

THE WAYPOINT

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

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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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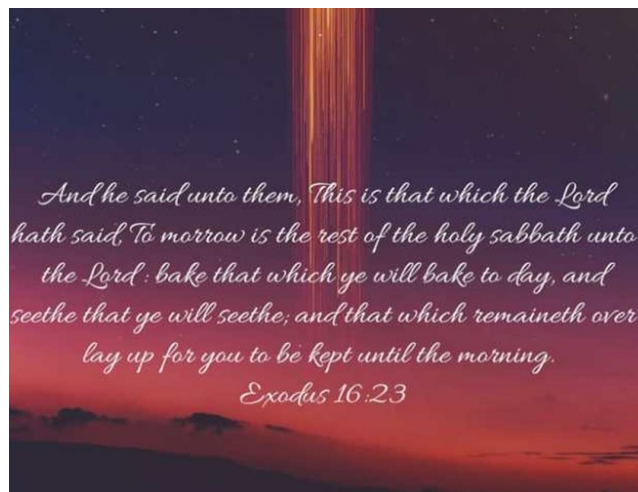
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What's Happening—

PICNIC— Our annual picnic is planned for this Saturday, November 4th at Myakka River State Park. We will begin at 10:00 a.m. and plan to eat about noon. The hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, so bring some dish or food that will go with a cookout. Bring lawn chairs, frisbees, horseshoes, cornhole, and other outdoor games. We will have some who will go on a trail walk in the park, and some who dare to walk along the river and count alligators. P.S. For those new to Florida, they are not even "grown" until they surpass seven feet in length. It will be a great day and opportunity to spend quality time with each other. Mark it on your calendar, so you do not miss this annual event.



JESUS AND ME IN 2023



TEA— Following Ladies Bible Class on Thursday, November 2nd, we will celebrate the birthday of Doris Edwards with a Tea/Luncheon. If you have any questions see Cathy Faust.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—
1 John
Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events—

11/2—Ladies' Bible Class and Tea 10 a.m.

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

11/6— OWLS 10 a.m.

11/11—Rockin' Bobbins 10 a.m.

PREACHER'S COLUMN

"ARE WE HUNGRY?"

We all experience basic needs like getting hungry. An uncle of mine was a farmer, and had a set routine of lunch at noon, and dinner at 6 p.m. When he walked in the door about 5 minutes before time, he expected to eat on his schedule. He had trained his body to anticipate his needs being met based on a routine. What indicators do you have for hunger? When your stomach "growls," you know it is time. Let's take this and apply it to our spiritual needs for a moment. How does your hunger drive your desire to learn, behave, and grow?

Grace is a basic spiritual need. We need forgiveness and to be set free from guilt. Our sin brings a sense of guilt, knowing we have offended our Heavenly Father. He loved us and knew we had nothing worthy of earning His forgiveness, so He sent His Son, Jesus. Jesus paid the debt we owed, or would owe, for all time. (Romans 3:23-26, 8:32-34, 1 Peter 1:18-20, Hebrews 10:10-14) Do you hunger for a greater appreciation of God's grace? To grow in grace and knowledge? (2 Peter 3:18)

Relationship is connection and community. Do you desire to know God? (John 17:3, 14:1-10) God has added us to His church, so our fellowship is in community. Our responsibilities to one another are a blessing. How are we growing in our relationships? (Romans 12:9-21, 14:1-15:7)

Ownership is an indication of choice, control, and contribution. As His children, God has put His stamp of ownership on us. (1 Corinthians 6:18-20, Galatians 2:20, Luke 9:23-27) As Christ lived in submission, our lives must be under His control. Our peace, joy, hope, love, and patience comes from the trust in God.

Worth is value and vision. Our intrinsic value is because God created us in His image. (Genesis 1:26-31) Our study of this principle is what keeps us on track, and going into the direction of God's work. (Ephesians 2:10) It is God who works in us to will and do according to His pleasure. (Philippians 2:13)

Laughter is enjoyment and getting the most out of life. Remember "the joy of the Lord is my strength." (Nehemiah 9:10) Solomon reminds us, "A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones." (Proverbs 17:22) What if our laughter has a healing effect? Our spirit is fed by God's grace, why shouldn't we be able to enjoy life? (John 10:10)

Security is our emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual foundation. Our relationship with God is what keeps us stable. (Philippians 4:4-9) Every time we open God's word, pray, worship, serve, live in the Spirit, we find ourselves more in the love of God. Sharing our lives together helps bring God into the center of everything.

