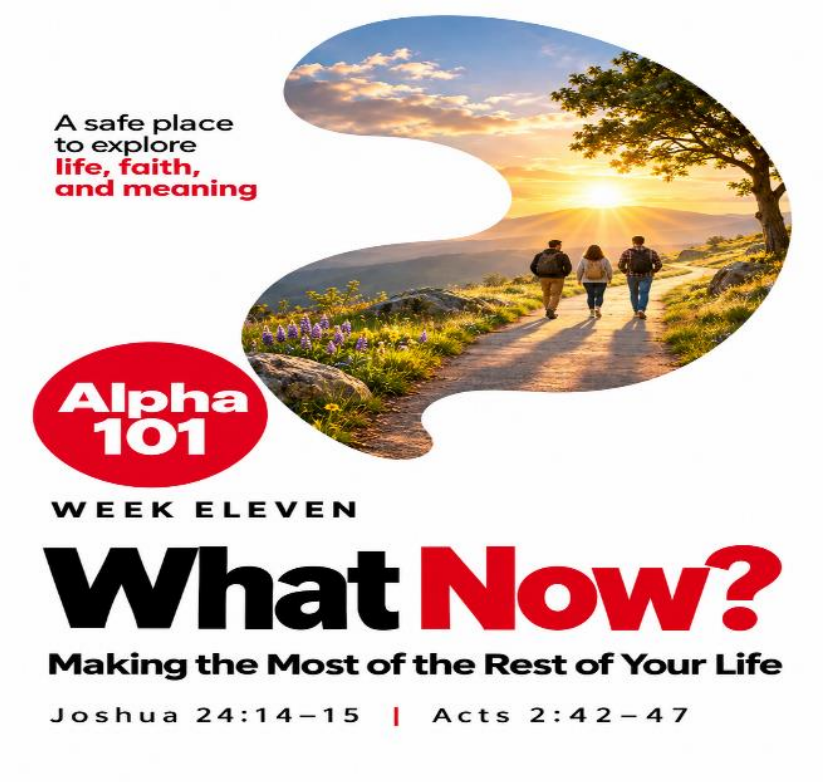
ESTD 1862

# CHAIRES Methodist Church

ROOTED IN THE PAST • GROWING FOR THE FUTURE




November 15, 2026

Pastor Kerry Foote
Cell: (305) 407-7040
pastor.foote@outlook.com
Church address: 9243 Parkhill Road
Tallahassee FL 32317
Church Phone: (850) 219-9361
Web site: chairesmethodist.church

Scan to check out our website.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN
*OPENING PRAISE AND WORSHIP *Here I Am to Worship* See Screens
WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Kerry Foote
WELCOMING OF GUEST Pastor
If you are worshiping with us for the first time today, we are especially glad you are here. You do not have to know all the answers or have everything figured out to belong among us. We hope today you experience the love of Christ and discover that this is a place where you can worship, grow, ask questions, and walk with others in faith.

PASSING THE PEACE
"Which would stretch you the most: talking to someone new, volunteering for something new, or giving up your favorite seat at church?"

CALL WORSHIP Liturgist
*Liturgist: God has called us to follow.*
**Congregation: Today we choose again to follow Jesus.**
*Liturgist: God has gathered us into a community of faith.*
**Congregation: Together we worship, learn, pray, and grow.**
*Liturgist: God sends us into the world with Good News.*
**Congregation: We will carry the love of Christ wherever we go.**
*Liturgist: Alpha may be ending, but the journey continues.*
**Congregation: Here we are, Lord. Lead us into whatever comes next.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (vs. 1-3) UMH #400

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH An Affirmation of Our Calling Liturgist
**We believe in God, who created us, loves us, and calls us into a life of faith.**
**We believe in Jesus Christ, who invites us to follow, forgives us when we fall, and shows us how to love.**
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who guides, strengthens, transforms, and sends us.**
**We believe we are called not merely to know about Jesus, but to follow Him.**
**We are called to worship together, grow together, serve together, and carry the Good News into the world.**
**Therefore, with God's help, we will choose Christ, connect with God's people, and go wherever God sends us.**
**Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI UMH #70
(Please be seated after song.)

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Joshua 24:14-15 (NKJV) Liturgist
14 "Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! 15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."
*Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.*
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor
CHILDREN'S PRAYER
**Dear Jesus, Thank You for loving us. Thank You for giving us a place in Your family. Help us love others, serve others, and follow You every day. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Acts 2:42–47 (NKJV) Liturgist

[42] And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.
[43] Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. [44] Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, [45] and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.
[46] So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, [47] praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.
*Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.*
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

MISSION MOMENT

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Matthew 28:18–20 (NKJV) Liturgist
[18] And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. [19] 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, [20] 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." Amen.
*Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.*
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Open My Eyes, That I May See* (vs. 1-3) UMH #454
PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor
PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE Pastor

Prayer cards are in the chair backs, except the front row. To share a prayer with the congregation, please fill out a card and pass it to the center aisle during the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect and pray over the cards during the service, then share them with the prayer chain for prayer throughout the week.

