

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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What's Happening—

WELCOME

We are so thrilled you are here to worship our God together with us. Our aim is to give praise and honor to Him as He has directed us in His word. Everything we say or do is with the intent to please our Lord. He has been gracious and merciful in Jesus Christ. So if anything we do raises a question in your mind, please ask us, so we can give a Biblical reason for what we have done.

We meet for Bible study on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Our faith is based on the word of God, so we love to learn and grow together as we dig deeper into the scriptures. Come join with us for these regular study opportunities.

South Trail is blessed with several small groups who meet to fellowship, serve, love and encourage each other. Please ask us about these groups and their regular meetings.

JESUS AND ME IN 2023



CORPORATE MEETING—

The annual corporate meeting for South Trail church of Christ will follow the morning worship on January 21, 2024. Plan to attend both the corporate and the congregational meeting to follow.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—
Christian Family
Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events—

12/14— Ladies Bible Class 10 a.m.

12/17— Young Families Christmas Party 5 p.m.

01/19 — Mount Dora Benefit Dinner 6 p.m.

01/21 Corporate meeting and potluck.

FAMILY LIFE COLUMN

I was watching a brief video the other day about choices. The individual made a comment that he was so fortunate that he had chosen the right roads in life. He mentioned by putting God and His kingdom first, it kept him in the right direction. When I was in my early twenties, I had an uncle that loved to ride motorcycles like myself. He suggested one day that we load up and go trail riding one afternoon, I looked forward to it as we headed off. We went to some trails in our county that he had ridden a few years back. These trails took many different twists and turns. The trails covered many miles on that side of our county. Unfortunately, my uncle Mark had not been on the trails in years, I had never ridden them either. It began to get dark, and I suggested we head back to the trailhead as neither of us had lights on our bikes. He said to me "I have been trying to find the way back for over an hour". He was lost, we were lost. It is a frightening feeling being lost in the dark. Within a half hour or so, someone we knew on a four-wheeler had a light that led us out of the darkness and back where we needed to be. It was a comforting feeling following someone that knew the way. Jesus knows the way.

1. Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV): "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." This verse emphasizes the importance of trusting in God's guidance rather than relying solely on our own understanding.

2. Psalm 32:8 (NIV): "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My loving eye on you." God promises to guide and instruct those who seek His wisdom and counsel.

3. James 1:5 (NIV): "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." This verse encourages seeking divine wisdom through prayer and asking God for guidance when faced with decisions.

4. Proverbs 16:9 (NIV): "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." Even though we make plans, ultimately, it's God who directs our steps and determines the path we take.

5. Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV): "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." This passage reminds us that choosing the right path might not be the popular or easy choice, but it leads to life and righteousness.

The Bible encourages trust in God's wisdom, seeking His guidance through prayer, and being mindful that the right path might not always be the easiest or most popular. Through faith and reliance on God, individuals can find direction and choose the right road in life.

- Craig Embry

The youth are on lesson 11 this week.

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL - TREATMENT

Jim Lewis, SMH isolation.
Charlotte Horsley, SMH recovering from surgery, improving slowly.
Ethan Jackson, (Jackson's Grandson) recovering from knee surgery.
Ron Doederlein, recovering from cataract surgery.
Sue Fredenburg, Manatee Hospital, recovering and waiting for rehab.
Mike Hertel, tests at Mayo in Jacksonville.
Caroline Hellmer (Linda V. granddaughter) treatments/improving.

HOME -

Marsha Blomeley, recovering from shoulder surgery.
Bruce Cook, recovering from open heart surgery.
Gay Torrey, feeling ill.
Bonnie Lewis, ill.
John Walters, Dr. appt in Dec.
Betty Herman
Bert Bolin, ankle problems.
Martinez Family.
Donna Johnson, lung issues.
Johnny Maschino
Victoria Steele, home.
Carolyn LaBard, improving.
Patrick & Marianne Owens
Gwen Chapman
Kristy Gleason, searching.
Sheryl Belair, pain.
Patricia Hawk
Eric Ipe (Mark & Robin's son)

OUT OF TOWN -

Jeff LeBlanc (MI Donna J. Grandson) MRSA.
Darrel Ashby (MI) treatments are helping relieve pain.
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.
Leonel Santos (TX, Ricc Lopez's father) hospice.
David Doederlein (CA, Ron's son)
John Caldcleugh (TX, J. Cook's son-in-law)

Deacons—

Bruce Cook
941.320.3276 (Worship)

Dan McCartney
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Larry Reams
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David Seymour
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Justin Seymour
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Jason Wohnhas
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TRAIL MIX— Many are returning during this **New Class**— on Sunday morning beginning time of year. Look around the auditorium January 7, 2024, Craig Ross will be teach- and welcome them home to South Trail for ing a young adults class “Lesson For Eterni- the season. Keep all those traveling over ty” in room 11. Kickoff meeting will be after the holidays in your prayers. Happy holidays morning assembly. Food will be provided, with safe travels. bring your input and ideas.

WEDNESDAY—Our Wednesday evening Bi- **BENEFIT DINNER**— Enjoy an evening of fun ble study will be at 7 p.m. for the month of and good food with fellow Christians from December. Come out and study God’s word our surrounding area congregations while together. Encouraging each other as we supporting the good work at the Mount grow is a blessing of God for His church. Dora’s Children’s Home. On Friday, January Your presence is a blessing to your brothers 19, 2024 at 6 p.m. If you need tickets, and sisters. See you Wednesday! please see Bob Sutton, as the tickets are free.

Worship Assembly 12/10/23

Song "For the Beauty of the Earth" #67
Welcome/Song Leader Mark Bassett

Song "Purer in Heart, O God" #671

Prayer Craig Embry

Song "To Love Someone More Dearly" #636

Song "He Leadeth Me" #410

Song "We Saw Thee Not" #342

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside— John Walters

Song "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #162

Song "The Battle Belongs to the Lord" #749

Scripture James 4:13-17 Michael Kroll

Sermon "What is Your Jericho?" Doug Tackett

Invitation Song "Faith Is the Victory" #469

Closing Prayer/Announcements Ed Hunnicutt

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

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

12/3/23

Attendance Sunday AM — 200

Budget	\$10,228	Contribution	\$7,120
YTD Budget	\$501,172	YTD Contribution	\$482,081

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:

Amy Teigan (Jess T. mom, Bakers friends) recovering from surgery.
Nancy (Charles R. friend)
Tony Gibson (Steve G. friend)
Joy Yeager (Steve G. coworker) son Tom had a heart attack.
Women's Ministry at Sarasota County Jail.
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:

David Pharr (preacher at Concord Street in Orlando) recovering from brain surgery.
Jaylee (Debbie M. friend) recovering from kidney removal surgery.
Jill Gravenites (IL, Dianne Binkoski's sister) test at Mayo Clinic.
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.
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, failing health.
Pam LaSage (MA, Deb M. sister) recovering.
Liz Hamilton (KY, Mary R. friend) stem cell transplant complications, slowly improving.
Rick Cole (TX, Bonnie T.'s brother) cancer surgery cancelled, more tests.
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/ difficulties.
Candice Clement (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 McMahon (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) 12/10/23