

THE WAYPOINT



"a reference point along a course to reach a destination"

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South Trail Church of Christ

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Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes —

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m..

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What's Happening—

WELCOME

We are so thankful for everyone present today to worship God. Every Lord's Day is special and having guests just adds to the joy and love we share together. If you have any questions, please let us know, by asking one of us. We do not know everything, but we are very willing to share the scriptures upon which we formulate beliefs and practices. God is the object of our worship and pleasing Him is our greatest joy! We are here at your service, so if you have a question, please let us know.

POTLUCK

Next Sunday we will have a special fellowship after the morning worship. We invite everyone to plan to stay for the meal. Our members are encouraged to bring their favorite dish to share together. Our guests are invited to just bring yourselves and your appetite. We look forward to getting to know you better, and next week to share a meal following our praise to our Creator who made all the blessings we will share at that meal.

AN OPEN DOOR 2024



CORPORATE MEETING— The annual corporate meeting for South Trail church of Christ will follow the morning worship on January 21, 2024. Plan to attend both the corporate and the congregational meeting to follow.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE
Sunday Bible Class—
Gospel of John
Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events—

- 01/18— Ladies Bible Class 10 a.m.
- 01/19 — Mount Dora Benefit Dinner 6 p.m.
- 01/20 — Celebration of life for Charlotte Haznedar 11 a.m.
- 01/21 — Corporate meeting and potluck.
- 01/27— Rodriguez Baby Shower 4 p.m.
- 02/10 — Pearls & Ponytails 10:30 a.m.

PREACHER COLUMN

PRACTICE OR PERFECT?

Kenneth Gorelick shortened his name and lengthened his work ethic to find success. Playing the saxophone has been Kenny G's career for the past four decades. He has played in countless concerts and made 20 albums. He holds the Guinness World Record for best selling jazz artist and has won a Grammy. His most recent album, Innocence, debuted in December, 2023, and prompted an interview. Kenny G acknowledged his success and "the intangibles" that have helped. However, one thing stands out for his ability, and that is his daily regimen. "I practice every day for three hours – every single day." Effort is most always a tangible piece in the puzzle of success. Do we "practice" as faithfully as Kenny G?

Prayer is a critical practice for Christians. Do you have a daily habit? Do you make it a priority at certain times of day? A regular routine is the way a habit becomes consistent and unwavering. Paul gives a simple instruction that causes many Christians to shake their heads and ask how? Paul wrote, "Pray without ceasing." (1 Thessalonians 5:17) How can we pray all the time? Well, one way is to be in a prayerful mindset all day. We start out praying, and we keep the conversation going all day. For example, when something happens during the day, do you call someone? A spouse? Friend? Talk to God – all the time! Elsewhere in scripture, we are told to pray all the time, or in everything. (Ephesians 5:20, Colossians 3:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Daily Bible engagement is a critical practice for Christians. More than reading the Bible, meditate, and apply what you find in it. We are commanded to study to show ourselves or present ourselves to God. (2 Timothy 2:15) We must not take living before God casually. We must be devoted to presenting ourselves pleasing to Him. (Colossians 1:10) Do you consider your decisions whether they are pleasing to God? Do you take time to look at your use of your time, thoughts, treasures, and abilities, and ask, "How am I bringing glory to God?" (1 Corinthians 1:26-31) Do you spend at least three hours per day becoming the person God wants you to be? It makes sense if we care about how we are seen by God that we would take time to be our best. The Bible is the best mirror to use for this presentation. (James 1:22-25)

Aiming high is also a critical practice for Christians. Jesus told his followers, who had many faults, to be what? Listen carefully, "Therefore, you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5:48) Are we perfect? No, but neither are we holy on our own account. Yet, Peter writes, "Be holy, for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:16) Peter instructs us to be obedient as children. We learn holiness. We practice holiness. We aim for perfection. Aim high! You will never be better than what you aim to achieve. God wants our best, and He has provided the resources to help us be our best in 2024!