As your spirit "growls," we find the nourishment God has provided. Every time we meet, to worship and study and serve, God provides what we need. Terry Chapman

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

The Church of Christ was created to be an army of soul winners working together to win souls for the body of Christ, the church. Paul said, "The body is not one member, but many" (1 Corinthians 12:14). This makes it the entire congregation's responsibility, not just the evangelists in our pulpits every Sunday. The church's perfect orders (Matthew 28:18) "go ye" is not just "go me" but "go all." Every member should be providing contacts for our various outreach ministries. Each of us knows dozens of lost people. Sadly, they will remain that way if their name does not appear on one of our "contact" lists. Relying on one or two members for contacts is a losing strategy. Congregational evangelism (that means every member) expands the playing field! It is much harder to turn down an entire congregation than a single Christian. When an entire congregation sends out Compassion Cards, they overwhelm a contact with love. Think of the difference between receiving one or two cards and receiving 20-30 cards! We need our communities to see the love of Christ in action at the South Trail Church of Christ.

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL - TREATMENT

Betty Herman, hospital, dehydrated.
Arlin Chapman, stroke, ICU in Shands Hospital in Gainesville.
Ann Williams (Peggy Steele. Robin and Michelle Williams mother) hospice.
Sue Fredenburg, not well.
Debbie Betts, recovering.
Mike Hertel, more tests.
Art Tritthart, recovering.
Betty Hood (Gay Torrey's friend)
Linda Turner, recovering.
Caroline Hellmer (Linda Vernon's granddaughter) treatments.

HOME -

Tony Long, home.
Margaret Crabb, broken leg from fall.
Johnny Maschino
Victoria Steele, home.
Carolyn LaBard, test.
Harold Merritt, sale of home, moving, transition
Patrick & Marianne Owens
Gwen Chapman
Kristy Gleason, searching.
Sheryl Belair, pain.
Patricia Hawk
Eric Ipe (Mark & Robin's son)

OUT OF TOWN -

Benji Harris (VA, McCartney's son) recovering from gall bladder surgery.
Hunter Mangrum & all active military, uncertainties in world.
Marty Bess (MO, Mike's father) health concern.
Johnny Crabb (Pensacola, Margaret's son) weak heart.
Pam Alcorn (Linda Hunnicutt's sister, TN) chemo treatments/complication.
Dean Hodges (TN) recovering.
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

Here is follow up information from last week's article on our curriculum: Shaping Hearts for God.

What is the difference between a series and a level? Series refers to a 13-lesson study. Shaping Hearts curriculum includes 12 series, each covering a segment of the Bible having a title that expresses a major theme, such as "All Things Made New" or "God's Mighty Hand."

Level replaces grades and refers to the reading difficulty of a series. The effort is to make the curriculum flexible and adaptable. Shaping Hearts student workbooks are published at four levels that are determined by the graduated use of vocabulary and formatting. The Shaping Hearts levels are:

Level 1 - emergent readers or 4s & 5s
Level 2 - beginning readers or grades K-1
Level 3 - intermediate readers or grades 2-3
Level 4 - advanced readers or grades 4-5

Is there a teachers guide for each book or class level? No. Each series has a Teacher's Guide but not each level. Each Teacher's Guide contains ideas and suggestions for illustrating, applying, and reinforcing the message at all four levels. From among the ideas and suggestions, the teacher chooses those that will be most effective for his or her students.

Why does the teacher's guide not include the lesson to be taught? They tried this, but including all in one book proved to be cumbersome, and as a result ineffective. A teacher should have both a Student Workbook and a Teacher's Guide. The two books relate and coordinate.

Should students take their workbooks home? Yes. The curriculum is designed for each student to have a workbook and to take the workbook home in order to prepare for class. The workbooks are not intended to be used for reading through the lesson during class time. The design is for the teacher to retell the Bible story in class and teach the related lessons. Students may be encouraged to bring the workbooks to class each time to cover the questions or to use the maps for various class activities. The workbooks are more valuable at home in preparing for class than having them in the class. A useful suggestion is for children to keep their workbooks in a designated place so it will always be available. A clever version of this suggestion is to keep the workbook in the child's underwear drawer! Families are encouraged to read the Bible readings and discuss the lessons and memory work together.
Craig Embry.

