

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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Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m..

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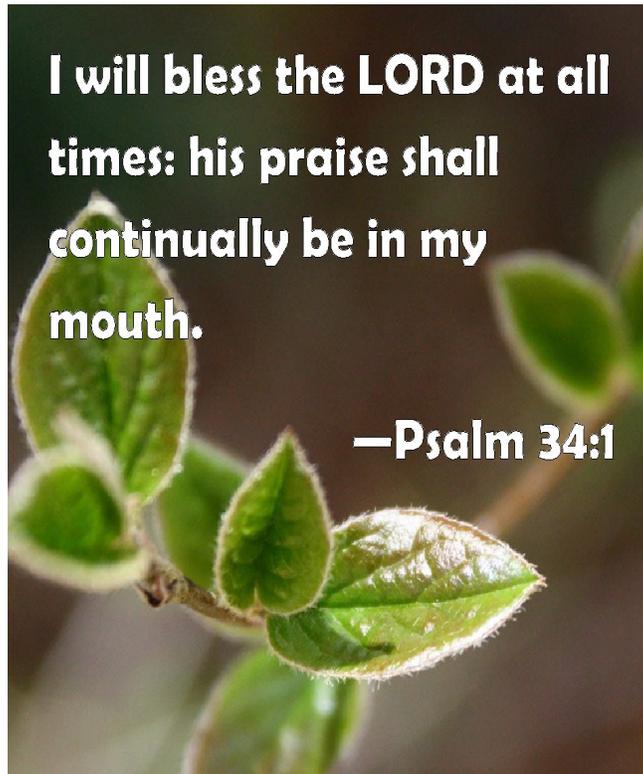
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What's Happening—

BABY SHOWER—A baby shower for Terry and Jordan Feuerstacke will be held today following the morning worship. Everyone is invited to attend. Let's “shower” them with South Trail love.



TIME TO RENEW IN 2022!



FOOD BANK—The next opportunity to volunteer at All Faith Food Bank is on Monday, December 12, at 1:00 p.m. Please sign up as there is a limit of 10 people.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—Luke
Sunday Worship
Wednesday Night Class—
Mysteries of the New
Testament

Upcoming Events—

11/20—Feuerstacke Baby Shower 11:45 a.m.

12/1—Ladies' Bible Class 10:00 a.m.

12/10—Adult Holiday Party 1:00 p.m.

12/12—All Faiths Food Bank 1:00 p.m.

PREACHER'S COLUMN

"THANKSGIVING TO GOD"

God receives a lot of blame for the state of the world. People call things like cancer, accidents, diseases, and premature death "the will of God." Few will refer to man's sin, selfishness, and rebellion against God as responsible for the evil in the world. Many will speak of hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, fires, earthquakes, etc., and refer to them as "acts of God," as do insurance companies. Why do people invoke the name of God when trying to make Him the cause of negative events, but omit God from giving thanks for the good in their lives? We are thankful when the insurance covers the losses, but are we thankful to God for the blessings of life? There is a reason we admire a man like Job. Listen to Job in the midst of unspeakable loss, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord. In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong." (Job 1:21-22)

The pilgrims who came to North America in the early 17th century exhibited the same trusting spirit. They initiated a time of Thanksgiving, not because everything had been easy, but through it all God had been with them and faithful. Provisions were in short supply; weather had not been the best; but they had a crop, a new home, and eventually a new country. They all said, "Blessed be the name of the Lord!" What could be more appropriate for us to think just how faithful God is at all times. As we approach a national holiday known as Thanksgiving, Christians should express thanks to God. Every day is a gift. Every meal is a gift. Every thought is a gift. Every relationship is a gift. Everything God has done in Christ Jesus is a gift! Paul said, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift." (2 Corinthians 9:15)

We may feel that Thanksgiving is a national or secular holiday. Should we abstain from joining our fellow citizens in expressions of thanks? Not at all, rather we should help direct those expressions to the God of the Universe. Our Creator deserves our awe, admiration, and adoration for all His benefits. The freedom we enjoy in this democratic republic was not passed to us without cost. Many sacrifices have been made to bring us to this time in history, so be thankful for all those who sacrificed for this country to exist. Our system of economy (capitalism) is a gift that allows us to derive blessings from our individual effort. This system of government and economics were chosen based on Biblical principles. God has given us free will, and America operates in a way that allows us to use it wisely. Remember Psalm 50:14, "Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High." Give thanks to God for all His blessings. Terry Chapman

LIBRARY NEWS



New Books Added—

Truth Be Told—Exposing the Myth of Evolution

The Source by John Clayton. This book was featured in the first session of Ladies' Bible Class. The subtitle is *Creation—Eternal Design or Infinite Accident*.

