

THE WAYPOINT



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

DECEMBER 17, 2023

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—

THANK YOU

We are all blessed to be part of God's forever family — the church Christ built on Pentecost in Acts 2. South Trail is a truly special congregation that exemplifies love, kindness, and service throughout the year. At this season of love, the staff of this wonderful church are blessed by your open hearts and expression of love, which was extended to us at the holiday party last Saturday. We are so thankful for your generosity, and we want you to know we love you and thank God for our opportunity to serve Him together in unity and love. May God continue to bless us in the new year! Happy 2024!

Jerry *Cir* *Martha* *Terry*
(Security)

Craig *Daisy*

JESUS AND ME IN 2023

**YOU CAN'T
CALL JESUS
YOUR LORD
AND STILL
RUN YOUR
OWN LIFE.**

-John Bevere

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—

12/20 — Ladies Bible Class 10 a.m.

01/08 — O.W.L.S 10 a.m.

01/13 — Rockin' Bobbins 10 a.m

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

01/21 — Corporate meeting and potluck.

02/10 — Pearls & Ponytails 10:30 a.m.

MINISTER COLUMN

The apostle Paul said that his ministry was “to testify to the gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:24). There is no question that he took this ministry seriously and set out to share this gospel everywhere he went and with everyone he met. We have a tendency to think Paul accomplished all he did by himself. Maybe we hold ourselves to the same standard and are self-critical because we compare ourselves to Paul and fall short.

It doesn't take us long in a study of Acts to determine that Paul relied heavily on others to fulfill his ministry. We could name a lengthy list of brothers and sisters who were instrumental in Paul's ministry, without which, he may not have been as successful. Perhaps the first Christian Paul met who he didn't throw in prison was Ananias in Acts 9. We also are introduced to Barnabas in Acts 4 as one of the apostles named because of his encouragement to others and in Acts 9, he is the only disciple in Jerusalem who went to Paul and brought him to the apostles. He is also the one chosen by God to help lead the first missionary journey in Acts 13.

Paul relied on Silas, Timothy, Apollos, Titus, Luke, Aquila and Priscilla, Tychicus, Epaphroditus, and the list from Acts 16. We all need our Christian brothers and sisters to encourage us to live faithfully and we need them to fulfill our own ministry in testifying to the grace of the gospel of God.

God has put us all here at this time and at this place to accomplish mighty things in His kingdom. All baptized believers have been given the very Spirit of God to dwell in our hearts and as we yield to Him, we will boldly do much for the kingdom. But we also have dedicated Christians with whom we assemble to provide the comfort, love, admonition, edification, and support we each need.

I have my own Romans 16 list from my past and many of these examples show up in my thoughts daily. I encourage you to make your own list of those who have mentored you in your faith and have helped you become who you are today. Also think about those whose Romans 16 list you might be on and ponder how you helped them live more for God.

Let's all work together to fulfill our ministry of testifying to the grace of the gospel of God!

Craig Ross

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL - TREATMENT

Betty Herman, hospice.
Mike Hertel
Caroline Hellmer (Linda V. granddaughter) treatments/improving.

HOME -

Noreen Anderson.
Ethan Jackson, (Jackson's Grandson) recovering / doing well.
Sue Fredenburg, in rehab.
Charlotte Horsley, improving.
Jim Lewis, recovering.
Francie Holder, high blood pressure
Marsha Blomeley, recovering.
Bruce Cook, recovering.
Gay Torrey, feeling ill.
Bonnie Lewis, Improving.
John Walters, Dr. appt in Dec.
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 -

Wendy Cosgrove (PA, Faust's daughter) diagnosed with lupus.
Natalie Hood, (Cowley's granddaughter) recovering.
Jensen (Cowley's Granddaughter) broken arms, surgery 12/18.
Jeff LeBlanc (MI Donna J. Grandson) MRSA.
Darrel Ashby (MI) pain is back.
Hunter Mangrum & all active military, uncertainties in world.
Johnny Crabb (Pensacola, Margaret's son) weak heart/improving.
Pam Alcom (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
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Dan McCartney
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Larry Reams
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David Seymour
941.879.4597 (Building)

Justin Seymour



TRAIL MIX— Matt and Hannah Pryor are traveling to Ohio, Wayne and Bonnie Johnson are traveling to Indiana. Pray for all who are traveling over the holidays.

