

THE WAYPOINT



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

JANUARY 29, 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—

HOMEcomings—South Trail's 55th Homecoming and Terry's 25th anniversary celebration will be next Sunday, February 5, at 10 a.m. There will be no Bible classes that day. A catered meal will follow the worship service along with a slideshow of Terry's time at South Trail. Be sure to invite friends and former members.

If you are willing to host out of town visitors, please contact Larry Reams. See John Walters if you can help serve the meal.

Hospitality Groups 2 and 3 will set up on Saturday, February 4, at 9 a.m. Groups 1 and 4 will be in charge of clean up following the meal.

And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more.

Numbers 22:18

**JESUS AND ME
IN 2023**



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YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

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

Upcoming Events—

1/29—Area Wide Sing at 53rd Avenue Church of Christ 6 p.m.

2/2—Ladies' Bible Class 10 a.m.

2/5—Terry Chapman's 25th Anniversary - A Homecoming Day

2/6—OWLS 10 a.m.

2/18—Rockin' Bobbins 10 a.m.

2/28—All Faiths Food Bank 1 p.m.

2/28—Gal's Gathering 6 p.m.

SERMON OUTLINE

“We Must Speak the Word of the Lord”

Numbers 22:22-31

What is your *favorite* Bible story? Which story *fascinates* you the most?

Some stories stand out for their unusual nature. Balaam is one to remember!

Used in NT as an example — 2 Peter 2:15, Jude 11, Revelation 2:14

Let's consider what happened in this lesson from history—

- Balaam is a prophet of Patriarchal order in land of Midian, and a weak man.
- King Balak of Moab sees Israel as a threat. He sees God as the difference. So he wants to manipulate God using Balaam to curse Israel. Persistent.
- Balak attempts to buy Balaam's curse on Israel. Balaam seeks permission.
- God tells Balaam not to go. Finally, Balaam gives in to temptation and goes.
- Angel stands in the path, but only the donkey can see him. Donkey stops three times. Balaam strikes the animal out of his frustration. Donkey speaks!
- Balaam goes to Balak and gives four oracles. Is this the end of the story? Did Balaam curse Israel? Read Numbers 31:8-16, and 25:1-18 — 24,000 died.

Lessons from the example of Balaam —

1. When God speaks, we must not go b_____ the word of the Lord.
(22:18, Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32, Revelation 22:18-19, 1 Corinthians 4:6)

The Restoration Principle is t_____.

“We speak where the Bible speaks, and we are silent where the Bible is silent.”

The Regulative Principle is e_____ to obedience.

Examples —

The Lord's Day = 1st Day (Ac. 20:7, Rev. 1:10, 1 Cor. 16:1-2, Heb. 10:25)

Baptism = immersion (Acts 8:36-38, Matthew 3:16, Rom. 6:3-4 “buried”)

Christian = belonging to Christ (Acts 11:26, 1 Peter 4:16, Acts 4:12)

2. When temptation comes, r_____! (1 Corinthians 10:12-14, 1 Tim. 5:22)

Balaam wanted to c_____. (James 1:13-16)

God will always provide a way of e_____.

3. When God tells us something, just d_____ it. (1 John 5:2-3)

Remember Balaam's confession, “I have s_____.” (22:34)

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL – TREATMENT

Rosie Rogers, bronchitis/respiratory.
Susan Cowley, broken clavicle.
Jim Thompson, research study.
Betty Herman, shoulder pain.
Mary Williamson, awaiting results.
Tim Scott, recovering.
Peggy Bolotin, heart issues.
Jaime Baker, tests.
John Chain, recovering at home.
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 –

Anthony Poignard
Mary Ann Gardner, home.
Ima June Veal (Sherry C.'s mother) tests.
Joe Jones
Gary Jackson, back issues.
Sue Fredenburg
Roy LaBard
Patricia Hawk
Mary Merritt

OUT OF TOWN –

Barbara Shumard (OH) recovering.
John Caldcleugh (TX, J. Cook's son-in-law) chemo treatments on-going.
Sharon Turner, (GA, Todd Simmons' sister) health issues.
Don Lackey Sr. (AL) respiratory treatment.
Maeson Sutton (Bob's great grandson) treatments.

INDIA MISSION TRIP—

Doug Tackett — Month of January

FAMILY LIFE COLUMN

I heard this tale several years back. A very uninformed young lady was traveling by herself on a desolate, rutted highway headed from Yukon, Canada to Alberta, Canada. She wasn't familiar with the area and was following her GPS blindly as most of us do. She drove a small Toyota Prius traveling where normally only large 4wd SUVs and trucks would venture. After her first day of travel she stopped to get some rest. She asked the desk clerk for an early morning wakeup call so she could start out early the next day. The clerk gave this young stranger a smirk and the traveler did not understand why until she woke the next morning. The mountain tops where she was located was surrounded by a dense, heavy fog. Now she understood.

