

THE WAYPOINT



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

OCTOBER 1, 2023

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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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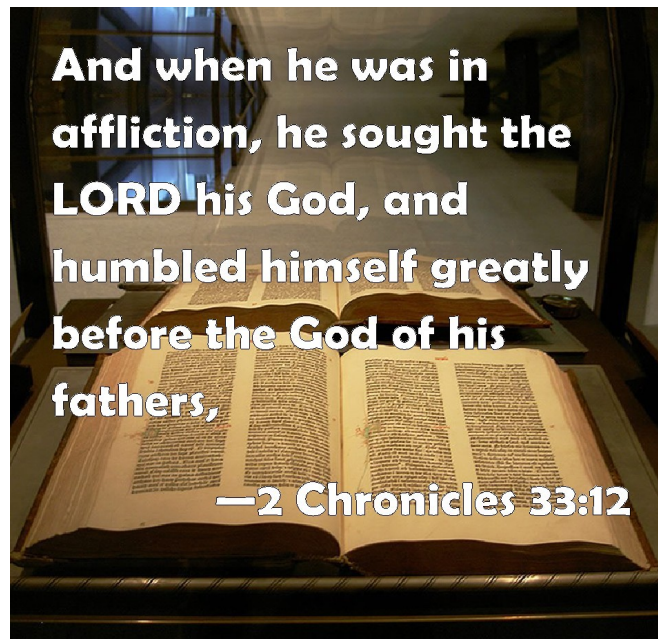
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What's Happening—

WELCOME

We are so honored to have you with us here today. Every Lord's Day we come together to praise our amazing God in worship. All we desire to is to give thanks and glory to Him for all we have received. Our prayer is for our time here to be pleasing to our heavenly Father.

JESUS AND ME IN 2023



OWLS—The first OWLS meeting for this year is Monday, October 2, at 10 a.m. Terry Chapman will be doing the devotional. We want to encourage all who are able that day to come, and please bring ideas that you would like to see us take part in, including some fun outings. Please bring fingerfoods for our lunch.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—

1 John

Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events—

10/2—OWLS 10 a.m.

10/5—Ladies' Bible Class 10 a.m.

10/8—Youth Devo 6:30 p.m.

10/11—Wednesday Meal & Discussion 6 p.m.

10/14—Rockin' Bobbins 10 a.m.

10/21—Young Families Busch Gardens Trip

11/4—Picnic at Myakka River State Park 10 a.m.

SERMON OUTLINE

“The Knowledge of the Lord”

Text: 2 Chronicles 33:10-13

- Have you ever prayed with a broken heart over someone sinning?
- Have you considered how God works providentially in people’s lives?

Manasseh was an evil King of Judah. Consider his 55 year reign –

Manasseh’s father was H _____, a good king.

Manasseh sinned before the Lord. *How did he s_____ Judah?*

Rebuilt the “high places” Worshipped the creation

Desecrated the temple Sacrificed his sons in fire

Practiced sorcery, soothsaying, witchcraft, and mediums.

Manasseh chose to follow o _____ rather than God.

Manasseh was carried off to Babylon in d _____.

How did Manasseh show the f _____ of repentance?

1. He h _____ himself greatly.
2. He p _____ to God for help.
3. He a _____ the Lord was God.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

The church of Christ began by reaching out to those who should have been closest to the truth (Jerusalem-Acts 1:8), then to those further away from the God of the Bible (Athens). This example is good strategy. In Acts 2:41 the foundation is already laid for the message to build on, and we find 3,000 low hanging fruit harvested on the day of Pentecost. Today, these are the religious but unchurched. They still believe in God and the Bible, and have a basic understanding of Christ, but don’t know much New Testament Christianity. Distracted by the world, they need spiritual nourishment. So let’s approach them with the same love and concern we have for those we know. People all over the world respond well to compassion cards, visits, meals, and acts of outreach. Once the connection is made, Bible study is right around the corner. The pattern for spreading the gospel in Acts provides a map for where to begin and how to evangelize. Remember, those visitors who sit in our pews are ripe for harvest. Then move on to peers, friends, and family. (John 4:35).

