

THE WAYPOINT



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

DECEMBER 11, 2022

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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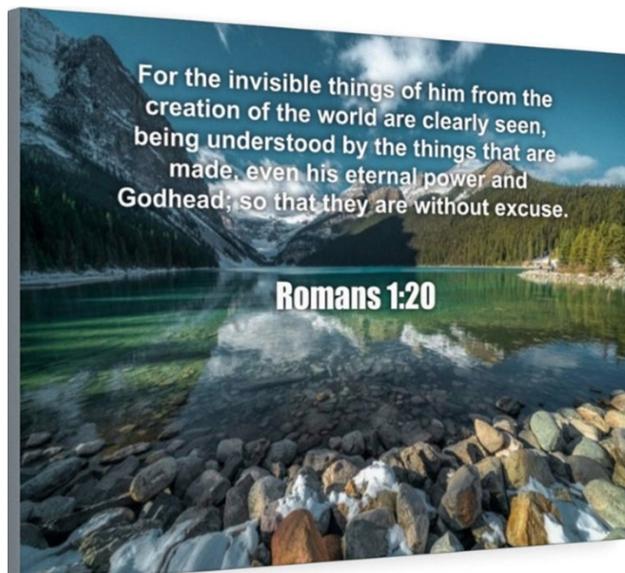
Family Life Minister—

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What's Happening—

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.

TEXT MESSAGES—To receive text messages from South Trail's One Call Now account, please text Alert to 22300.



TIME TO RENEW IN 2022!



SAVE THE DATES—

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.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

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

Upcoming Events—

12/11—Young Family Christmas Party 5:00 p.m.

12/12—All Faiths Food Bank 1:00 p.m.

12/15—Ladies' Bible Class/Luncheon/Holiday Baskets 10:00 a.m.

12/27-30—Exposure Youth Camp Trip

1/14—Mount Dora Benefit Dinner 6:00 p.m.

1/21—Pearls & Ponytails Ladies' Day 11:00 a.m.

2/5—Terry Chapman's 25th Anniversary - A Homecoming Day

PREACHER'S COLUMN

HOW SIMPLE?

How do you like your ham sandwiches? Some like it "plain." That is with one condiment, either mayonnaise or mustard, and between two slices of bread. Others like to make one with multiple condiments, spices, then lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, etc. Would you call a ham sandwich simple? Or would you call it basic? There is a difference between what many call simple and what we call basic. During seasons of busyness and stress, it helps to maintain simplicity. A quote by Hans Hoffman may help us, "The ability to simplify means to eliminate the unnecessary so that the necessary may speak." Let's make an application to our spiritual walk with God.

Is our worship simple or basic? God's instructions are simple. We are told to pray, sing, give, partake of the Lord's Supper, and study God's Word, which includes reading and preaching. In our participation of the Lord's Supper, we will often read the Lord's instruction for this practice. (Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-28) This is basic. However, when we add just a simple thought to help us commune and meditate on the meaning of this memorial, it is more than basic, but still simple. The sacrifice of Jesus was at the time of Passover. (Exodus 12) The Passover lamb was killed and eaten at this meal, but the blood was placed on the doorposts and over the door, or lintel. As death passed through the land of Egypt that night, the Israelites were protected. After that loss, they received permission to leave Egypt and were set free. Simple is not complex, but more meaningful than basic. The same can be said of prayer. Praying must not become about fancy language, but praise and requests from the heart. Prayer is still simple when we tell God what we see and appreciate in His bountiful blessings daily.

In our service to God, we can make the simple complex. Basic is to say we intend to love our neighbors. Simple is speaking to them and checking on any needs they have. Simple is sharing some homemade cookies or inviting them to sit and enjoy a cup of coffee. Simple is calling to check on a brother or sister who we missed at worship last Sunday or Wednesday. Simple is sending a note or card to a visitor, someone grieving, sick, lonely, or discouraged. Simple is listening without judgment or condemnation, but lovingly letting God into the conversation. Simple is loving our family during a holiday season, without letting the full schedule color our mood and shorten our patience. Remember what matters most. We will spend eternity with those who love the Lord, and serve Him with gladness and simplicity of heart. (Psalm 100:2, 2 Corinthians 11:3)

How is your personal life? Listen to the simple message of Psalm 131. "LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor my eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself with great matters, nor with things too profound for me. Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with his mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forever." Is your soul calm? How do you quiet yourself? Is God where you turn? Do you find peace when God is at the center of your mind, heart, soul, and strength?

Simple is not the same as basic. Another quote to consider by Paulo Coelho, "The core of beauty is simplicity." Let's keep things simple. Let God rule over this season and all the time.

Terry Chapman

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL - TREATMENT

Jaime Baker, tests.
John Chain, tests.
Mary Ann Gardner, SMH.
Betty Hood, hip replacement 12/13.
Donna Johnson, recovering.
Abby Hernandez (Julie's daughter) thyroid biopsy.
Sheryl Belair, pain, dr. appt. 12/14.
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 -

Tim Scott, back pain.
Michelle Krause (Shelia's friend) loss of sister.
Charlotte Horsley, recovering.
Ima June Veal (Sherry C.'s mother) tests.
John & Mary Williamson
Joe Jones
Mary Harris
Patrick Owens, recovering.
Gary Jackson, back issues.
Jill Plopa (Burchett's daughter) recovering.
Sue Fredenburg
Roy LaBard
Jim & Shelia Thompson
Patricia Hawk
Marianne Owens
Mary Merritt

OUT OF TOWN -

Bonnie Johnson (IN) recovering from knee surgery.
John Caldcleugh (TX) tests.
Lucille Hunnicut (TN) challenges.
Don Lackey Sr. (AL) respiratory treatment.
Maeson Sutton (Bob's great grandson) treatments.