SERMON ANTHEM *Still, Still, Still* Church Choir

SERMON Pastor
**Title:** Alpha 101: What Now?
**Theme**: Making the Most of the Rest of Your Life
**Core Question:** What does lifelong discipleship look like?

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating our gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER
**Gracious God, receive these gifts and use them for the work of Your Kingdom. Receive also our time, our abilities, our voices, and our lives. Show us where You are calling us to serve, and give us willing hearts to say, "Here I am, Lord." In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

PASSING THE PLATE

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings* UMH #95
(Please stand if you are able.)

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION *Here Am, Lord* (vs. 1-3) UMH #593

*COMMISION / BENEDICTION Pastor

*Pastor: Alpha may be ending, but your journey with Jesus continues. So go from this place and **choose Christ** in the decisions you make. **Connect** with God and with the people God has placed around you. And **go** into the world ready to love, serve, encourage, and share the hope you have found in Jesus. You do not have to know every step that lies ahead. Simply take the next faithful one. And as you go, may the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always…and all of God's children said…**Amen***

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Grace, Love and Fellowship* CEL#233

* Please stand as you are able.

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God*
*and in memory of Vance LaBounty, Paula's brother,*
*by Rick and Paula Davies.*

# Sermon Notes

## ALPHA 101 — WEEK 11
## WHAT NOW?

**Theme:** Making the Most of the Rest of Your Life

**Core Question:** *Now that I know more about Jesus, what am I going to do with what I know?*

**Old Testament:** Joshua 24:14–15
**New Testament:** Acts 2:42–47
**Gospel:** Matthew 28:18–20

**Main Idea**

Alpha may be ending, but following Jesus is not. The Christian life is a daily decision to choose Christ, grow with God's people, and go into the world with the love of Jesus.

---

**1. CHOOSE — FAITH HAS TO BECOME _____.**

Joshua says:

**"Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve."**

Faith cannot live forever on someone else's decision.

**Key Thought:**

**Following Jesus becomes real when faith begins shaping our everyday choices.**

**Notes**

---

---

**Challenge**

What is actually shaping my decisions right now?

---

**Prayer:**

**"Jesus, today I choose to follow You."**

---

**2. CONNECT — WE WERE NEVER MEANT TO FOLLOW JESUS _____.**

Acts 2 shows believers worshiping, learning, praying, sharing, and serving together.

**Key Thought:**
**Church is more than attending a service. It is belonging to a people.**

**Notes**

---

**Challenge**
Who is one person God may be calling me to encourage, invite, serve, or love this week?

---

**TAKE IT HOME**
Remember three words:
**CHOOSE. CONNECT. GO.**

**CHOOSE:** What does following Jesus require of me today?
**CONNECT:** How can I grow more deeply with God and God's people?
**GO:** Who can experience the love of Jesus through me this week?

---

## Final Thought Challenge
Am I simply attending church, or am I becoming part of the life of the Church?

---

What is one step I can take to connect more deeply?

---

---

**3. GO — CHANGED LIVES ARE MEANT TO MAKE A _____.**
Jesus sends His followers into the world to make disciples.
Sharing Jesus can happen through speaking, serving, listening, encouraging, inviting, and simply showing up.
**Key Thought:**
**You do not have to know every answer. You simply have to know the One who has been faithful to you.**

**Notes**

---

---

**Challenge**
Who is one person God may be calling me to encourage, invite, serve, or love this week?

---

**TAKE IT HOME**
Remember three words:
**CHOOSE. CONNECT. GO.**

**CHOOSE:** What does following Jesus require of me today?
**CONNECT:** How can I grow more deeply with God and God's people?
**GO:** Who can experience the love of Jesus through me this week?

---

## Final Thought Challenge
Am I simply attending church, or am I becoming part of the life of the Church?

---

What is one step I can take to connect more deeply?

---

---

**3. GO — CHANGED LIVES ARE MEANT TO MAKE A _____.**
Jesus sends His followers into the world to make disciples.
Sharing Jesus can happen through speaking, serving, listening, encouraging, inviting, and simply showing up.
**Key Thought:**
**You do not have to know every answer. You simply**

**Alpha may be ending, but the journey with Jesus is just beginning.**
You do not have to know every step ahead.
Simply take the **next faithful step**.