

THE WAYPOINT

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

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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—

ADULT HOLIDAY PARTY

The annual Adult Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 9th, at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship room. The meat will be provided, so bring a side dish or dessert to share. Bring a gift to exchange, which costs less than \$10, for a person of the same gender, a man for a man, and a woman for a woman. There will be songs, games, and wonderful fellowship along with all the delicious food. Notice the early time to meet. This is made so that everyone can be present and back home resting in plenty of time to prepare for the Lord's Day. Plan to be a part of this once a year event. It is always **fun** and **festive** and with your Christian **family**. We look forward to this special time together.

PICNIC WAS A GREAT OUTING

We want to thank John Walters and crew for all the hard work in making our annual picnic a wonderful event. God gave us a beautiful setting and fantastic weather. About 100 people were present to share all the food and fellowship, so all went away full and happy. Some took hikes, and some went to the Canopy Walk to see a far distance. Some of us looked out, but not straight down, so as to keep our full bellies. If you missed this event, plan to be at the Adult Holiday Party, which is our next special fellowship, outside of the weekly assembly. May God bless all of us to enjoy our church family!

JESUS AND ME IN 2023



WEDNESDAY NIGHT—This week we will meet at 6:30 p.m. for a meal. Pizza will be provided or bring your own food. Class will follow at 7.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS—This week Ladies Bible Class will have a lesson on Gratitude, and lunch will be provided. November 16 at 10 a.m.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—
1 John
Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events—

11/16—Ladies' Bible Class and Luncheon 10 a.m.

11/22— Thanksgiving devotional 7 p.m.

12/ 2 — Arlin Chapman Memorial Service 11 a.m.

12/9— Adult Holiday Party 1:30 p.m.

SERMON OUTLINE

“PRAYER IS POWERFUL”

Text: Luke 11:1-13

- Have you ever stayed at a hotel with room service? Why do they offer that service?
- How do people treat prayer? Is it possible to think of prayer selfishly?

A p_____ to take when all else fails.

A l_____ ticket or game of chance to fix our problems.

A t_____ of God's arm to leverage our desires.

A r_____ to bring blessings just by going through the motions.

What is prayer intended to be between God and his followers?

An i_____ communication from your heart to His heart.

Look at Jesus' teaching on prayer in Luke 11 –

1. Jesus provides a m_____ prayer for us to learn. (11:1-4)

A _____ (11:2)

C _____ (11:4)

T _____ (Matthew 6:13)

S _____ (11:2,3, 4b)

2. Parables on Prayer (11:5-13)

P _____ friend (11:5-10)

Good f _____ (11:11-13)

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

To help South Trail church of Christ email. Updates and prayer lists will conserve both human and material resources and therefore reduce costs, this as our monthly calendar and the schedule will be the last printed edition of the Waypoint to be distributed. As we work to become more accessible in the 21st century, we will begin making greater use of electronic media available to us now. Information will begin being transmitted via electronic communications through such means as social media, website and

-Elders

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL - TREATMENT

Betty Herman, hospital, infection.
Chuck Faust, MRI results.
Melodye Whalin, shoulder surgery 11/28.
John Chain, awaiting MRI results.
Tricia Mangrum, recovering, kidney stone surgery.
Jeff Mangrum, bulging disc.
Sue Fredenburg, recovering from illness.
Mike Hertel, more tests.
Linda Turner
Caroline Hellmer (Linda Vernon's granddaughter) treatments.

HOME -

Sandra Ransom, eyes
Margaret Crabb, recovering from fall.
Johnny Maschino
Victoria Steele, home.
Carolyn LaBard
Harold Merritt, 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.
Johnny Crabb (Pensacola, Margaret's son) weak heart.
Pam Alcorn (Linda Hunnicutt's sister, TN) chemo treatments/complication.
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

This article was recently composed by my dad. Without him I wouldn't be here at South Trail. I thought I would share it with you, while he was here! Enjoy

Pricked in Their Hearts

It's not unusual that while Joyce and I are watching TV and a commercial comes on showing starving children in Africa or some other country. The one that hits close to home is the one from St. Jude Childrens Hospital in Memphis, I'm sure it's because it's in our part of the country and we know families who have used St Jude.

It breaks my heart when the young girl says she goes to bed at night wishing that she wouldn't wake up in the morning. You and I know they could easily have made their advertisement full of statistics to convince you to give to their cause. I.e., How many children are treated at St Jude on a yearly basis, their gender, age groups and success rate, etc. You and I realize that the success of their fundraising would not be near as successful.

