

THE WAYPOINT



“a reference point along a course to reach a destination”

JANUARY 1, 2023

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Worship—

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes —

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m..

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What's Happening—

POTLUCK—A potluck meal will be held next Sunday, January 8, following the morning worship with Hospitality Groups 1 & 4 in charge of clean up. Hospitality Groups 2 & 3 will set up on Saturday, January 7, at 9 a.m. Plan on participating in this fellowship as we begin a new year with many seasonal members back again as well.

PEARLS & PONYTAILS—Mark your calendar for the Pearls & Ponytails Ladies' Day on Saturday, January 21, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All ages will be involved in speaking, singing, activities, and decorations. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up if you plan to attend.



“JESUS AND ME IN 2023”

What will we do with a new year? Will we be better and do better? How will we use what God has placed in our stewardship in 2023?

FEBRUARY 5th—Don't miss out on South Trail's Homecoming and Terry's 25th anniversary celebration. A catered meal will follow the worship service along with a slideshow of Terry's time at South Trail.

MAIL—Any mail sent to South Trail should be sent to the PO Box address above. We are no longer receiving mail at the Tamiami Trail address.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—Luke
Sunday Worship
Wednesday Night Class—
Knowing God

Upcoming Events—

- 1/5—Ladies' Bible Class 10 a.m.
- 1/7—Potluck Setup 9 a.m. HG 2 & 3
- 1/8—Potluck Meal following morning worship HG 1 & 4
- 1/9—OWLS 10 a.m.
- 1/14—Mount Dora Benefit Dinner 6 p.m.
- 1/21—Pearls & Ponytails Ladies' Day 11 a.m.
- 1/24—All Faiths Food Bank 1 p.m.
- 2/5—Terry Chapman's 25th Anniversary - A Homecoming Day

SERMON OUTLINE

“Walking By Faith”

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:7-14

- Have you made any resolutions for the New Year?
- How did you determine what goals are worthy for you in 2023?

Paul discusses our ministry in 2 Corinthians 2:14-7:1 – Resolve to:

1. Be a _____ to please God. (5:9)

Faith is not a blind leap, but an intelligent c_____.
(Hebrews 11:1, Romans 1:20-21, James 2:14-26)

2. Be r_____ daily by God’s word. (5:14-17, 4:16-18)

Resilience is based on God’s r_____ broken things.
(2 Corinthians 4:6-10, 16-18, Ephesians 2:8-10)

3. Be e_____ in representing God for reconciliation. (5:20-21)

R_____ others as God does is an eternal view.
(2 Corinthians 5:16-21)

ADULT EDUCATION

BACK TO THE BIBLE—We will be starting the three lesson “Back to the Bible” class on Wednesday evenings in the fellowship room on January 4. The lessons teach the fundamentals of Christianity and are designed for active or inactive believers. Any Christian who can read can teach this material to their friends, family, and neighbors. Jesus gave us our marching orders right before He ascended to heaven—Go, teach the gospel! Ideally, every member will learn this simple and effective method to teach the gospel. Our first lesson will be a suggestion on how to set up a Bible study. Our vision for South Trail is that we all get to heaven and take as many people as we can with us!

Ron Doederlein

AUDITORIUM CLASSES —

Sunday a.m.—In January, we will continue to study Luke’s account of the gospel. Every time we study the life of Jesus, we encounter more of His deity, humanity, and mission to save the lost.

Wednesday—We will begin a new study of “Knowing God.” What do you believe about God? Everything we know about God is because He has revealed Himself, by nature or revelation in the Bible. We want to take a look at the attributes of God which will impact our interpretation of scripture. To know God requires us to be quiet and listen. To understand God is the greatest quest known to man. Let’s get to know Him more. Come study together.

