

# 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.*

*Bible Classes —*

*Sunday 9:30 a.m.*

*Wednesday 7:00 p.m..*

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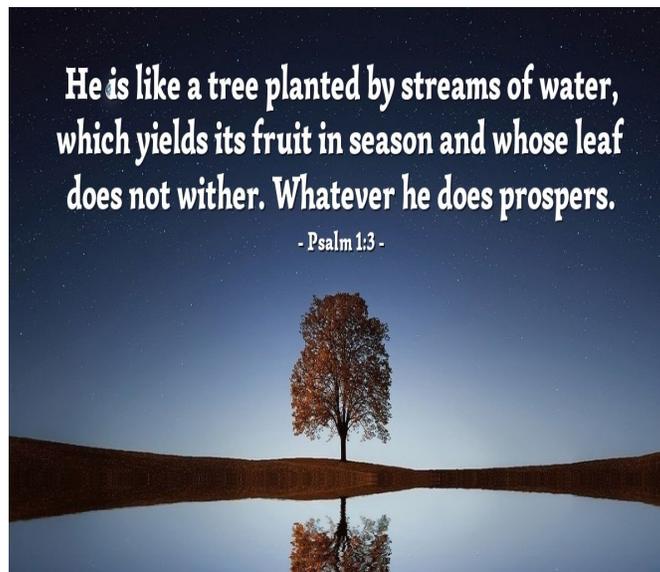
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## What's Happening—

### WELCOME

We are so thankful for every person present today. Whether this is your first time at South Trail or you attend weekly, we anticipate our assembly on the Lord's Day with hearts filled with love for our awesome God. Our prayer is that God will meet all your needs, and use us to help show His love and mercy in every way. May the love of Christ fill your heart and make South Trail a home for you. Let's worship God in spirit and truth.



### TIME TO RENEW IN 2022!



**CORPORATE MEETING**—The annual corporate meeting for 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.

### YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

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

## Upcoming Events—

12/1—Ladies' Bible Class 10:00 a.m.

12/3—Rockin' Bobbins 10:00 a.m.

12/5—OWLS 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

### CONTENTMENT

Gratitude and contentment are linked together. Author and singer Sanchita Pandey, from India, has wisely written, "Never let the things you want make you forget the things you have." We encourage each other to have goals, aspirations, and dreams. However, the vision for the future must not blind us to our present blessings. Is gratitude a daily habit for us?

Jesus encountered 10 lepers on one occasion. Standing at a safe distance or further, they raised their voices to arouse Jesus' attention. They requested for Him to heal them saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" (Luke 17:13) Jesus simply tells them to go and present themselves to the priest. This was the standard step for any sick person to make before they could re-enter society after becoming well. (Leviticus 13) God had established a procedure for preventing a contagious disease from spreading and killing a large number of the people. We marvel that Israel had a law preventing the spread of sickness, without a microscope to see the bacteria or viruses, and their ability to bring about a pandemic. The lepers were painfully aware of the social restrictions and the loss of contact with loved ones. Jesus' healing power was present and as they are going, the healing is recognized.

One of the 10 men returns to Jesus and falls at His feet, giving glory to God and thanking Jesus. Luke informs the readers that this man was a Samaritan, whom the Jews disdained. When Israel had divided after the reign of Solomon over nine centuries earlier, the northern kingdom had ended up intermarrying with foreigners, losing their pure genealogical status as descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jesus asks this Samaritan, now healed from his leprosy, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" (Luke 17:17-18) Why did the others not express their gratitude? This is a haunting question, but a powerful heart exam for all of us.

Let's not assume our gratitude is obvious, but express it openly to God. Worship is an act of praise because God is GOOD! Say it! Show it!

Terry Chapman

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

**From Nicaragua** - The congregation is studying "Keeping ourselves saved" with sub-themes like "Waiting with Faith for the Second Coming of Christ" and "Judgment of Christ after Death." As in the USA, in Central America the spiritual cooling of members is affecting services. Since the pandemic, we struggle to encourage brothers to stay in fellowship as some only want to meet online. Brother Julian Miranda, from Panama, is helping Wednesday Bible studies. I do the same for them by helping the brothers in Panama online. We're lending the house for the community to receive free medical care. The school of preachers continues preparing brothers and sisters in Christ to work in their congregations. I have nine students. The children's ministry remains actively focused on Biblical learning, creating crafts, and sports along with a weekly food schedule. Some of them are already with us in worship service learning from the word of God preparing for baptism soon. We ask prayers for Danelia who is recovering from surgery and thank God and everyone who prayed for sisters Lidia and Carmen, older members recovering from surgery and a stroke.