The latest *Truth for Today Commentary* on Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk

Coins of the Bible

We now have the complete trilogy of *The Anvil Rings—*

- 1) *Is the Creation Account Trustworthy?*
- 2) *Addressing Alleged Ethical Issues*
- 3) *Answering Attacks upon the Greatest of Christ*

There is a new section featuring Sign Language books.

It is so great to see the library being used!
Cathy Faust

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL - TREATMENT

Adela Martinez, flu.
Donna Johnson, surgery 12/8.
Mike Hertel, ablation to be re-scheduled.
Mary Rivard, ablation 11/22 at Cleveland Clinic.
Mary Harris
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 -

Joe Jones, home.
Chuck Richardson
Linda Thompson
Sandra Ransom, recovering.
Patrick Owens, recovering.
Mary Williamson, back pain specialist.
Gary Jackson, health issues.
John Chain, recovering.
Sheryl Belair, pain.
Jill Plopa (Burchett's daughter) recovering.
Sue Fredenburg
Roy LaBard
Jim & Shelia Thompson
Patricia Hawk
Marianne Owens
Mary Merritt

OUT OF TOWN -

Jean Churchman (IN, Dayna's mother) fell.
Dursun & Joey Caldcleugh (TX, J. Cook's family)
Lucille Hunnicut (TN) challenges.
Don Lackey Sr. (AL) respiratory treatment.
Maeson Sutton (Bob's great grandson) treatments.
Mary Walker (Linda V.'s mother) broken wrist.

HURRICANE RECOVERY—

Michael Jackson family
Jaime family
Helen Adair

FAMILY LIFE COLUMN

Our culture today is filled with negativity. Here are some basic instructions on how to be a bright positive light in today's world.

In Philippians 4:8, we see the Bible tells us, "Whatsoever things are of good report....think on these things." Some Christians fail to discipline themselves to think positively. It's an issue that plagues many of us. When you are surrounded by so much negativity you become infected. We must take deliberate action to replace the negative thoughts with positive ones and have an optimistic outlook.

Being a positive person requires you to hear positive sounds. Isaiah 22:14 says, "And it was revealed in mine ears by the Lord." Many people listen to filth, slander, and destructive things. It's in song lyrics, movies, TV shows, and everyday conversations. We must listen to things that are good, not bad. We need to hear things the Lord has to say and would want us to say. When you hear these negative things, eventually, by human nature, you begin to repeat them.

Speaking of movies and TV, Hebrews 12:2 tells us, "Looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..." Some Christians tend to look for the bad in people and circumstances, seeing only the faults

and negatives. To be a positive person we must look for the good and always look to Jesus.

Psalms 105:2 says, "Talk of all His wondrous works!" Positive Christians must learn to speak only positive things. This is so hard. It is far easier to complain, and fault find. We constantly hear evil, so we become harsh and unkind ourselves. We must learn to be positive, seeking to glorify God by spilling out goodness, grace, and love.

The deeds of many are so negative today. They become selfishly motivated, dishonest, and therefore displeasing to God. We must always be truthful, ready to lift those who are down and be a good example for Christ.

Lastly, Psalms 122:1 says, "I was glad when they said...Let us go into the house of the Lord." We must find ourselves attending positive places. Christians hurt their influence when they find themselves in places or situations they should avoid. We compromise ourselves and our reputations by allowing other things to take the place of faithfully attending church with fellow Christians. The devil does all he can to have us compromise ourselves.

Craig Embry

The youth are on lesson 8 this week.

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TRAIL MIX—Harold Honea is back from Indiana. The Scotts are traveling for the holiday the next two weeks. The Hertels are in Germany for a couple of weeks.

CONGRATULATIONS—The Hertels are grandparents again with the birth of Kolton Hertel last week, to parents Matthew and Kora. Keep them in your prayers.

MEMORIAL—A memorial service for Joan Mastrandrea will be held on Saturday, November 26, at 11:00 a.m. here at South Trail. There will be a lunch to follow. Keep the family in your prayers.

CORPORATE MEETING—The annual corporate meeting for the South Trail church of Christ will follow the morning worship on January 15, 2023. Plan to attend and the congregational meeting to follow, as the elders lay out a plan for the new year.