FAMILY LIFE COLUMN

In 2 Chronicles 20:1-30, we are reminded to worship with all our hearts. This makes complete sense. It would be like going bowling and not having a bowling ball. Or fishing with no pole. We have to put our whole heart and selves into it. Whether it's singing, praying or engaged in the message. Why is this even important? As a youth, it's hard to understand, even sometimes as an adult in the busy fast paced world, worship can seem to take a back seat.

Here are some basic reasons for the importance of worship. First, we know God demands worship. When we worship, God feels great about it. Basically, when we obey Him, it brings a smile to His face. Can you imagine how he feels when we belt out and sing praises to him? I love hearing my children sing, even if it is a misguided attempt, it feels awesome. I can only imagine how God feels when his children sing out.

Second, believers grow through worship. It is a weekly recharge. We get in touch with God and sing words that strengthen our faith. We should be able to express ourselves in worship without the world judging us. As

believers we should know that we are doing what we have been commanded to do and doing it with all our heart.

Thirdly, outsiders can be drawn to God through our worship. They can see our love for God and for each other. It makes them wonder "What's up with these people? They believe God is here!" Over time they learn and want to become part of this family when they see the joy and peace we share.

Lastly, God's enemies are defeated. That is the whole point of the story in 2 Chronicles 20. When God's people faced a huge army, they marched to the battle lines singing. They knew that swinging their swords was useless. They used their worship, and it worked, notice verse 22.

What's your biggest hang up with worship? Is it just making it here consistently? Is it that you don't like to hear your singing voice? You have other things better to do? Nothing is more important each week than our time spent worshipping our God and Savior. Nothing else you have or do can bring you the reward God can give you.

Craig Embry

The youth are on lesson 11 this week.

Deacons—

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John Walters
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Jason Wohnhas
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TRAIL MIX—The Holsingers and Doaks are here for the season. Gay Torrey is visiting her daughter in Texas for the rest of the year.

SYMPATHIES—Sympathy is extended to the family of Sarah Burns, Bill and Anna's daughter-in-law, who passed away at the age of 48. Bill and Anna went to Nashville to be with family.

Sympathy is extended to Francie and Hannah Holder in the passing of Francie's mother, Carol Martinez, in Tennessee on December 7. She was 78 years old, and had suffered with Alzheimer's. Francie and Hannah were able to be with her prior to her passing.

Keep these families in your prayers.

MOVING—Mike and Julie Chivleatto are relocating to Eustis this week, due to a job change for Mike. Their new address is 19323 Park Place Boulevard, Eustis, Florida 32736. Today is their last day with us at South Trail. We will miss them, so be sure and tell them so.

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

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE—On Sunday, Christmas day, there will be a worship service only, no Bible classes. On New Year's Day there will be the regular schedule of Bible classes and worship.

BENEFIT DINNER—Be sure to reserve your seat now for the upcoming Mount Dora Benefit Dinner to be held January 14 at the Carlisle Inn, directly behind Der Dutchman Restaurant in Sarasota. Tickets are required, but they are FREE. Enjoy an evening with fellow Christians and hear more about what is happening at Mount Dora Children's Home. Just ask Marsha Blomeley or Bob Sutton for your FREE ticket.

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.

UPDATE—Chuck Richardson's new address is Brookdale, 5501 Swift Road, Box 279, Sarasota, 34231. If you want to visit Chuck, he is in room 209.

Worship Assembly 12/11/22

Song "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #997
Welcome/Song Leader Mark Bassett

Song "Be with Me, Lord" #778
Prayer Bruce Cook

Song "Have Thine Own Way" #552
Song "It Is Well with My Soul" #490
Song "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" #383

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside—Mark Hughes

Song "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #844
Song "Without Him" #544

Scripture Romans 1:18-21 Phil Couch
Sermon "A Ship Without a Sail" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "Our God, He Is Alive" #23

Shepherd's Prayer/Announcements Ron Doederlein

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.

12/4/22

Attendance Sunday AM — 161

Budget	\$9,580	Contribution	\$6,483
YTD Budget	\$469,420	YTD Contribution	\$522,777
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.
Ashley Geiger (Susie J.'s cousin) broken legs.
Barbara Thompson (Linda V.'s relative) Doctors Hospital, tests.
Dan Watnem (Reams' friend) colon cancer diagnosis.
Dana and Krissy Smith (J&M Seymour's neighbors) Krissy on chemo treatments.

OUT OF TOWN:

Bob Boswell (IN, Cathy F.'s cousin) tests for liver transplant.
Anna Miller (IN, J&S Thompson's relative) paralyzed on one side following surgery.
Ron Bennett (KY, Couch's brother-in-law) injured knee.
Julie Carlisle (OR, Charles T.'s sister)
Thelma Kegler (NJ, Miralyn's cousin) memory care.
Carol Sandidge (TN, Melodye's sister) home.
Larry Macomber (Terry Crocker's preacher/friend, MS) treatments in TX.
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.
Dennis & Margie Franklin (MT, LaBard's friends)
Phyllis Chester (Clearwater, Miralyn's friend) cancer treatments.
Laurel Gilbert (Riverview, LaBard's friend) pain.
Staci Wyatt (AR, Embry's friend) lung cancer diagnosis.
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: Chuck Richardson, Ima June Veal (Sherry C.'s mother), 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.); 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) 12/11/22