In Him, Guillermo

### PRAYER LIST

#### LOCAL - TREATMENT

Adela Martinez, flu.  
Donna Johnson, surgery 12/8.  
Mike Hertel, ablation to be re-scheduled.  
Mary Rivard, recovering.  
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  
Mary Harris  
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

It is that time again. We are looking for teachers! Things will be changing some this next quarter. We start the next quarter in the New Testament. We will be expanding our class offering for the first time since the pandemic. Providing we have enough staff, the classes will be--

### Sunday

Preschool (2-4-year olds)  
Lower Primary (5-7)  
Upper Primary (8-10)  
Middle School (11-13)  
High School (14-18)

### Wednesday

Elementary  
Middle & High School

We will also be shifting some classes to different locations as we get the rooms done. Please be patient during this time. Please also consider teaching! We need you! It would be great to have a married couple with our High School group,

but not necessary. See me or Tracee Chapman for info.

For all our young family STCOC members--Most all of you are on and using our "BAND" app. If you are on the app, make sure you set it to receive notifications. I have been adding many things to our calendar. Without notifications you will not receive our events unless you read my articles!

We need some more painting done! We have worn out Dan and Tim. We have about four more classrooms to receive fresh paint. If you can paint, let me know.

Finally, South Trail will be taking on a complete redo of our cabin at Florida Bible Camp ASAP! If you would like to assist, see me or Jason Wohnhas. Jason will be heading up this project. If you are looking to help out financially this year, Florida Bible Camp is a great ministry option. Craig Embry

*The youth are on lesson 9 this week.*

Deacons--

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David Seymour  
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Justin Seymour  
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Bob Sutton  
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John Walters  
812.881-9319 (Special Events)

Jason Wohnhas  
614.519.0195 (Young Families)



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**TRAIL MIX**--John Walters is in Alabama for the holiday.

**BASKET BABY SHOWER**--We are preparing a basket for Breezie and Josh Tackett and their new arrival. The baby is expected in January, so the basket will be given on December 18th. Josh and Breezie are going traditional, as they will discover the gender upon the baby's birth. Please bring gift cards by the 18th to shower our love on them.

**ROCKIN' BOBBINS**--The sewing group will meet on Saturday, December 3, at 10:00 a.m.

**OWLS**--The Older Wiser Loving Servants will meet on Monday, December 5, at 10:00 a.m. We will be singing Christmas carols, so get those vocal cords ready! Please bring soup, sandwiches, or desserts. Signup sheets for attendance and food will be at both entrances. Praying that those who attended in the past will be able to attend once again. We're looking forward to seeing everyone!

**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.

**RESERVE YOUR SEAT NOW** - Enjoy an evening of fun and good food with fellow Christians from our surrounding area while supporting Mount Dora Children's Home. On Saturday, January 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. we will hold our 6<sup>th</sup> annual benefit dinner. Please plan to bring a friend and join us to hear about the great things that are happening at Mount Dora Children's Home. Dinner is FREE, but tickets are required. All donations will go directly to Mount Dora Children's Home. There will be great food provided by Der Dutchman Restaurant. Plan now to be at the Carlisle Inn (behind Der Dutchman), 3727 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota. See Bob Sutton or Marsha Blomeley for more information and tickets. Tickets are free! See you there!

**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.

## Worship Assembly 11/27/22

Song "A Wonderful Savior" #508  
Welcome/Song Leader Mark Bassett

Song "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" #763  
Prayer Mike Allison

Song "Heavenly Sunlight" #611  
Song "He Keeps Me Singing" #615  
Song "Ivory Palaces" #896

### **Lord's Supper & Contribution**

Preside—Jason Wohnhas

Song "Sing and Be Happy" #587  
Song "To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way" #867

Scripture Psalm 1 Mason Embry  
Sermon "Pursuit of Happiness" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "Earth Holds No Treasures" #884

Shepherd's Prayer/Announcements Doug Tackett

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.

11/20/22

Attendance Sunday AM — 156

Budget	\$9,580	Contribution	\$9,852
YTD Budget	\$450,260	YTD Contribution	\$508,932
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:**

Margaret Taylor (Blomeley's friend) rehab, recovering from fall.  
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)  
Dan Watnem (Reams' friend) colon cancer diagnosis.  
Dana and Krissy Smith (J&M Seymour's neighbors) Krissy on chemo treatments.

### **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) liver cancer diagnosis.  
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, Miralyn's cousin) recovery.  
Phyllis Chester (Clearwater, Miralyn's friend) cancer treatments.  
Laurel Gilbert (Riverview, LaBard's friend) pain.  
Staci Wyatt (AR, Embry's friend) lung cancer diagnosis.  
Chuck Jordan (KY, Miralyn's friend) mass on colon.  
Ed Troutman (AR, Bonnie L.'s brother-in-law) cancer.  
Brenda Herman (IN, Dayna's cousin) dialysis.  
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)  
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