Terry Chapman

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL – TREATMENT

Mike Hertel
Caroline Hellmer (Linda V. grand-daughter) treatments/improving.

HOME –

Josephine Jenson, sinus infection.
Sue Fredenburg, shingles.
Charles Richardson, back at rehab-Brookdale Palmer Ranch.
Harold Merritt, home ill.
Donna Coleman, ill at home.
Charlotte Horsley, home.
Noreen Anderson
Ethan Jackson, (Jackson's grandson) recovering / doing well.
Reece Jackson, (Jackson's grandson) recovering from concussion.
Jim Lewis
John Walters, Dr. appt & tests.
Bert Bolin, ankle problems, improving.
Martinez Family
Donna Johnson, lung issues.
Johnny Maschino, cancer, dementia
Victoria Steele, home.
Patrick & Marianne Owens
Gwen Chapman
Kristy Gleason, searching.
Sheryl Belair, pain.
Patricia Hawk
Eric Ipe (Mark & Robin's son)

OUT OF TOWN –

Ron Garner, (Gwen C. Brother) leg stents.
Natalie Hood, (Cowley's grand-daughter) recovering.
Jensen (Cowley's Granddaughter) broken arms, recovering.
Jeff LeBlanc (MI Donna J. Grand-son) MRSA.
Darrel Ashby (MI) pain is back, treatments in Baltimore.
Hunter Mangrum & all active military, uncertainties in world.
Johnny Crabb (Pensacola, Margaret's son) weak heart/improving.
Pam Alcorn (Linda Hunnicutt's sister, TN) chemo treatments/complication.
Connie Vallion (AR) bladder tumor.
Leonel Santos (TX, Ricc Lopez's father) hospice.
David Doederlein (CA, Ron's son)
John Caldcleugh (TX, J. Cook's son-in-law)

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TRAIL MIX—It was great to see several back at worship with us last week — Betty Herman, Jean Cook, Bob Keesecker, Steve & Sarah Dalp, and Donna Randolph. The Hertel's are traveling. Susan Cowley went to Indiana to help her granddaughter recover.

SYMPATHY— We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of John Walters, tragic death of his nephew John Bartrom. John was only 46 years old and was very successful in his business. Pray for the family to be comforted by God's mercies. John Walters will be traveling next weekend for the services. Keep him in prayer.

WEDNESDAY— We are studying "Come to Your Senses" in our adult Bible class as we seek to know God better. Come out and let's grow together in a mid-week Bible study.

BENEFIT DINNER— Enjoy an evening of fun and good food with fellow Christians from our surrounding area congregations while supporting the good work at the Mount Dora Children's Home. This Friday, January 19, 2024 at 6 p.m. If you need tickets, please see Bob Sutton, tickets are free today, as Bob must turn in a count.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE—A celebration of life for Charlotte Haznedar, Yasemin Chain's mother, will be held next Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at the South Trail church of Christ. We want to honor and remember our dear sister.

BABY SHOWER— A baby shower for Josh and Maria Rodriguez will be held on Saturday January 27 at 4 p.m. The baby is a girl and they are registered at Target.com. Everyone is invited to attend.

PEARLS & PONYTAILS— Mark your calendars for the Pearls & Ponytails Ladies' Day on February 10, 2024 10:30 a.m to 1:00 p.m. Join us for a day of scripture, reading, singing, prayer and lessons from the table. Lunch will be provided. Wear pearls, ponytails, and/or red.

PRAYERS FOR MISSIONS— With the unrest in the world, pray for our missionaries for safety and boldness in proclaiming the message. Pray for open hearts to hear it.

REMINDER— All prayer request and updates should be sent to beckystcoc@gmail.com.

