

# THE WAYPOINT



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

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Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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## What's Happening—



**HOLIDAY BLESSINGS** — Thank you to all South Trail family for the generous gifts presented to Marsha, Craig, Terry, and me at our Holiday Party last week. It is a pleasure to serve and worship with such a loving group of God's people. At this time of year, we are reminded of how God blesses us with relationships. The church is a forever, spiritual family and what an encouragement to know that whatever happens we are here to support and build each other up in faith, hope, and love. You have opened your hearts to us, and our prayer for the New Year is that God will reward you in every way. Thank you for being the aroma of Christ and blessing us. Your servants,

*Jerry Cas* *Marsha* *Terry*  
*(Security)*

**CHANGE CANS**—It's time to turn in your change cans so we can forward the funds to Mount Dora Children's Home. If the can is full or partially full, please bring it in to either Marsha Blomeley or Bob Sutton this coming week so we can count the coins (and dollars too). Replacement cans are at both entrances, so please pick up one up and start the new year off right with putting your change toward a good cause. Remember, you are helping to change lives with these donations.

## TIME TO RENEW IN 2022!



**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**—Next 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.

**POTLUCK**—A potluck meal will be held on Sunday, January 8, following the morning worship. Set up will be on Saturday, January 7.

## YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

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

## Upcoming Events—

12/27-30—Exposure Youth Camp Trip  
1/5—Ladies' Bible Class 10 a.m.  
1/8—Potluck Meal following morning worship  
1/9—OWLS 10 a.m.  
1/14—Mount Dora Benefit Dinner 6 p.m.  
1/21—Pearls & Ponytails Ladies' Day 11 a.m.  
2/5—Terry Chapman's 25th Anniversary - A Homecoming Day

## PREACHER'S COLUMN

### YEAR ROUND EFFECT?

In the Peanuts comic strip, one of the little girls says that Christmas time is a time for kindness and joy, and a time to forgive one another. Charlie Brown responds by saying, "Why just at Christmas? Why can't we be kind and forgiving all through the year?" She looks at Charlie Brown and says, "What are you, some kind of fanatic?"

Wouldn't it be great if the spirit of the holiday season and attitudes we consider appropriate at this time of year, could be practiced year round? Wouldn't it be great if we could risk being called religious "fanatics" for that reason? Christians are sold out for Christ, not just a few days or holidays of the year. We need to celebrate with thanksgiving, not just in November, but every day. We should celebrate freedom, but not just on July 4th, rather all the time to cherish it so we do not let it slip away. We need to remember the resurrection of Jesus every Sunday, and not just one week in the springtime. None of these are religious holy days, because God has not told us to remember Him at only one day or season. We must keep all His blessings and truth in our hearts all the time. Why? As ambassadors for Christ, we represent Him to everyone around us. (2 Corinthians 5:18-21)

By personal observation, people act differently at this time of year. There is something almost magical that occurs as people think about giving and blessing others. The mind generates happy thoughts and generosity results. Worship offered to God on a routine basis does the same thing in spiritually minded people. (1 Corinthians 11:27-30) When we focus on what God has done for us, we cannot help but want to share His grace and lovingkindness with others. Gift giving is a reflection of God's nature. As it is written, "We love Him because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19) Our giving is because God gives to us first. (John 3:27, James 1:17)

One of the major reasons this season changes us is that it reminds us the best things in life are believing in what is unseen. No one has seen God at any time. (John 1:18) However, He has revealed Himself in Christ and the Bible. All His divine attributes are seen in the world. Love, joy, peace, hope, goodwill are all first in the mind and heart before they are translated into actions. No, they are not "pie in the sky," but they grow out of the work of Jesus Christ. Jesus came to earth from heaven to show us God and the love of God. (2 Corinthians 5:7, 8:9) God planned; God sent; God gave! Grace shows us how to receive and give.

More than magical, these truths are mysterious. That is, they defy a purely natural explanation. Why? They are God's gifts to us. As we come to the end of another year, let us think about all God has done, and let's express our appreciation by how we live all year according to His goodness. He forgives us in Christ, so let us forgive others.

Terry Chapman

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT



**LIBRARY NEWS**—We now have several boxes of jigsaw puzzles for those cold January days after the holidays (oh sorry, that's up north). Many thanks to Martha Culp who has been doing the puzzles to be sure no pieces are missing.

Hey teens—I highly recommend the series of Michael Vey books. They are full of twists, action, intrigue and outstanding characters. We now have all eight in the series.