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL – TREATMENT

Tim Scott, recovering from back surgery.
Gerry Thomas, rehab.
Peggy Bolotin, heart issues.
Jaime Baker, tests.
John Chain, surgery 1/23.
Sheryl Belair, pain.
Betty McCracken (Mickey L.’s mother) cancer treatment.
Lois Gleason, hospice at Bay Vue.
Caroline Hellmer (Linda Vernon’s granddaughter) treatments.
John Bolotin, chemo, radiation.
Eric Ipe (Mark & Robin’s son)

HOME –

Donna Johnson
Peggy Steele
Marianne Owens, recovering.
Betty Hood, recovering.
Mary Ann Gardner, home.
Charlotte Horsley
Ima June Veal (Sherry C.’s mother) tests.
John & Mary Williamson
Joe Jones
Gary Jackson, back issues.
Sue Fredenburg
Roy LaBard
Jim & Shelia Thompson
Patricia Hawk
Mary Merritt

OUT OF TOWN –

Don Garrett (AL) recovering from knee replacement surgery.
Caroline Parimore (Cowley’s relative) due to deliver soon.
John Caldcleugh (TX, J. Cook’s son-in-law) recovering from cancer surgery.
Sharon Turner, (GA, Todd Simons’ sister) health issues.
Don Lackey Sr. (AL) respiratory treatment.
Maeson Sutton (Bob’s great grandson) treatments.

FAMILY LIFE COLUMN

So here we are at the start of another year, or a “New Year.” Some would say, “Here we go again!” Others might say, “A fresh start!” Which you choose says something about your outlook. Let’s consider what a new year offers for each one of us despite whatever circumstances you might be facing right now. John wrote, “And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away. Then, He who sat on the throne said, ‘Behold, I make all things new.’ And He said to me, ‘Write for these words are true and faithful.’ (Revelation 21:4-5) Sounds too good to be true!

God is faithful. What He promises, we can count on Him performing. In heaven all things will be new, and our relationship with God will be what He intended from creation. How do we know? He says so. Further evidence can be found in His creation too.

How well do you know your body? Every human body has between 50 to 100 trillion cells, depending on age and size. Each cell has a finite lifespan. For example, red blood cells work for about four months, and they are replaced. White blood cells survive for about a year. Stomach lining and intestinal cells last only for two to three days. Do some foods taste differently?

Well, taste buds are replaced every 10 days to two weeks. Lungs are new every six weeks, and liver cells endure for 150 days. Bones are every 10 years, and hair every three to six years, unless they do not come back at all.

Each cell has DNA with one to two billion code in every cell, which provides the information for a cell to do what it was created to do. Your liver does not try to be the brain or your skin does not try to be your blood. Aren’t you glad? However, there are some parts that work longer. Your heart is replaced every 20 years, so you will have three or four hearts in an average lifespan. Brain and eye cells are as old as you are. They are meant to last a lifetime.

What does all this mean? We need renewal. God made us to require it. He teaches us that the body parts are not all that need it. We need spiritual renewal too. Growing closer to God day by day, year by year, is good. Make a plan to read your Bible every day. Make a time for prayer and meditation daily. Commit yourself to serving others regularly. Find a place to use your talents. God is working on you! Your body proves it. Learn what God wants you to know. A new year means an opportunity for a newer and improved you!

Terry Chapman (Guest writer for your favorite Family Life Minister)

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TRAIL MIX—Andrew Miller is back home, as he has finished his studies in St. Martaan. He is currently preparing for an exam before his clinicals. Pray for Andrew during the process. John Walters is visiting family in Indiana.

INDIA MISSION— Doug Tackett is leaving for India and will be there for the entire month of January. Pray for his safe travels and for all the work to be done over the next month. Doug is helping spread the gospel, and save souls. We are partners with him in the India work.

BENEFIT DINNER—Time is running out to get your FREE tickets for the Sarasota Mount Dora Children’s Home Benefit Dinner on January 14. Don’t miss out on this evening of food and fellowship with neighboring congregations while discovering the good news of what’s happening at MDCH. See Bob Sutton or Marsha Blomeley for your tickets.

