

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 happy to see each smiling face this morning! What a blessing it is to come together to exalt our God and praise Him in worship. Our expressions of prayers, songs, communion, generosity, and studying God's Word are all from the gratitude within the depth of our hearts. Every Lord's Day we count our blessings and seek God's guidance for the week ahead. May God bless our time together today.

POTLUCK

Today is our monthly potluck following our worship. We invite everyone to stay and enjoy the time. We have prepared extra food, so be our guest and remain for the best free meal in town. We need each other so let's get to know one another better, and encourage everyone we can.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Immediately following our worship, the elders will hold the annual corporate meeting to meet state requirements as we are incorporated for tax purposes.

AN OPEN DOOR 2024



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.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—
Gospel of John
Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events—

01/25— Ladies Bible Class 10 a.m.

01/27— Rodriguez Baby Shower 4 p.m.

01/28— Area Wide Singing at South Trail 4 p.m.

02/03— Rockin' Bobbins 10 a.m.

02/10 — Pearls & Ponytails 10:30 a.m.

02/18 — Friend Day

PREACHER COLUMN

“DAILY BIBLE ENGAGEMENT”

Most Americans have positive reactions to the legacy of the 16th President of the United States. Abraham Lincoln lived from 1809 to 1865, when his life was taken by an assassin's bullet. As anyone reads and studies the life of President Lincoln, several principles become clear as to why he was successful and consequential in his long term impact on America.

First, Lincoln was influenced by the Bible. He was taught the Bible and he continued to learn from the word of God. One quote was, “I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible.” This was not just a casual reference. His speeches and quotes are filled with allusions, references, and quotes from scripture. The thought of God's guidance are a foundation of Lincoln's leadership. Lincoln believed every person mattered, and was created in the image of God. Why? Because the Bible says so! (Genesis 1:26-31) The principles of faith and gratitude were foundational in his decisions. Was Lincoln perfect? No, no one but Jesus has ever been sinless. There is no exaggeration that Bible study, meditation, and application will change your life. Your relationships will be healthier, and others will be treated better by consistent application and introspection of its principles. However, being profitably engaged in reading the Bible makes a difference. (2 Timothy 2:15, 3:16-17)

Second, Lincoln believed God was interested in the affairs of people, and therefore, the government. He quoted Jesus, “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.” (Matthew 12:25) Jesus was referring to his enemies attributing His miracles to Satan or Beelzebub. This failure to recognize the power of God and use it as an attempt to deceive was pure evil. Jesus added, “He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.” (12:30) Unity is critical in spreading the gospel. Satan uses every division to convince people to think that truth and harmony are impossible. Jesus prayed for unity, so it is possible. (John 17:1-25)

Third, Lincoln reminded people to give thanks to God. In the middle of the Civil War in November of 1863, Lincoln said, “I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States.. To set apart and observe the Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving.” (Quote from speech given on October 3, 1863) Paul wrote, “Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Ephesians 5:20) Are we profitably engaged in reading the Bible?
Terry Chapman

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Loose Pocket Change — What do you do with your loose pocket change? Why not put it to good use and place it in a “Mount Dora Change Can”. Don't have a change can? You can pick one up and either the front or rear church entrance. Please help by putting your loose change into one of these change

cans. We will collect them in early December. If you fill your change can, give it to Bob Sutton or Daisy Tackett for safe keeping, and pick up an additional change can. Remember, your contribution helps Mount Dora change lives and change futures.

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL – TREATMENT

Mike Hertel
Caroline Hellmer (Linda V. granddaughter) treatments/improving.

