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CHAIRES Methodist Church

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The Next Faithful Step

This Sunday we come to the final week of our **Alpha 101** journey and ask one simple question:

What now?

For weeks, we have explored what it means to believe, pray, trust, grow, resist temptation, and experience God's grace. But faith was never meant to stay only in what we know. Eventually, it has to shape how we live.

Joshua challenged God's people with these words: **"Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve."** — *Joshua 24:15*

The good news is that God does not ask us to have everything figured out. Most of the time, God simply asks us to take the **next faithful step**.



For one person, that may mean praying more intentionally. For another, it may mean reconnecting with the church, serving in a new way, forgiving someone, encouraging a neighbor, or finally having that conversation we have been avoiding.

And yes, sometimes the next faithful step is doing the thing we have been praying God would somehow let us avoid!

James reminds us, **"Be doers of the word, and not hearers only."** — *James 1:22*

Following Jesus is rarely one giant leap. It is a lifetime of ordinary decisions that slowly shape who we become. We may want God to give us the complete five-year plan, preferably laminated and color-coded. Usually, God simply shows us the next step.

So this week, ask yourself:
Where is Jesus asking me to trust Him more?
Where is God calling me to connect more deeply?
Who has God placed in front of me to love or serve?

Jesus told His followers, **"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations."** — *Matthew 28:19*

That call still belongs to us. We follow Jesus not only inside the church, but in our homes, workplaces, neighborhoods, and everyday relationships.

Do not wait until you feel completely ready. If God only used people who had everything figured out, the Bible would be a much shorter book—and so would church history.

God has always worked through ordinary people willing to say, **"Here I am."**

Alpha may be ending, but our journey with Jesus is not. So ask God: **"What is my next faithful step?"**

Then trust Him enough to take it.

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

Marty Holland / Stana Novak / Kathy Forester

Friends and Family

Bruce Graybeal (Barb Miller) / Pattie Spain (Diane Matthews) / Sandy Register (Jean Lombardi) / Geoff Monge (Linda and Tony Minichiellop) / Sandra Harrison (Diane Matthews) / Patti Harrison (Terry Hatcher) / Terry West (Pearl Strickland) Pat Munge (Linda Minichiello) / Nancy Whitfield (Terry Hatcher)

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 19 — *What About the Church? / How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?*

Annual Church Conference

You are invited to help celebrate and shape the future of Chaires Methodist Church! Our annual Global Methodist Church Conference will be held on **Saturday, November 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the historic sanctuary.**

Your presence matters, and your ideas are welcome! Come share your hopes, listen to one another, and prayerfully consider the direction of our church. Together, we will celebrate our ministry, give thanks for the ways God has brought us this far, and look ahead with excitement to what comes next. Whether you have been here for years or are just finding your place, you are welcome. Bring your questions, your encouragement, and your vision for how we can grow in faith and serve our neighbors. **Let's celebrate and dream together—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! This ongoing ministry of Chaires is a tradition we look forward to every year—a joyful opportunity to share our gratitude and love. 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

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