Worship Assembly 1/14/24

Song "O Worship the King" #144
Welcome/Song Leader Craig Ross

Song "Without Him" #544
Song "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen" #722

Prayer Anthony Poignard

Song "The Greatest Commands" #448
Song "Anywhere with Jesus" #414
Song "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #315

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside— Jason Wohnhas

Song "How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?" #432
Song "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" #648

Scripture 1 Peter 1:22-25 Ethan Embry
Sermon "Open Door for the Word" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "I Know the Lord Will Find a Way for Me" #523
Closing Song "Take the World, But Give Me Jesus" #485
Closing Prayer/Announcements Doug Tackett

Sound Room/Projection—Justin Seymour/ Caleb Betts
Communion Assist—Youth

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 2025)

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

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

1/7/23
Attendance Sunday AM — 198

Budget	\$10,424	Contribution	\$7,046
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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 looking for a local church, we would invite you to study with us and learn how we seek 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:

Ruby (Miralyn's friend) passing of her mom Ruby.
Lexi (Embry's friend) brain tumor.
Nancy (Charles R. friend)
Tony Gibson (Steve G. friend)
Joy Yeager (Steve G. coworker) son Tom had a heart attack.
Women's Ministry at Sarasota County Jail.
Myrna Kilpatrick (Deb M. friend) physical therapy.
Shelly Cox (Mike S.'s friend) cancer treatments.
Don McManus (Donna J.'s friend) hospice.
Margaret Cadogan (Miralyn's friend) cancer.
Gordon Thompson (Miralyn's friend) cancer.
Jeanie Evans (Miralyn's sister) surgery January 31 and February 27.

OUT OF TOWN:

Jaylee (Debbie M. friend) recovering from kidney removal surgery.
Jill Gravenites (IL, Dianne Binkoski's sister) test at Mayo Clinic.
Dan and Margy Patterson (MO, Hunnicutt's friends) hospice/struggling.
Greg Conner (SC, Roy and Pat's son) rehab for stroke.
Roy Conner (SC) dementia.
Lynleigh Price (MT, Lund's friend) 4yr-old recovering from heart surgery.
Kristina (TN, Couch's friend) Pregnant, diabetes, baby will need heart surgery when born. Her fiancé, Dawson, has been deployed to Bosnia.
Liz Hamilton (KY, Mary R. friend) Hospice.
Rick Cole (TX, Bonnie T.'s brother) cancer surgery cancelled, more tests.
Tina Rogers (Roger's daughter-in-law) complications from surgery.
Mike Tackett (TX, Doug's brother) chemo, improving.
Marie Johnson (Karen Lund's sister) Occupational Therapy/difficulties, improving.
Candice Clement (Cowley's granddaughter-in-law) treatments.
Venia Jean Jordan (KY, Miralyn's friend) health issues.
Chuck Jordan (KY, Miralyn's friend) bladder complications/ surgery recovery.
Melissa Pierce (KY, Embry's friend)
Michael Monroe (IN, Dayna's cousin) lung cancer.
Rick McMahon (MI, Carole J.'s nephew) multiple myeloma/Guillain Barre Syndrome.
Brenda Herman (IN, Dayna's cousin) dialysis, transplant list.
Sandra Curtis (Linda Hunnicutt's friend, TN) chemo.

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Emma Lund (Western Tech) ; Abigail Lillibridge (FL Southern); Cameron Dunn (FGCU); Avery Boyette (Germana); Tayven Clark (FAU); Keira Jackson (UH); Andrew Miller; Ashley Bess (UF); Emma Harting (FGCU) Levi and Sarah Ross.(ECU).

OUR FAMILY AT HOME OR ASSISTED LIVING: Jean Cook, Betty Herman, John & Peggy Bolotin, Charles Richardson, Patricia Hawk & caregiver Joe Austin. Ima June Veal (Sherry C.'s mother), Jim Lewis, Sue Fredenburg, Lois Gleason, Paul & Betty Gerber, Paul Miller, Margaret Earls.

OUR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS: Hunter Mangrum (Navy); Nick Hertel (Navy Reserve); 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.); Evan Krause (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 Cholera (security) 1/11/24