I can look back over the years in the Church, I still have memories of fifty years ago when preachers had lessons that played on our emotions. Brother Bradford from many years ago had a lesson where a father had a child in the hospital near death as the father inquired about his child to the doctor.

The doctor responded for as long as the child was alive, there was HOPE. After death there was no longer hope. Brother Bradfield, with enthusiasm, repeatedly said NO HOPE - NO HOPE - NO HOPE. Illustrating, as long as we have life in us there is HOPE!

During those same years it was not unusual, after a convincing sermon the preacher would stop the invitation song to encourage someone in the audience to respond. Maybe even to sing and repeat several verses of the song. Yes, people did come forward. I know, oh Rick don't go there, you know things like that can get out of hand.

There are Biblical examples: Peter preached in Acts 2 so strong that "it pricked their hearts" the results were, over 3000 responded. The Eunuch in Acts 8 after his baptism, "went on his way rejoicing" (emotion). The class period is a great time to tell the class the meaning of certain Bible words their Hebrew or Greek meaning. Sermon time can be occasionally used to prick the heart. Maybe a good time to address the social, moral issues that Christian families are dealing with on a daily basis.

I've heard a hundred reasons why The Church membership has been declining since 1960's, could it be members hearts are not being pricked?

Rick Embry

The youth are on lesson 7 this week.

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TRAIL MIX— Clarine Morrison is here for a week, and Harold Honea is back with us. The Hodges are headed back to Tennessee. Keep in prayers all those traveling during the holidays.

NEW MEMBERS— Matt and Hannah Pryor have decided to place their membership here at South Trail. Their address is 2510 46th Avenue West. Bradenton 34207. Matt's phone number is 727-608-7661, Hannah's is 941-538-8615.

Josh and Maria Rodriguez have also let it be known that they desire to place membership with South Trail. Their address is 17335 Harvest Moon Way Bradenton. Phone number is 847-502-6424.

Welcome both of these young couples and help them feel at home at South Trail!

SYMPATHY— Deepest sympathy to the family of Alma Story, who passed away November 7, in Springfield Missouri. She was a former member of South Trail, and mother of Tim Story. Alma was a faithful Christian.

Sympathy is also extended to Randy and Sharon Gardner from Upper Valley, Vermont, a mission we support. Sharon's mother passed away on November 6.

MEMORIAL SERVICE— A memorial service for Arlin Chapman will be held on December 2 at 11 a.m., with lunch to follow. The interment will be held tomorrow, November 13 at noon in Moultrie, Georgia. He will be laid to rest at the family plot at the Sardis Cemetery. There will be a visitation at 10:30 at the Baker Funeral Home in Moultrie.

Worship Assembly 11/12/23

Song "I Will Call upon the Lord" #63
Welcome/Song Leader Mark Bassett

Song "Servant Song" #694
Prayer Anthony Poignard

Song "Be with Me, Lord" #778
Song "I Come to the Garden Alone" #595
Song "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" #383

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside— John Walters

Song "Higher Ground" #539
Song "Sing and Be Happy" #587

Scripture Luke 11:1-13 Mike Strother
Sermon "Prayer Is Powerful" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "There's a Fountain Free" #909
Closing Prayer/Announcements Doug Tackett

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

11/05/23
Attendance Sunday AM — 184

Budget	\$10,228	Contribution	\$13,345
YTD Budget	\$460,260	YTD Contribution	\$456,106

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:

Women's Ministry at Sarasota County Jail.
George Tritthart (Arthur's brother) recovering.
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 31.

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, in ICU.
Kristina (TN, Couch's friend) Pregnant, diabetes, baby will need heart surgery when born. Her fiancé, Dawson, has been deployed to Bosnia.
Terry Vanmeter (KY, Craig's E. uncle) pancreatic cancer.
Pam LaSage (MA, Deb M. sister) procedure 11/8
Liz Hamilton (KY, Mary R. friend) recovering in Boston.
Rick Cole (TX, Bonnie T.'s brother) cancer surgery 11/29
Tina Rogers (Roger's daughter-in-law) complications from surgery.
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) Occupational Therapy.
Candice Clemens (Cowley's granddaughter-in-law) treatments.
Venia Jean Jordan (KY, Miralyn's friend) health issues.
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)

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) 11/09/23