Cathy Faust

### PRAYER LIST

#### LOCAL - TREATMENT

Gerry Thomas, hip replacement.  
Peggy Steele, recovering from eye surgery.  
Peggy Bolotin, heart issues.  
Jaime Baker, tests.  
John Chain, tests.  
Betty Hood, recovering from hip replacement.  
Donna Johnson, recovering.  
Sheryl Belair, pain.  
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 -

Mary Ann Gardner, home.  
Tim Scott, back pain.  
Michelle Krause (Shelia's friend) loss of sister.  
Charlotte Horsley  
Ima June Veal (Sherry C.'s mother) tests.  
John & Mary Williamson  
Joe Jones  
Gary Jackson, back issues.  
Sue Fredenburg  
Roy LaBard  
Jim & Shelia Thompson  
Patricia Hawk  
Mary Merritt

#### OUT OF TOWN -

Caroline Parimore (Cowley's relative) due to deliver soon.  
John Caldcleugh (TX, J. Cook's son-in-law) cancer.  
Sharon Turner, (GA, Todd Simmons' sister) health issues.  
Bonnie Johnson (IN) recovering from knee surgery.  
Don Lackey Sr. (AL) respiratory treatment.  
Maeson Sutton (Bob's great grandson) treatments.

## FAMILY LIFE COLUMN

The young family group had a great gathering last week at the Embry's! It was a packed house! Many good laughs were had. Absolutely no one went home with a good gift except someone that ended up with a set of paintball guns!

Work on our cabin at Florida Bible Camp continues! Some have expressed interest in going up to help and a few provide financially. If you have interest, see Craig or Terry.

By definition, a "pessimist" is one who is in the habit of, or at least tends to expect, the worst. They see everything in a negative light. A "cynic" is one who believes that people are motivated in all their actions by selfishness. They tend to deny the sincerity of people's motives and actions and so they deny the value of living. A "fatalist" is one who believes that all events are determined by fate and are hence inevitable.

Obviously, all three of these personality traits are negative, and any individual possessing even one of them is bound to be considered a negative person. But when you have a group that includes people with these three traits or even worse, when you have one person who is characterized by all

three, watch out. You have a recipe for disaster.

Such negative people not only hurt themselves, but also those around them. They are especially a menace to any team effort. Their negativity tends to break the spirit of those trying to press forward and accomplish something good. The fatalist hurts the group by injecting the ideal that "it's no use to try, you can't change things anyway." The pessimist hurts the group by seeing everything in the most negative way possible, "we've tried that before and it didn't work" or "it's too hard, we'll never be able to do that." And the cynic hurts the group by questioning the motives of everyone else "you're just trying to get your own way" or "you're just trying to put yourself forward." Indeed, such negative people can really throw cold water on almost any project and breakdown team efforts to work together. This is not the desire of Christ for the church.

We need to avoid being negative, and be POSITIVELY OPTIMISTIC for the future that now lies ahead of us and work for a common goal. Phil. 3:12-15 Craig Embry

*The youth are on lesson 12 this week.*

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**TRAIL MIX**—It was great to see John and Peggy Bolotin back last Sunday. The Hunnicutts are visiting family in Tennessee. Pray for all those traveling during the holiday.

**CONGRATULATIONS**— We want to report that Amber Mangrum has been accepted into Paramedic School for Sarasota County. Only six spots were available, and Amber was accepted. Congratulations, Amber.

Also, Ryan Hellmer, Linda Vernon's son, just completed the Paramedic Course successfully. Congrats, Ryan!

**SYMPATHY**— We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Dave Hammer, a former member and deacon at South Trail, who passed on December 13. Keep Jody, Tate, and family in your prayers. Services are pending.

**OWLS**—The Older Wiser Loving Servants will meet on Monday, January 9, at 10 a.m. Dave Hogan from Mount Dora Children's Home will be the speaker. Please bring finger foods to share. Let's start the new year right!

**PEARLS & PONYTAILS**—Mark your calendar for the Pearls & Ponytails Ladies' Day on Saturday, January 21, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All ages will be involved in speaking, singing, activities, and decorations. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

**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.

**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.

## Worship Assembly 12/18/22

Welcome/Song Leader		John Cowley
Song "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"		#995
Song "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"		#57
Prayer		David Seymour
Song "O Come, All Ye Faithful"		#997
Song "One Day!"		#353
<b>Lord's Supper &amp; Contribution</b>		
Preside—John Walters		
Song "No One Ever Cared for Me like Jesus"		#506
Song "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"		#800
Song "What Child Is This?"		#998
Scripture	Matthew 1:18-25	Larry Binkoski
Sermon	<b>"JESUS IS THE RIGHT ONE"</b>	Terry Chapman
Invitation Song "No Not One"		#396
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.

12/11/22  
Attendance Sunday AM — 183

Budget	\$9,580	Contribution	\$6,998
YTD Budget	\$479,000	YTD Contribution	\$529,775
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:**

Richard Davidson (Tina H.'s uncle) SMH.  
Jeanie Evans (Miralyne's sister) tests.  
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.  
Dan Watnem (Reams' friend) colon cancer diagnosis.  
Dana and Krissy Smith (J&M Seymour's neighbors) Krissy on chemo treatments.

### **OUT OF TOWN:**

Lynnette Bowling (KY, Mary R.'s friend) lung biopsy.  
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, Miralyne's cousin) memory care.  
Carol Sandidge (KY, 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, Miralyne'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) 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) 12/18/22