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL – TREATMENT

Victoria Steele, Johns Hopkins.
Carolyn LaBard, Brookdale at Palmer Ranch, rehab.
Steve Rissler (Chapman’s son-in-law) SMH, recovering.
Alan Weidner, SMH, recovering.
Betty Hood (Gay Torrey’s friend) SMH Rehab on Rand Blvd.
Meretta Adams, improving.
Linda Turner, recovering from knee surgery.
Caroline Hellmer (Linda Vernon’s granddaughter) treatments.

HOME –

Dan & Melissa Dill, move to FL.
Gwen Chapman, upcoming tests.
Kristy Gleason, searching.
Dan McCartney, cancer free.
Martinez family
Sheryl Belair, pain.
Patricia Hawk
Eric Ipe (Mark & Robin’s son)

OUT OF TOWN –

Eric Gardner (AR, Randy & Sharon’s son) recovering from triple bypass.
Johnny Crabb (Pensacola, Margaret’s son) weak heart.
Pam Alcorn (Linda Hunnicutt’s sister, TN) new chemo treatments.
Dean Hodges (TN) recovering from shoulder surgery.
Troy Bess (MO)
Connie Vallion (AR) bladder tumor, waiting on brain surgery.
Max Keesecker (Bob’s grandson) struggling with pacemaker/defib.
Leonel Santos (TX, Ricc Lopez’s father) hospice.
David Doederlein (CA, Ron’s son)
John Caldcleugh (TX, J. Cook’s son-in-law)

FAMILY LIFE COLUMN

What is happening to the Lord's Church? Why are numbers not stronger and why can we not find the strength we need in knowledge and volunteers? Maybe because we have stopped fighting the war against Satan. No one likes war because it is tough and casualties will happen. In the end, there is a victorious side. Even though the victor might be battle scarred, the war is over and the victory is won. War tends to bring the majority of souls together to unite against an enemy.

Perhaps the Lord's Church has become soft because we are not actively fighting a war on evil. Who is the enemy? We are now surrounded by evil, we must gather and fight for the truth. Yes, it will be tough, and yes, we will have casualty by way of loss of membership of those who are weak and succumb to an easier route. In the end, we will stand victorious before the judgment seat. When people in the world today see the Lord's Church stands for something and they stand strong, they will desire to be on the Lord's side.

Many people make the mistake of reading what the Bible says in Exodus 20:13, "You shall not kill,"

and then seeking to apply this command to war. However, the Hebrew word literally means "the intentional, premeditated killing of another person with malice; murder." God often ordered the Israelites to go to war with other nations (1 Samuel 15:3; Joshua 4:13). God ordered the death penalty for numerous crimes (Exodus 21:12, 15; 22:19; Leviticus 20:11). So God is not against killing in all circumstances, but only murder. War is never a preferred thing, but sometimes it is a necessary choice. In a world filled with sinful people (Romans 3:10-18), a war between good and evil is inevitable. Sometimes the only way to keep sinful people from doing great harm to the innocent is by going to war.

Are we going to war against Satan? We should be, as we are properly outfitted and trained. (Ephesians 6:10-18) We need to start winning the battles so we can draw closer to one another and draw others to us. God calls us to take a stand!

Craig Embry

There are many opportunities to serve. If you are willing, see me.

The youth are on lesson 1 this week.

Deacons—

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Jason Wohnhas
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TRAIL MIX—Great to see Wayne and Bonnie Johnson with us again. John Walters is in Indiana this weekend. It is that time of the year, so we will see some of our seasonal members returning. Some will be here for a month, and others will be back for several months.

RETIREMENT NEWS—It happens in any organization as people decide what is best for their own timing, and so Marsha Blomeley has announced that she is retiring from her position in the church office. Marsha has been serving us for nearly 14 years now. We have been blessed by her efficiency and love for South Trail. She will be missed greatly. We love her and want her to know how much we have appreciated her. She will be training her replacement over the next few weeks. Please welcome Daisy Tackett as our newest member to the church staff. We look forward to working with Daisy, and know that God will bless us as we humbly serve Him.

2024 BUDGET—Budget requests for 2024 are due to Ed Hunnicutt today.

VOLUNTEER—A volunteer is needed to maintain the baptistry. See David Seymour if you can help.