SYMPATHIES —

Sympathy for Embry family is requested, as Craig's uncle, **Terry Vanmeter**, passed away on 12/9. He had battled and struggled with cancer in recent months. The Embry's will be traveling to Kentucky for the memorial on Wednesday, 12/20, and returning on Thursday. Keep the family in your prayers for comfort and safe travels.

Sympathy is extended to the Steele family in the passing of Jeff's father, **Don Steele** on 12/14, in Daytona Beach, FL. Don and Nancy are former members at South Trail. Don's health had been declining, Nancy and Jeff were able to be with him. Arrangements are pending at this time. Keep the Steele family in your prayers for comfort.

NEW CLASS— A new class will begin on Sunday morning, January 7, 2024, Craig Ross will be teaching a young adults class "Lesson For Eternity" in room 11. Kickoff meeting will be after morning assembly. Food will be provided, bring your input and ideas.

O.W.L.S — The Older Wiser Loving Servants will meet on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 10 a.m. There will be a guest speaker from the Players Centre for Performing Arts. Please sign up on attendance and food sign-up sheet located at the back bulletin board as this really helps us know how many to plan for and how much food is needed. See you there!

ROCKIN' BOBBINS— The sewing group will meet on January 13, 2024 at 10 a.m.

CHANGE CANS— The time has come to turn in your change cans so we can forward the funds to Mount Dora. If the can is full or even partially full, please bring it in to either Daisy Tackett or Bob Sutton this coming week so we can count the coins (and dollars too). Replacement cans are at both entrances, so please pick one up to start the new year off right, putting your change to a good cause. Remember you are changing lives with these donations.

BENEFIT DINNER— Enjoy an evening of fun and good food with fellow Christians from our surrounding area congregations while supporting the good work at the Mount Dora Children's Home. On Friday, January 19, 2024 at 6 p.m. If you need tickets, please see Bob Sutton, tickets are free.

PEARLS & PONYTAILS— Mark your calendars for the Pearls & Ponytails Ladies' Day on February 10, 2024 10:30 a.m to 1:00 p.m. Join us for a day of scripture, reading, singing, prayer and lessons from the Bible. Lunch will be provided. Wear pearls, ponytails, and /or red.

REMINDER— All prayer request and updates should be sent to beckystcoc@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENT— We are looking for teachers for the next quarter, starting in January.

The next two Wednesday nights there will be no youth classes, they will join the adults for brief devotionals.

WEDNESDAY—Our Wednesday evening Bible study will be at 7 p.m. for the month of December. Come out and study God's word together. Encouraging each other as we grow is a blessing of God for His church. Your presence is a blessing to your brothers and sisters. See you Wednesday.

Worship Assembly 12/17/23

Song "Step by Step" #15
Welcome/Song Leader Craig Ross

Song "The Love of God" #133
Song "As the Deer" #71

Prayer Curtis Chapman

Song "Come, Share the Lord" #364

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside— Ed Hunnicutt

Song "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #1001
Song "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #996
Song "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" #1005
Song "The Greatest Commands" #448

Scripture 2 Peter 1:15-21 James Blunkall
Sermon "Purpose of Prophecy" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "Let Him Have His Way With Thee" Screen Only
Closing Song "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #997
Closing Prayer/Announcements Scott Blomeley

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.

12/10/23

Attendance Sunday AM — 175

Budget	\$10,228	Contribution	\$9,379
YTD Budget	\$511,400	YTD Contribution	\$489,201

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:

Lexi (Embry's friend) brain tumor.
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 10.

OUT OF TOWN:

Rhea (Virgin Islands Rivard's friend) bad accident, multiple injuries.
Mike (WA, Carolyn LaBard's brother) test/ health issues.
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.
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.
Chuck Jordan (KY, Miralyn's friend) bladder complications/ surgery recovery.
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) 12/17/23