ADULT HOLIDAY PARTY—The adult holiday party will be on Saturday, December 10, at 1:00 p.m. This is always a highlight of the year. Sign up to bring a dish to go with the meat provided. Desserts are always good during the holidays! Plan to bring a gift, (\$10 limit, man brings a man's gift and a woman brings a woman's gift) for a fun gift exchange game. Mark it on your calendar, and plan to enjoy fellowship with your South Trail family.

SAVE THE DATES—Saturday, January 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. will be the Sarasota/Bradenton benefit dinner for Mount Dora Children's Home. It will be at the Carlisle Inn with food by DerDutchman.

Saturday, January 21, 2023, will be the 2nd annual Pearls & Ponytails Ladies Day from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

February 5, 2023, will be a Homecoming for South Trail in our 55th year. We will also use this opportunity to celebrate the 25 years that Terry has been serving as minister and preacher.

Worship Assembly 11/20/22

Song "Blessed Assurance" #480
Welcome/Song Leader Caleb Betts

Song "Thank You, Lord" #474
Song "Lord, Be There" #413
Prayer Anthony Poignard

Song "In Christ Alone" Screen Only
Song "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" #319

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside—David Seymour

Song "He Has Made Me Glad" #103
Song "When Upon Life's Billows" #742

Scripture Psalm 34:1-9 Matt Sweet
Sermon "Blessings of Gratitude" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "There Is Power in the Blood" #903

Shepherd's Prayer/Announcements Scott Blomeley

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

Youth Programs

Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes
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 2023)

Benevolence Ministries

Mt. Dora Children's Home
Churches of Christ Disaster Relief, Nashville

Mission Works

Italy, Ukraine
Nicaragua
Upper Valley, Vermont
India
France

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

11/13/22

Attendance Sunday AM — 153

Budget	\$9,580	Contribution	\$8,594
YTD Budget	\$440,680	YTD Contribution	\$499,080
YTD Disaster Assistance Contribution		\$13,550	

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:

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.
Linda Clayton (Bassett's friend) recovering from surgery.
Ashley Geiger (Susie J.'s cousin) broken legs.
Barbara Thompson (Linda V.'s relative) Doctors Hospital, tests.
Patricia, Brittany, McKenzie, & Trenton Bollinger (Brenda's friends)
Cole Lehman (Hertel's nephew) ICU, ruptured spleen.
Jeanie Evans (Miralyne's sister) finished treatments.
Charlie Bass (Bob Hughes' friend)
Jennifer Prime (Bob Hughes' friend)
Dan Watnem (Reams' friend) colon cancer diagnosis.
Dana and Krissy Smith (J&M Seymour's neighbors) Krissy on chemo treatments.
Lon Schindler (member at 53rd Ave.) home.

OUT OF TOWN:

Carol Sandidge (TN, Melodye's sister) heart issue.
Larry Macomber (Terry Crocker's preacher/friend, MS) battling cancer.
Pam Alcorn (Linda Hunnicutt's sister, TN) tests for stomach issues.
Sandra Curtis (Linda Hunnicutt's friend, TN) lymphoma cancer, more tests.
Jackie Conner (Steve G.'s friend) recovering from stroke.
Jane Boatwright (Archer, FL, Sandra's H.'s sister) bladder cancer.
Ron Garner (Wesley Chapel, Gwen's brother) recovering from stent procedure.
Sherry Woodall (TN, Donna C.'s friend) low immunity, COVID-19,
Margie Franklin (MT, LaBard's friend) recovering, doing better.
Evelyn Moses (NJ, Miralyne's cousin) recovery.
Phyllis Chester (Clearwater, Miralyne's friend) cancer treatments.
Laurel Gilbert (Riverview, LaBard's friend) pain.
Staci Wyatt (AR, Embry's friend) lung cancer diagnosis.
Mark & Barb Ruleffson (KS, D&L Thompson's friends) Barb in end stages of pancreatic cancer.
Chuck Jordan (KY, Miralyne's friend) mass on colon.
Ed Troutman (AR, Bonnie L.'s brother-in-law) cancer.
Brenda Herman (IN, Dayna's cousin) dialysis.
Ken Shumard (GA, Bob's brother) recovering from cancer treatments.
Sharon Adams (AR, former seasonal member) treatments.
Karen Hipp (Orlando) 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 (Santa Fe)

OUR FAMILY AT HOME OR ASSISTED LIVING: Jim Thompson, 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.); Cody Linderman (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)
11/20/22