SAVE THE DATE—EQUIP conference July 20-23 at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando.

OWLS—The Older Wiser Loving Servants will meet on Monday, January 9, at 10 a.m. Dave Hogan from Mount Dora Children’s Home will speak on “Making your Money Matter,” becoming a smart charitable giver and leaving a legacy. Please bring finger foods to share. Let’s start the new year right!

CHANGE CANS—It’s time to turn in your change cans so we can forward the funds to Mount Dora Children’s Home. Please bring it in to either Marsha Blomeley or Bob Sutton today so we can count the coins (and dollars too). Replacement cans are at both entrances. Remember, you are helping to change lives with your change!

CORPORATE MEETING—The annual corporate meeting for South Trail church of Christ will follow the morning worship on January 15, 2023. Plan to attend and the congregational meeting to follow, as the elders lay out a plan for the new year.

Worship Assembly 1/1/23

Song "He Keeps Me Singing" #615
Welcome/Song Leader Mark Bassett

Song "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" #763
Prayer Josh Tackett

Song "The Steadfast Love of the Lord" #123
Song "Higher Ground" #539
Song "Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?" #382

Lord's Supper & Contribution Preside—Scott Blomeley

Song "Faith Is the Victory" #469
Song "When We All Get to Heaven" #853

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:7-14 Caleb Tackett
Sermon "Walking By Faith" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "There's a Fountain Free" #909

Shepherd's Prayer/Announcements Doug Tackett

Sound Room/Projection—Caleb Betts
Communion Assist—Bob Sutton
Wednesday Night Sound Room—Dan McCartney (1/4)

Youth Programs
Florida Bible Camp
Vacation Bible School

Ladies' Projects
Rockin' Bobbins Sewing Group
Ladies' Bible Class

Seniors
OWLS (Older Wiser Loving Servants)

Edification
Equip (Orlando July 2023)

Benevolence Ministries
Mt. Dora Children's Home
Churches of Christ Disaster Relief, Nashville

Mission Works
Nicaragua
Upper Valley, Vermont
India
France
Florida Prison Ministry
In Search of the Lord's Way, WGN & WTOG Sun a.m.

12/25/22
Attendance Sunday AM — 172

Budget	\$9,580	Contribution	\$4,531
YTD Budget	\$498,160	YTD Contribution	\$546,366
YTD Disaster Assistance Contribution		\$53,550	

Why We Believe What We Do

Welcome to the church of Christ at South Trail! We are glad to have you with us, as we strive to present the love of Jesus to you. Our goal is to teach others about Jesus and His Word.

If anything is clear today, it is the gross religious confusion in the world. Why do people choose to seek God in so many ways? How can anyone know they are right?

These questions are very serious ones. No one should consider them trivial. A long time ago God said, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." (Proverbs 14:12) God has a prepared way. We are to find it through His Son. (Matthew 17:5) Jesus declared, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven." (Matthew 7:21) For this reason, we believe that the study of the Bible is to find answers to life's most important questions.

The church of Christ is not a denomination. It is neither Catholic nor Protestant, but strives to be the church Jesus founded nearly 2000 years ago. The gospel has not changed, so we urge obedience to the same conditions of salvation. When a person obeys the gospel, that person

becomes a Christian, nothing more or less. Undenominational Christianity is all that existed in the New Testament, so we teach that today. The basis is the Bible as our only creed. All doctrines, creeds, confessions and catechisms are written by uninspired men. Seeking to restore the church of the New Testament is our goal. Therefore, we speak where the Bible speaks; and we are silent where the Bible is silent.

In the New Testament the Lord has provided a complete pattern for His church: the names, doctrine, organization, worship and mission. Our desire is to please God by honoring His design for the church, to love and serve one another in our community. Caring and sharing is the Lord's way. The church is unified in its mission to reach out to the lost with the only hope of the world—Jesus! We pray that you may seek to please Him in the same way.