The youth are on lesson 5 this week.

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TRAIL MIX— Craig and Jodi Ross have arrived in Sarasota. Great to see so many back with us.

PLACING MEMBERSHIP—We are so happy that Dan and Gina Nordstrom have indicated their desire to work and worship with us at South Trail. We welcome them and look forward to getting to know them better.

CONGRATULATIONS—Congratulations to John Walters and Tammy Outcalt, as they were married on Monday. Craig assisted the happy couple in their nuptials. Pray for God's blessings to fill their lives.



LIBRARY NEWS — Two books have been added to the library. *Kingdom Politics* — Returning God to Government by Tony Evans, and *Manhood* — The masculine virtues America needs by Senator Josh Hawley. In the basket you will find a flash drive which contains all the speakers from EQUIP 2023. Please use the card to check it out and return to the basket when you are finished. Thank you. Cathy Faust.

OWLS— The Older Wiser Loving Servants will meet on Monday November 6th at 10 a.m. Doug Tackett will update us on his India trips. Please bring finger foods to share. Everyone is welcome to join us.

ELDERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT— Craig and Jodi Ross are moving back to Sarasota, and we are so happy to have them return. Craig has agreed to work with us on a part-time basis, and help in multiple areas of ministry. Prayerfully, we will all be able to accomplish more, and God will continue to bless South Trail to His glory!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL—We will have a meal on Wednesday, November 8, at 6 p.m. The topic of discussion will be "Redefining Christianity." Scott Blomeley will facilitate the discussion. Please sign up to participate in the meal preparation.

WEDNESDAY— Terry will teach next week's Wednesday (11/1) night's class. Let God's word work to transform your life. Come study together.

Worship Assembly 10/29/23

Song "We Have Come into His House" #296
Welcome/Song Leader Mark Basset

Song "God Is So Good" #83
Prayer Joshua Tackett

Song "Glorify Thy Name" #77

Song "Praise Him! Praise Him!" #300

Song "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" #383

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside— Mike Strother

Song "How Great Thou Art" #76

Song "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah" #3

Scripture Exodus 16:16-26 Caleb Tackett

Sermon "Worship" Doug Tackett

Invitation Song "Christ, We Do All Adore Thee" #186

Closing Prayer/Announcements Scott Blomeley

Sound Room/Projection—Justin Seymour/ Caleb Betts

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.

10/22/23
Attendance Sunday AM — 199

Budget	\$10,228	Contribution	\$5,660
YTD Budget	\$439,804	YTD Contribution	\$438,473

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:

George Tritthart (Arthur's brother) carpal tunnel surgery.
Myrna Kilpatrick (Deb M. friend) test for kidney transplant.
Shelly Cox (Mike S.'s friend) cancer treatments.
Sue Coppola (Sue B.'s cousin)
Velma Godwin (Susie J.'s friend) rehab for breathing.
Don McManus (Donna J.'s friend) Hospice.
Kristi Rench (Cowley's friend) recovering from cancer surgery.
Ashlynn Edwards & mother, Shannon (Melissa's co-worker) chemo.
Corene, Annabelle, Dajia (Diane A.'s friends)
Margaret Cadogan (Miralyn's friend) cancer.
Gordon Thompson (Miralyn's friend) cancer.
Jeanie Evans (Miralyn's sister) upcoming surgery.

OUT OF TOWN:

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.
Christina (TN, Couch's friend) Pregnant, diabetes, baby will need heart surgery when born.
Terry Vanmeter (KY, Craig's uncle) pancreatic cancer.
Pam LaSage (MA, Deb M. sister) procedure 11/8
Liz Hamilton (KY, Mary R. friend) upcoming surgery.
Pearl Bess (Crestview Miralyn's friend) Cancer
Rick Cole (TX, Bonnie T.'s brother) upcoming cancer surgery.
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) treatments.
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.
Neil Bennett (TN preacher) throat cancer.
Michael Monroe (IN, Dayna's cousin) lung cancer.
Rick McMahon (MI, Carole J.'s nephew) multiple myeloma/Guillain Barre Syndrome.
Family of 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: 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)

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) 10/29/23