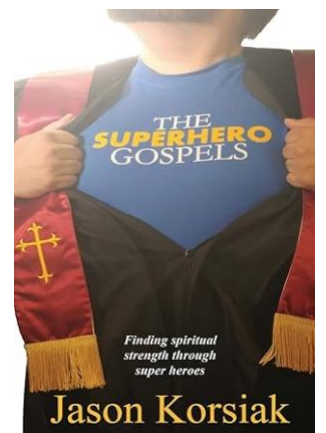
Time: 11:30 a.m.

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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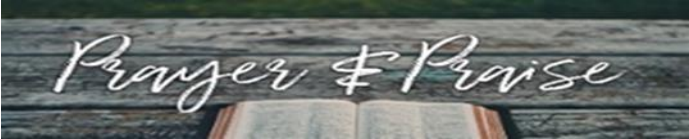
We don't know if you have heard...but we are now going live with our Sunday morning service on Facebook. If you cannot make the service in person, you can join our Facebook family. Give us a like and follow us on Facebook to get up to date information about upcoming events and you can access live sermons on Sunday or access our archive.

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Mission Project for June

For the month of June, our mission emphasis will be the Residing Hope Children’s home in Madison, Florida. During every Sunday worship service we will be given reports and watch videos that inform us as to the vital ministry that is happening there. At the end of the month and on the 5th Sunday, church members will have the opportunity to give a special offering that will go to the Madison Youth Ranch.



Members

Milan Novak / Marion Lollie / Family of Alice Simmons / Debbie Pahl / Margaret Boyette / Jean Lombardi / Mary Alice Linzy / Pete Peters / David Matthews /

Friends and Family

My nephew, Duane (Frances Chaires / Family of Spencer Walker (Jean Lombardi) / A person who is awaiting tumor diagnosis & a daughter diagnosed with cancer this week / Ronnie Wagner (Penny Petrandis) / The family of Brad Kunkel, Ron Lance, Eddie Doerr (Sheila Novak) / Veronica and Kids (Tiffany Foote) / Rogan and Noah Graduation Tiffany Foote) / Becky and John Darley, Elsie Carter (Edna Matthews) / Roger Goram (Laura) /Joan Briggs & Family /

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.

Phishing Warning

We have had a few attempts in which internet scammers have been attempting to get access to our Realm online church directory. If you are being asked (via e-mail) for another church members phone number or a PDF of the church directory or a password to access the Realm site...please do not give that out.

If you are a church member and you would like access to the Realm site and church directory, please e-mail Susan Capelouto chairesmc.office@gmail.com and she will send you an invite where you have the opportunity to set your own personal password to access the site. The password will only be known by you and you alone.



June Birthdays	June Anniversaries
Verlie LaBounty 1	Mike & Amber Stallings 17
Marion Lollie 1	Bob & Donna Corson 21
Michael Linzy 4	David & Diane Matthews 29
Bob Corson 14	
Paula Davies 16	
Lucia Lightfoot 16	
Russell Clark 16	
Nancy Hardison 19	
Mike Stallard 20	
Casy Friel 25	
Donna Wheeler 26	
Ed Fannin 29	



Revived by Grace...The Rest of the Story

Born in 1839, William Paton MacKay was raised in a devout Christian home. But as he pursued medical studies at the University of Edinburgh, he drifted from his faith, eventually pawning the Bible his mother had given him.

As a doctor, MacKay witnessed firsthand the difference faith made in people’s lives—but he continued on what he feared was a path to becoming a “thorough infidel.” That changed when a young laborer was brought into the hospital with fatal injuries. The man’s only request was for his landlady to send him “The Book.”



**My dear mother... had been a godly, pious woman, quite often telling me of the Savior... But nothing had made a deep impression on me. The older I grew the more wicked I became...*

One day a seriously injured (laborer) ... was brought into the hospital. The case was hopeless... He asked me how long he would last...

“Have you any relatives whom we could notify?” ... His only wish was to see his landlady... and also wished to bid her farewell. He also requested... “The Book....”

I went to see him... What struck me most was the quiet, almost happy expression constantly on his face...

After the man died... “What shall we do with this?” asked the nurse, holding up a book.... “The Bible of the poor man... he kept it under his bed cover.”

I took the Bible and—could I trust my eyes? It was my own Bible!... My name was still in it, written in my mother’s hand...

With a deep sense of shame I looked upon... the precious Book... It had been a guide to him into eternal life... And this Book... I had actually sold...

*Be it sufficient to say that the regained possession of my Bible was the cause of my conversion.**

This encounter led MacKay to Christ. In response, he penned the beloved hymn “Revive Us Again,” a heartfelt cry for spiritual renewal that continues to inspire believers today.

Church Council Meeting



Date: June 8, 2025
Place: Sunday School Room
Time: 11:30 a.m.