COURTESY REMINDER—Please be considerate of our neighbors when leaving the church property. Recently some have driven across our neighbors' grass. We want to respect others and have a good reputation with them.

DIRECTORY—An updated paper directory will be printed soon. If there is any information that needs to be updated, email it to stcoc@comcast.net or write it out and give it to Marsha.

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS—Ladies' Bible Class will resume on Thursday, October 5, at 10 a.m. The topic will be "Is the Bible Really God's Word?" The format will be a jury trial, skeptic vs. believer.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL—We will have a meal on Wednesday, October 11, at 6 p.m. The discussion to follow will be "Cancelling Church Culture." Please sign up to participate in the meal preparation for November 8.

UPDATE—Effective October 13, Jim and Shelia Thompson's new address is Woodland Terrace, 200 Arbor Lane #323, Danville, IN 46122.

Worship Assembly 10/1/23

Song "Humble Yourself" #745
Welcome/Song Leader Caleb Betts

Song "Anywhere Is Home" Screen Only
Song "Higher Ground" Screen Only
Prayer Phil Couch

Song "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" #276
Song "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #315

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside—David Seymour

Song "More Precious than Silver" #273
Song "O Lord, You're Beautiful" #275
Song "Sing and Be Happy" #587

Scripture 2 Chronicles 33:10-13 Larry Binkoski
Sermon "The Knowledge of the Lord" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "Lord, I'm Coming Home" #936
Closing Prayer/Announcements Doug Tackett

Sound Room/Projection—Justin Seymour
Communion Assist—Bob Sutton / Mason Embry

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

9/24/23
Attendance Sunday AM — 174

Budget	\$10,228	Contribution	\$4,585
YTD Budget	\$398,892	YTD Contribution	\$408,359

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:

Don McManus (Donna J.'s friend) Blake Hospital cardiac intensive care.
Kristi Rench (Cowley's friend) recovering from cancer surgery.
Ashlynn Edwards & mother, Shannon (Melissa's co-worker) chemo.
Family of Jordan Zahniser (Tracee C.'s friend) grieving.
Corene, Annabelle, Dajia (Diane A.'s friends)
Margaret Cadogan (Miralyn's friend) cancer.
Gordon Thompson (Miralyn's friend) cancer.
Susie Kennedy (Tara Jackson's mother) chemo treatments.
Jeanie Evans (Miralyn's sister) upcoming surgery.

OUT OF TOWN:

Tina Rogers (Roger's daughter-in-law) complications from surgery.
Jeff Conner (Gleason's friend) loss of son.
Ron Garner (Gwen's brother) home, physical therapy.
Mike Tackett (TX, Doug's brother) chemo.
Nathan Tyler (Bob Hughes' relative) upcoming kidney transplant.
Gary Tyler (Bob Hughes' relative) upcoming kidney donation.
Marie Johnson (Karen Lund's sister) recovering from surgery.
Candice Clemens (Cowley's granddaughter-in-law) cancer diagnosis.
Venia Jean Jordan (KY, Miralyn's friend) health issues.
Melissa Pierce (KY, Embry's friend)
Kathy Gilbert (St. Pete, LaBard's friend) recovering from thyroid cancer surgery.
Jill Gravenites (IL, Dianne B.'s sister) health issues.
Patty Miller (Mary Ann's cousin)
Jeannie Vilamah (IN, Miralyn's friend) hospice.
Bethany Stolinsky (TN, Couch's friend) new Christian, challenges.
Kathy Gurtin (TN, Deb M.'s friend) declining health.
Neil Bennett (TN preacher) throat cancer.
Michael Monroe (IN, Dayna's cousin) lung cancer.
Rick McMahon (MI, Carole J.'s nephew) multiple myeloma.
Sandra Williams (TN, Miralyn's friend)
Brenda Herman (IN, Dayna's cousin) dialysis, transplant list.
Sandra Curtis (Linda Hunnicutt's friend, TN) chemo.

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Abigail Lillibridge (FL Southern); Cameron Dunn (FGCU); Avery Boyette (Germana); Tayven Clark (FAU); Keira Jackson (UH); Andrew Miller; Ashley Bess (UF); Emma Harting (FGCU)

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) 10/1/23