

# THE WAYPOINT



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

JANUARY 28, 2024

**South Trail Church of Christ**

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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—

### FRIEND DAY IS COMING SOON!

Our annual Friend Day will be Sunday, February 18th at 10 a.m. As our custom has been, we will cancel class that day so you can bring your friends with you. After our worship that Lord's Day, we will have a catered meal to share and fellowship. We have focused this year on the "Open Door in 2024." Who in your life would you like to share the wonderful story of Jesus with this month? It is easier to invite someone to worship than for a Bible study, as it requires more of a commitment. So look for the open door to introduce someone to God's family, and let God open their heart to learn more. One of the best tools for evangelism is



hospitality. Bring someone on the 18th and see whether they become hungry to know more about our Savior. You have connections. You have neighbors. You have family and friends. So who will you invite for this special opportunity? Pick up some flyers and spread them to all those you are praying to bring with you.

### AN OPEN DOOR 2024



### AREA WIDE SINGING —

Today 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.

### YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—  
Gospel of John  
Sunday Worship

## Upcoming Events—

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

02/01— Ladies Bible Class 10 a.m.

02/03— Rockin' Bobbins 10 a.m.

02/05— O.W.L.S 10 a.m.

02/10 — Pearls & Ponytails 10:30 a.m.

02/18 — Friend Day 10 a.m.

## PREACHER COLUMN

### “WHILE YOU WAIT”

What do you do while you are waiting? Waiting for an appointment may give you half an hour to read or catch up on writing notes. Waiting on hold while you are in the queue to speak with a company representative, may give you time to schedule the rest of your day or week. Waiting does not mean doing nothing.

There is a purpose for a season of waiting. Look at Nehemiah as he heard of the state of Jerusalem. A report was brought to him in the capital city, Shushan, of the Medo-Persian Empire, that Jerusalem was in distress and reproach. What did Nehemiah do? The record tells us, “So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.” (Nehemiah 1:4) He wept. Crying is a part of grieving and helps us get ready for what comes next. Nehemiah sought God’s will and guidance to know what to do next. Over the next four months, he waited. What did Nehemiah do? He submitted to the Lord. He confessed the sins of the people. He asked for God’s mercy to permit them to prosper in what they needed to do. They had to get to work at rebuilding the wall around the city. This was more than pride, but protection and to avoid the appearance of weakness to their other enemies.

The next step was to ask permission and blessing from the King Artaxerxes. Nehemiah’s position was cup bearer to the king. This was the most trusted position to keep the king from being poisoned. The king noticed Nehemiah was sad, which he evidently had never been previously. What caught his attention was that this was not sickness but sorrow of heart. Nehemiah used to opportunity to present the need to the king. Notice how Artaxerxes replies, “What do you request?” It was almost like a “blank check” to carry out the project. Do you need funds? Do you need time? Do you need anything else? The king gladly grants him all of it and more. Read the account to appreciate it fully. Was Nehemiah’s waiting worthwhile? Absolutely, God provided the right moment to gain the approval and support needed. Now the project was fully funded. Nehemiah heads home.

When Nehemiah arrives at Jerusalem, he goes out in the middle of the night and surveys the damages. What he sees is how the walls are still broken down, and left after they were burned with fire. The next morning Nehemiah announced what he planned to do with God’s help. The response was simple, “Let us rise up and build.” They all worked together to accomplish this good work. They built the wall working together. How? Nehemiah records it like this, “The people had a mind to work.” (4:6) How many projects and how many lives could be changed if we work together as God opens doors and provides all the resources?

There were enemies to the work. Nehemiah has three foreigners leading the opposition. (2:19-20) They challenge the effort by proposing that it is a rebellious action against the king. False charges made by envious men. Nehemiah’s answer is simple, “The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build, but you have no heritage or right or memorial in Jerusalem.” All God’s servants can participate, but loyalty is required.

What Nehemiah did while waiting was rewarded. God answered his prayers. God provided the resources. God put the right people in the right places to finish it. God is good, all the time. So waiting is not wasted time, but vital to God’s glory.

Terry Chapman

### PRAYER LIST

#### LOCAL – TREATMENT

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

#### HOME –

Mark Hughes, knee surgery recovery  
Ron Doederlein, ill.  
Johnny Maschino, cancer, dementia  
Pam Herman, recovering.  
Mike Allison, foot issues.  
Jerry Rogers, very ill.  
Sue Fredenburg, shingles.  
Charles Richardson, struggling with rehab.  
Noreen Anderson  
Jim Lewis  
John Walters  
Donna Johnson, lung issues.  
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 –

Eric Woodard (TX) stroke, impaired vision.  
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)

Deacons—

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Dan McCartney  
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Justin Seymour  
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Jason Wohnhas  
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**TRAIL MIX**— Hunter Mangrum is back stateside and reunited with Briana and Ella in Jacksonville.

**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.

**ROCKIN’ BOBBINS**— The sewing group will meet on February 3, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**O.W.L.S**— The Older Wiser Loving Servants will meet on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**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**— February 18th at 10:00 is Friend Day.

**THANKS**— Thank you to all who attended the Mt. Dora CA & CH dinner on the 19th. There were 171 attendees in total, and about 70 from South Trail. We raised about \$24,455 from the event, including the sponsors for the dinner. Thanks to all who helped. Scott and Marsha Blomeley received the Divine Servant Award for their steadfast support of this good work. We are proud of Scott and Marsha as they are faithful in the Lord’s kingdom here at South Trail and far beyond.

**ENCOURAGEMENT CARDS**— We want to encourage you to send cards to two people who need our love. A dear brother recovering from a stroke and former member, Eric Woodard, 1005 Buckeye Loop, Corpus Christi, Tx 78418. Also, to our new sister in Christ who moved — Carol Satala, 2806 SE Place, Cape Coral, FL 33904.

## Worship Assembly 1/28/24

Song "You Are the Song That I Sing" #238  
 Welcome/Song Leader Craig Ross

Song "Come, Thou Almighty King" #19  
 Song "Here I Am to Worship" Screen Only  
 Song "Highest Place" #155

Prayer David Seymour

Song "Worthy Art Thou" #230  
 Song "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" Screen Only

### **Lord's Supper & Contribution**

Preside— Bill Johnson

Song "I Stand Amazed" #147  
 Song "Praise the Lord" #74

Scripture John 4:19-24 Mark Ipe  
 Sermon "An Open Door to Worship" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "Nearer, My God, to Thee" #684  
 Closing Song "Our God, He Is Alive" #23  
 Closing Prayer/Announcements Ed Hunnicutt

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.

1/21/23  
 Attendance Sunday AM — 210

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| Budget     | \$10,424 | Contribution \$5,908      |
| YTD Budget | \$31,272 | YTD Contribution \$49,818 |

## 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:**

Kurt Harvey (Mary H. friend) keep his family in prayers, to comfort them in their loss.  
Don Stuart( Susie J. friend) multiple seizures daily.  
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) test.  
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.  
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 in Pennsylvania.  
Rick Cole (TX, Bonnie T.'s brother) waiting for tests.  
Tina Rogers (Roger's daughter-in-law) complications from surgery.  
Marie Johnson (Karen Lund's sister) test in March.  
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) 1/28/24