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CHAIRES Methodist Church

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Learning to Stand

This Sunday in **Alpha 101**, we ask the question, **"How Can I Resist Evil?"**

That question can sound dramatic, but most of the spiritual battles we face are not dramatic at all. They show up in ordinary moments: when we are tempted to cut corners, hold onto bitterness, join in gossip, hide the truth, give in to fear, or choose what is easy instead of what is right.

Often the most important spiritual victories are small ones.

It may be choosing not to send the angry message. It may be deciding to forgive. It may be asking someone for help. It may be walking away from a temptation or refusing to follow the crowd.

Those moments matter.



The Christian life is not about proving how strong we are. It is about learning to rely on the strength God provides. Scripture, prayer, the Holy Spirit, and Christian community all help us stand when life pulls us in the wrong direction.

This week, try asking yourself one simple question:

"What choice will move me closer to Christ?"

Then take one faithful step.

You may not feel heroic. No one may notice. But sometimes standing firm simply means choosing Jesus again and again in the ordinary moments of life.

And when we stumble, God's grace does not tell us to stay down. Grace helps us get back up and keep walking.

Stand—not because you are strong enough, but because God is faithful enough.

As we go into another week together, know that I am praying for you. Whatever you may be facing, remember that you do not have to face it alone. God is with you, the Holy Spirit is at work within you, and your church family stands beside you.

May God give you wisdom for every decision, courage for every challenge, and grace for every step.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Kerry

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!

The last Sunday for collections at the church will be November 15, 2026!



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

Help Fill ECHO's Pantry

How ECHO Helps: ECHO provides food and essentials to Tallahassee neighbors facing hardship.

How You Can Help: Bring nonperishable food on Sunday and place it in the basket at the back of the 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

Gail and Don Dampier / Mike Hatcher/ Mary Alice Linzy / Marty Holland / Francis and Franklin Chaires / Kathy Forester grand-daughter

Friends and Family

Patti Harrison (Terry Hatcher) / Terry West (Pearl Strickland) / Pat Munge (Linda Minichiello) / Gretchen Pennington (Mike Hatcher) / Nancy Whitfield (Terry Hatcher) / Tamela Benton (Marion Lollie) /

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

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?*





Operation Christmas Child
Help pack Christmas joy! Through Samaritan's Purse, shoeboxes of toys, school supplies, and personal-care items share God's love and the good news of Jesus with children worldwide. Shoebox items for packing will be provided. Join us—one shoebox can make a difference!

The Sci-Fi Gospels with Jason Korsiak Join author and speaker Jason Korsiak to explore how science fiction can reveal spiritual truths and offer a fresh view of the Gospel.

Both activities are free and open to everyone!

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!**

Delivering Thanksgiving Goodies

Help us say "thank you" to the emergency first responders who spend Thanksgiving keeping our community safe! Church members are invited to prepare sweet baked goodies and bring them to the church on **Wednesday, November 25, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** We'll package the treats together for delivery on **Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 26, at 10:00 a.m.**

Mark your calendars and join us for packing, delivering, or both!

- **Packing:** November 25 at 5:00 p.m.
- **Delivering:** November 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Let's share a little sweetness and a heartfelt thank-you with those who serve our community!

November Birthdays	***November Anniversaries***
Linzy, Mary Alice 4 Cayson, Janet 27	Lynne Peters & Ed Fannin 29