If you are a Christian and are looking for a local church, we would invite you to work with us to bring glory to God as we worship God in spirit and truth; practice fellowship and service toward one another; teach God's word to both the lost and saved; reach out to our community in love; and look forward to the eternal blessings in heaven.

Terry Chapman

ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

LOCAL:

Richard Davidson (Tina H.'s uncle) home.
Jeanie Evans (Miraly'n's sister) tests.
Margaret Taylor (Blomeley's friend) rehab, recovering from fall.
Dan Starostecki (Allison's son-in-law) severe back issues.
Tracy & Danielle Mellins (Deb Hasty's neighbors) health & family issues.
Dot Ann Erickson (Deb M.'s friend) health, financial, family issues.
Ashley Geiger (Susie J.'s cousin) broken legs.
Dan Watnem (Reams' friend) colon cancer diagnosis.

OUT OF TOWN:

Lynnette Bowling (KY, Mary R.'s friend) lung biopsy.
Bob Boswell (IN, Cathy F.'s cousin) tests for liver transplant.
Anna Miller (IN, J&S Thompson's relative) paralyzed on one side following surgery.
Ron Bennett (KY, Couch's brother-in-law) injured knee.
Julie Carlisle (OR, Charles T.'s sister)
Thelma Kegler (NJ, Miraly'n's cousin) memory care.
Carol Sandidge (KY, Melodye's sister) home.
Larry Macomber (Terry Crocker's preacher/friend, MS) treatments in TX.
Pam Alcorn (Linda Hunnicutt's sister, TN) treatments.
Sandra Curtis (Linda Hunnicutt's friend, TN) lymphoma cancer, more tests.
Jackie Conner (Steve G.'s friend) recovering from stroke.
Dennis & Margie Franklin (MT, LaBard's friends)
Phyllis Chester (Clearwater, Miraly'n's friend) cancer treatments.
Laurel Gilbert (Riverview, LaBard's friend) pain.
Staci Wyatt (AR, Embry's friend) lung cancer diagnosis.
Ed Troutman (AR, Bonnie L.'s brother-in-law) cancer.
Brenda Herman (IN, Dayna's cousin) dialysis.
Sharon Adams (AR) treatments.
Karen Hipp (Orlando) treatments.
Aline Wineland (TN, Mary R.'s cousin) treatments.
Jay & Piera Young (VA)
Lynda Bailey (VA) leukemia.
Hillard & Alma Story (MO)
Dave Doederlein (CA)

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Austin Jackson (FGCU); Cameron Dunn (FGCU); Avery Boyette (Germana); Tayven Clark (FAU); Amanda Sawyer (UNH); Hannah Holder (SCF); Presley Blunkall (USF); Keira Jackson (UH); Andrew Miller; Ashley Bess (Santa Fe)

OUR FAMILY AT HOME OR ASSISTED LIVING: Chuck Richardson, Ima June Veal (Sherry C.'s mother), Mary Harris, Charlotte Haznedar, Jim Lewis, Sue Fredenburg, Lois Gleason, Paul & Betty Gerber, Paul Miller, Margaret Earls.

OUR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS: Dan Walters (Army); Hunter Mangrum (Navy); Nick Hertel (Navy & Police Dept.); Kiana Kirkland (Air Force); Mariah Sanders-Solis (Army National Guard); Aaron Boyette (Coast Guard); Tim Tramel (National Guard); Scott Bickel (Air Force); Brandon Hughes (Air Force); Kyle Zinsner (Marines); Michael Jackson (Sheriff Dept.); David Dunn (Sheriff Dept.); Greg Irwin (Fire Dept.); Steve Rissler (Fire Dept.); Ben Carpenter (Fire Dept.); Ryan Hellmer (Fire Dept.); Amber Mangrum (Fire Dept.); Derek Kroll (Police Dept.); Terry Chollera (security) 1/1/23