Not wanting to look foolish she went ahead and arose, got ready and went to eat breakfast in a very small café. Only two rough cut truckers were eating there on this cold, foggy morning and they asked the young lady to join them. She was quite hesitant because no one can be too safe these days. They asked where she was going. She told them and they both gave a sarcastic chuckle. One of the truckers informed her that "The pass was much too DANGEROUS in weather like this!" Not

only that, the road was not heavily traveled and if something happened it could be days before she was found if at all. The lady, being stubborn, informed them that she was determined to try since she had someplace to be. The other trucker having seen her determination told her "I guess we will have to HUG you." Of course, at that point the young lady was having nothing of them and told them that there was no way they were going to touch her! The other trucker told the young lady that actually what they meant was one would place his truck in front of her Prius and the other would place his truck behind her, in a sense "hugging" her. On that foggy morning on a desolate back road, she followed two red dots on a trailer and felt comforted by the big escort behind her as she made her way safely to her destination.

Caught in the fog of worldly contention, never have I felt more like a church. I have personally seen many cards being sent, phone calls made, wallets opened, messages of support, and a sense of closeness. Let's all hug each other in this tumultuous world we live in so we can safely travel this road we are on. Love one another—John 13:34.

Craig Embry

The youth are on lesson 5 this week.

Deacons—

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John Walters
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Jason Wohnhas
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TRAIL MIX— It is great to have more back each week—George and Patty Wilbur, Donna Randolph, Steve and Sarah Dalp are all here now. Be sure and welcome them for the season.

PEARLS & PONYTAILS—The Ladies' day last week was a great success and was well attended with at least 45 ladies in attendance. Our thanks to Vanessa Embry for planning the event, and all the girls and women who participated in various ways. Vanessa, we cannot wait to see what you do next year!

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FBC—Anyone interested in helping with the construction of Cabin 8 on February 3-4, please see Jason Wohnhas.

OWLS—The Older Wiser Loving Servants will meet on Monday, February 6, at 10 a.m. The presentation will be "Fall Prevention and Safety." Please bring a dish to share and sign up if you plan to attend.

ROCKIN' BOBBINS—The sewing group will meet on Saturday, February 18, at 10 a.m.

LADIES—We have some wonderful opportunities and activities to grow, bond, and serve. To find out more of what is in store for us in 2023 please plan to attend the "Gal's Gathering" on Tuesday, February 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship room. There will be food, fun, devotional, and lots of information. Please sign up to learn about these exciting opportunities. See you there!

Worship Assembly 1/29/23

Welcome/Song Leader John Cowley

Song "Shine, Jesus, Shine" #290

Song "Just a Little Talk with Jesus" #959

Prayer Chuck Faust

Song "Standing on the Promises" #452

Song "Victory in Jesus" #470

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside—Charles Thurman

Song "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #57

Song "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #586

Song "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" #648

Scripture Numbers 22:22-31 Mark Ipe

Sermon **"We Must Speak the Word of the Lord"** Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "Thy Word" #449

Shepherd's Prayer/Announcements Ed Hunnicutt

Sound Room/Projection—Caleb Betts

Communion Assist—Bob Sutton

Wednesday Night Sound Room—Dan McCartney (2/1)

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 20-23, 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.

1/22/23

Attendance Sunday AM — 189

Budget	\$10,228	Contribution	\$14,405
YTD Budget	\$40,912	YTD Contribution	\$54,685

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:

Donna West (Deb M.'s friend) sudden loss of friend.
Richard Davidson (Tina H.'s uncle) home.
Michelle Lidell (Bess's friend) recovering from horse accident.
Jeanie Evans (Miralyne's sister) treatments.
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.

OUT OF TOWN:

Merritt Bailey (VA) recovering from stroke.
Peggy Noblitt (KY, M. Rivard's friend) recovering from surgery.
Carol Sandidge (KY, Melodye's sister) heart surgery 1/30.
David Grady (KY, Rivard's friend) cancer surgery 2/28.
Ken Kling (KY, Rivard's friend) treatments.
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.
Julie Carlisle (OR, Charles T.'s sister)
Thelma Kegler (NJ, Miralyne's cousin) memory care.
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.
Phyllis Chester (Clearwater, Miralyne's friend) cancer treatments.
Laurel Gilbert (Riverview, LaBard's friend) pain.
Ed Troutman (AR, Bonnie L.'s brother-in-law) cancer.
Sharon Adams (AR) 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 (UF)

OUR FAMILY AT HOME OR ASSISTED LIVING: Charles 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.); 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) 1/29/23