HOME –

Pam Herman, recovery.
Craig Embry, test.
Mike Allison, foot issues.
Melody Whalin, test.
Jerry Rogers, very ill.
Sue Fredenburg, shingles.
Charles Richardson, struggling with rehab.
Noreen Anderson
Reece Jackson, (Jackson's grandson) recovering from concussion.
Jim Lewis
John Walters, test, loss of nephew
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 –

Meyer, (Linda V. nephew's baby boy) back home.
Natalie Hood, (Cowley's granddaughter) recovering.
Jensen (Cowley's granddaughter) broken arms, recovering.
Jeff LeBlanc (MI Donna J. grandson) MRSA.
Darrel Ashby (MI) improving.
Johnny Crabb (Pensacola, Margaret's son) improving.
Pam Alcorn (Linda Hunnicutt's sister, TN) cancer is spreading.
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— We welcome George and Patty Webb back. John Walters is in Indiana for the funeral of his nephew. **ROCKIN' BOBBINS**— The sewing group will meet on February 3, 2024 at 10 a.m.

BAPTISM— We rejoice over two baptisms last week. We rejoice with the angels in heaven over **Connie Cleary** putting on Christ in baptism on 1/12. Robin Ipe is a friend of Connie's, and shared the gospel with Connie. Connie studied with Terry and was baptized immediately. Pray for her to grow in her faith, and new life.

We are so thankful for the warmth and love shown to our recent visitor, **Carol Satala**. Following a Bible study with Ron Doederlein, Carol was baptized this week and is now our sister in Christ. Carol came to us as a result of our prison ministry program. She has been here in Sarasota temporarily and will be relocating to Cape Coral this weekend. Prayers for her new walk in Christ and her choice to obey the Lord and be added to His church would be greatly appreciated.

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 Bible study.

AREA WIDE SINGING — Next Sunday, January 28th at 4 p.m. we have invited area churches of Christ to meet and "Sing to Me of Heaven" as we sing praises to our God, and enjoy sweet fellowship. We will have finger foods and desserts following the singing at 5 p.m. Mark it on your calendar and plan to be here!

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.

SAVE THE DATE — Friend Day February 18, 2024. We will meet at 10 a.m. and have a catered lunch following the worship together. Make your list and send out invitations, then plan to pick them up and bring them on the 18th. Let's make it a great day to the glory of God.

Worship Assembly 1/21/24

Song "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple" #108
Welcome/Song Leader Craig Ross

Song "He Gave Me a Song" #608
Song "Heavenly Sunlight" #611
Song "Take Time to Be Holy" #731

Prayer Mike Allison

Song "To Christ Be True" #736
Song "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed" #324

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside— Craig Embry

Song "Far and Near" #784
Song "Lord Reign In Me" Screen Only

Scripture John 4:27-38 Mason Embry
Sermon "Open Door of Opportunities" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "Will You Come?" Screen Only
Closing Song "I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord" #609
Closing Prayer/Announcements Scott Blomeley

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.

1/14/23
Attendance Sunday AM — 208

Budget	\$10,424	Contribution	\$36,864
YTD Budget	\$20,848	YTD Contribution	\$43,910

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:

Gary (Dayna C. son in law) driving semi-truck in uncertain weather conditions.
Michelle (Debbie M. friend) pray she seeks help.
Lexi (Embry's friend) brain tumor.
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:

Cathy, (Rosie Rogers sister) fell and broke her jaw.
Sam Ward (Mary R. friends nephew) Air Force Special Ops, in Iraq.
Gary (Dayna C. son in law) driving semi trucks in uncertain weather.
Joyce Immonen (Mary R. friend) fighting cancer for years, pray for comfort.
Jaylee (Debbie M. friend) recovering.
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) baby Zoey did not need heart surgery when born. Fiancé, Dawson, has been deployed to Bosnia.
Liz Hamilton family (KY, Mary R. friend) Keep the family in prayers, and ask God's mercies to comfort them in their loss.
Rick Cole (TX, Bonnie T.'s brother) cancer surgery cancelled, more tests.
Tina Rogers (Roger's daughter-in-law) complications from surgery.
Marie Johnson (Karen Lund's sister) Occupational Therapy/difficulties, improving.
Candice Clement (Cowley's granddaughter-in-law) surgery February 7.
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 (Medical Intern); 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); Mari-ah 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 Chollera (security) 1/21/24