

THE WAYPOINT



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

JANUARY 1, 2024

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Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m..

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What's Happening—

WELCOME

Welcome to South Trail on the first week of the New Year! We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us. As we begin 2024, there is no better beginning than by drawing close to our Creator. God created us for a relationship with Him. God loves us as His blessings pour into our lives every day. Every Lord's Day we listen to God's spoken word in the Bible. We speak to God in prayer and song, as our hearts express the gratitude for all His benefits. God's Son came to earth to live, die, and be raised from the dead, just so we could have the hope of living in heaven for all eternity. The memorial of the Lord's Supper helps us remember this promise each week. God's promise is that one day all the dead will be raised to stand before Him. Those who have named the name of Jesus Christ as Savior, will be claimed by Him for final and full salvation. Our hope is based completely on the sufficiency of Jesus.

AN OPEN DOOR 2024



O.W.L.S — The Older Wiser Loving Servants will meet on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 10 a.m. There will be a guest speaker from the Players Centre for Performing Arts. Please sign up on attendance and food sign-up sheet located at the back bulletin board.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—
Gospel of John
Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events—

- 01/11 — Ladies Bible Class 10 a.m.
- 01/13 — Rockin' Bobbins 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.
- 02/10 — Pearls & Ponytails 10:30 a.m.

PREACHER COLUMN

“WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?”

Two men were dreaming, one said to the other, “I wish I had 5 acres of watermelons.” The other man responded, “If you did have 5 acres of watermelons, would you give me one watermelon?” The first man replied, “No! If you are too lazy to wish for your own, then you cannot have one of mine.” Well, we all have our own aspirations or goals that we are doing more than dreaming to achieve. In order to have the best year possible, what is your plan? Let’s consider two options for the year, a miserable year or a blessed one?

12 WAYS TO ENSURE A MISERABLE LIFE —

1. When there’s a problem, ignore it. Let it snowball!
2. Always blame others for your faults and failures.
3. Look for the bad in every situation.
4. Dream impossible dreams.
5. Always put yourself first.
6. Never compliment or encourage. Always complain, criticize, and condemn.
7. Feel sorry for yourself.
8. Set no goals or set low goals.
9. Expect every situation and relationship to be ideal.
10. Every time you get discouraged, quit.
11. Believe that happiness is found in money, and pleasure.
12. Live yesterday and tomorrow, never today.

12 WAYS TO ENSURE A BLESSED LIFE —

1. Do angry and do not sin. Do not let the sun go down on your wrath. (Eph. 4:26)
2. Be accountable for your own mistakes. (Romans 14:12)
3. Think on things that are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, good report. (Phil. 4:8)
4. Turn your impossibilities over to God. (Matthew 19:26)
5. “If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.” (Mark 9:35)
6. Be like Barnabas, a “son of encouragement.” (Acts 4:36)
7. Be a good Samaritan and concentrate on the needs of others. (Lk. 10)
8. Press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 3:14)
9. Realize that the Lord will never leave you nor forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)
10. Be faithful in the work of the Lord, and your labor is not in vain. (1 Cor. 15:58)
11. Store up treasure in heaven. (Matthew 6:20)
12. Do not worry about tomorrow. (Matthew 6:34)

Which do you choose? You get to choose, but choose wisely. — Adapted —

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL – TREATMENT

Charles Richardson, SMH with infection.

Mike Hertel

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

HOME –

Betty Herman, improving.

Dan and Becky McCartney, home ill.

Harold Merritt, home ill.

Donna Coleman, ill at home.

Charlotte Horsley, back 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.

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 –

Roy & Carolyn LaBard (GA) transition.

Ron Gardner, (Gwen C. Brother) leg stents.

Wendy Cosgrove (PA, Faust’s daughter) diagnosed with lupus.

Natalie Hood, (Cowley’s granddaughter) recovering.

Jensen (Cowley’s Granddaughter) broken arms, recovering.

Jeff LeBlanc (MI Donna J. Grandson) MRSA.

Darrel Ashby (MI) pain is back.

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, waiting on brain surgery.

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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TRAIL MIX—Many of our seasonal members are back. Make them feel welcome at South Trail for 2024!

SYMPATHY— We extend our deepest sympathy to the Hunnicutt family in the tragic death of their son, Steve, in Nashville on December 30th. Steve was killed in a “hit and run” accident. Keep the family in your prayers, and ask God’s mercies to comfort them in their loss.

ROCKIN’ BOBBINS— The sewing group will meet on January 13, 2024 at 10 a.m.

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. On Friday, January 19, 2024 at 6 p.m. If you need tickets, please see Bob Sutton, tickets are free.

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.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE—A celebration of life for Charlotte Haznedar, Yasemin Chain’s mother, will be held on 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.

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.

UPDATE— Roy and Carolyn LaBard’s new address is 22 Brock Road Chickamauga, GA 30707.

Worship Assembly 1/7/24

Song "A Charge to Keep I Have" #58
Welcome/Song Leader Craig Ross

Song "The Love of God" #122
Song "Be with Me, Lord" #778

Prayer Phil Couch

Song "Years I Spent in Vanity" #381
Song "In Need" Screen Only

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside— Mike Strother

Song "Seeking the Lost" #624
Song "Pierce My Ear" Screen Only
Song "Each Step I Take" #415

Scripture John 10:7-11 Curtis Chapman
Sermon "Open Door in 2024" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "There's a Stranger at the Door" #908
Closing Song "Who at the Door Is Standing?" Screen Only
Closing Prayer/Announcements Ed Hunnicutt

Sound Room/Projection—Justin Seymour/ Caleb Betts

Communion Assist—Bob Sutton

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.

12/31/23
Attendance Sunday AM —

Budget \$10,228 Contribution \$4,530
YTD Budget \$542,064 YTD Contribution \$516,589

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.
Amy Teigan (Jess T. mom, Bakers friends) recovering from surgery.
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 10 and 31.

OUT OF TOWN:

Rhea (Virgin Islands Rivard's friend) bad accident, multiple injuries.
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) stem cell transplant complications, slowly improving.
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.
Nathan Tyler (Bob Hughes' relative) kidney transplant went well, recovering.
Gary Tyler (Bob Hughes' relative) kidney donation surgery went well, recovering.
Marie Johnson (Karen Lund's sister) Occupational Therapy/ difficulties.
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 McMahan (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); 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) 1/7/24