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Let God's Word Shape the Week Ahead

This week in our **Alpha 101** journey, we are asking the question: **Why should I read the Bible?**

In Wednesday's Hump Day Devotion, we reflected on Psalm 119:105: **"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."** God's Word may not always show us the entire road ahead, but it gives us enough light for the next faithful step.

That idea continues into this Sunday's sermon. The Bible is more than a collection of old stories or inspirational sayings. It tells us God's story, helps us recognize God's character and voice, and challenges us to live differently because of what we have read.

The danger is that we can become very familiar with Scripture without allowing Scripture to change us. We can know Bible stories, quote favorite verses, and still avoid the harder question:

What is God asking me to do because of what I have read?

That is where the Bible moves from information to transformation.

As you move through the coming week, I want to challenge you to spend a few minutes each day with Scripture. You do not have to read several chapters. Begin with a Psalm, a short Gospel passage, or a few verses, and ask three simple questions:

What does this show me about God?
What does this show me about myself?
What is one thing God may be asking me to do?

Then take that one step.

Maybe Scripture leads you to forgive someone, encourage someone, be more patient, serve, give, apologize, or simply trust God more deeply.

The goal is not merely to finish a reading plan. The goal is to allow God's Word to shape the way we live.

So carry this question with you beyond Sunday:

Am I simply reading the Bible, or am I allowing the Bible to read me?

Something is shaping us every day. The question is whether we will make room for God's Word to shape us into the people Christ calls us to be.

May God's Word be more than a book we own. May it become truth we live.

-Rev. Kerry Foote

Pastor Visit

If you or someone you know is facing illness, loneliness, hardship, or needs prayer, Pastor Kerry is available to visit, pray, and offer support.
To arrange a visit, contact Susan Capelouto, Administrative Assistant, or Rev. Kerry Foote.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child shares the love of Jesus with children around the world through shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, and personal-care items. We invite you to pick up a box, fill it with gifts, pray for the child who will receive it, and return it to the church.

One small box can be a big expression of God's love!
For more information, talk with or text our Operation Christmas Child Coordinator, **Diane Matthews, at (850) 284-4890.**



Pack a box. Pray for a child. Share the love of Jesus!



We meet in the Sunday School room in the Multi-Purpose Building of Chaires Church



Find us on Facebook

Chaires Methodist Church now streams worship live on Facebook every Sunday morning. If you cannot attend in person, join our worshiping family online.

Hear the Sunday message, sing along, share the service, and stay connected with our church community.

Like and follow our Facebook page for event updates, announcements, live services, and sermon archives. Whether in the pew or online, you have a place at Chaires Methodist Church.
https://www.facebook.com/p/Chaires-Methodist-Church-61561720372576/



The flower calendar through January 2027 has been posted in the hallway near the nursery.



Church Members

Francis Chaires / Franklin Chaires / Milan Novak / Rene Grubb / Lance Harrison / Mary Alice Linzy / Gail Dampier

Friends and Family

Carolyne Floerke (Terry Hatcher) / Joel Rackley (Diane Matthews) / Lindsey Williams (Winnie Barfield) / Dixie (Winnie Barfield) / Veronica (Tiffany Foote) / Coworker with young children (Unknown) / Megan Secille (Diane Matthews) / Rahcel Castillo (Jean Lombardi) / Kyler (Paula and Rick Davies)

Alpha Small Groups — Thursdays

Our **Alpha Small Groups** meet each Thursday for food, fellowship, a short video, and honest conversation about the Christian faith. You do not have to have all the answers—Alpha is a place to ask questions, explore faith, and grow together.
Morning Alpha: 9:00 a.m. at the church with breakfast
Evening Alpha: 6:30 p.m. at the parsonage with dinner

Upcoming Alpha Topics

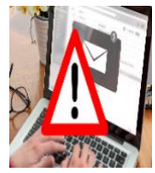


October 15 — *Why and How Should I Read the Bible?*
October 22 — *How Does God Guide Us?*
October 29 — *Who Is the Holy Spirit?*
November 5 — *How Can I Resist Evil?*
November 12 — *Why and How Should I Tell Others? / Does God Heal Today?*
November 19 — *What About the Church? / How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?*

October Birthdays	October Anniversaries
Amy Clark 4	*Wes & Ashley Leggett 4*
Dale Thompson 7	*Virgil & Maggie Hall 11*
Jeff Messer 31	

Please Be Alert to Scam Emails

Church members and other churches have reported scam emails seeking money or church directories.



For unexpected requests for money, gift cards, or personal information, do not reply, click links, or send anything. Call the person at a trusted number to verify.

Notify the church office so we can alert others.



Annual Church Conference

Chaires Methodist Church will hold our annual Global Methodist Church Conference on **Saturday, November 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the historic sanctuary.**

Everyone is welcome as we celebrate where we have been, reflect on our ministry, and prayerfully plan for our future. Join us as we seek God's direction for the next chapter of our church's life—**rooted in the past and growing for the future!**



Help Fill ECHO's Pantry

ECHO helps Tallahassee neighbors facing hardship with food and other essential support. We have a collection basket at the back of the church for nonperishable food donations. If you are able, consider bringing an item on Sunday. Every gift helps us care for our neighbors.