

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.

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Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m..

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What's Happening—

WELCOME

We are so thankful to be here and to have guests, too. We know at this time of year many are arriving to spend a season in our beautiful area. We welcome you and encourage you to worship and work with us at South Trail God has been good to us, and will continue to bless us even more in the future. As we close out the old year, we welcome the new year to begin with our eyes open to see what God can do in our lives. Worship is a great way to do both. By God's love, we see what God has done in our lives. By faith, we know God is not finished with us.

The new year will offer many opportunities so keep your eyes and ears open as we begin 2024. Think about how you can cooperate with God more in 2024! Letting God have His way in our lives is what will bring great things and the best fruit. May God bless us as we serve and love Him daily. God is truly good, all the time so let's put our lives in His hands all the time.

JESUS AND ME IN 2023



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.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—
Christian Family
Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events—

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.

01/20 — Celebration of life for Charlotte Haznedar 11 a.m.

01/21 — Corporate meeting and potluck.

02/10 — Pearls & Ponytails 10:30 a.m.

PREACHER COLUMN

LEARN

As we come to the close of 2023, what did you learn from this year? Life is more than academic, but what life teaches us has spiritual implications. Psalm 32:8 states, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye." God is watching over us. So let's look back over the past year, and let me share some lessons we can use for 2024.

There is a time for honoring history or legacy of the past. We celebrated 55 years at South Trail in 2023. What a wonderful knowledge to recognize the ones whose vision has brought us to this point. Without their shoulders to stand on, where would we be? The dream for South Trail began in the minds of men who believed God would use this location to serve and bring God glory. We have been blessed to have the building and opportunities we have now, because they looked ahead and sacrificed so God could use us to continue spreading the gospel and God's grace in 2024! What dreams can we dream to make the future even brighter?

There is a time to work, and 2023 was a busy year. We were busy in many areas, serving and spreading the gospel. We had many local works continue and thrive like the Young Families, OWLS, the Ladies Retreat, Wednesday night meals and discussions, etc. We rebuilt Cabin 8 at Florida Bible Camp after 53 years, and it is the best cabin. We look forward to more projects, and open doors and hearts in 2024.

There is a time to learn to trust God more. The future is more than unknown, it is the opportunity to depend on God, and see how faith really matters. Truth and love go hand in hand as we continue to grow, not stagnate, and place our lives in God's hands to use us and spread the good news. Grace is powerful to change lives and bring reconciliation, but it must be presented in teaching and in living out the gospel of Jesus Christ. Let's see what God can do in 2024!

Terry Chapman

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

From Upper Valley (VT) After our son's "Thanksmas." Thank you to the Cox Blvd. quadruple by-pass surgery in Arkansas in church of Christ for hosting the memorial September Sharon flew back in October, service for Sharon's Mom and for putting only to take a flight to Dallas a week later on luncheon for all the family who had for a Report/Fund Raiser event. When we flown and driven to Alabama. Thanks too returned home Sharon's mom had taken to the Sherrod Avenue church of Christ, a turn for the worse, so she flew out the who also hosted a luncheon for all the next day to be with her sister and mother family after worship. Thank you to the before her mother went home on brethren in the Upper Valley, who helped November 6th. By the 8th I was on a plane defray the cost of airline tickets. And one for Alabama where Jimmie (Cheryl's final thanks to all of you who support our husband) and I did Jane's memorial work in the Upper Valley. May the Lord service on the 11th. We flew home the bless us all in this New Year ahead. 14th. Three days later our daughter, Cara, husband, Will, and their 7 kids arrived for our bi-annual celebration of

Love to you all,
Randy and Sharon Gardner

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL - TREATMENT

Charles Richardson, rehab at Brookdale Palmer Ranch.
Betty Herman, hospice.
Charlotte Horsley, rehab at SMH Rehab on Rand Blvd.
Mike Hertel
Caroline Hellmer (Linda V. granddaughter) treatments/improving.

HOME -

Dianne Binkoski, recovering.
Noreen Anderson.
Ethan Jackson, (Jackson's Grandson) recovering / doing well.
Reece Jackson, (Jackson's Grandson) recovering from concussion.
Sue Fredenburg, in rehab at Riviera Palms in Palmetto.
Jim Lewis
Marsha Blomeley, recovering.
Gay Torrey, feeling ill.
John Walters, Dr. appt & tests.
Bert Bolin, ankle problems.
Martinez Family.
Donna Johnson, lung issues.
Johnny Maschino, cancer, dementia
Victoria Steele, home.
Carolyn LaBard
Patrick & Marianne Owens
Gwen Chapman
Kristy Gleason, searching.
Sheryl Belair, pain.
Patricia Hawk
Eric Ipe (Mark & Robin's son)

OUT OF TOWN -

Tommy Hodges (TN) home, treatments, improving.
Wendy Cosgrove (PA, Faust's daughter) diagnosed with lupus.
Natalie Hood, (Cowley's granddaughter) recovering.
Jensen (Cowley's Granddaughter) broken arms, recovering.
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 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—

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TRAIL MIX— Carole Jones is traveling with her sons and daughters-in-law. Terry and Gwen are in north Georgia. Pray for all traveling over the holidays.

MOVING—Roy and Carolyn LaBard have decided to move to Georgia to live with family. We will miss them, and pray that this will be a blessing for them. We will provide their new address next week. Pray for them to be blessed and let them know how much they are loved.

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.

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

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.

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.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE—A celebration of life for Charlotte Haznedar, Yasemin Chain's mother, will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at the South Trail church of Christ. We want to honor and remember our dear sister.

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 table. Lunch will be provided. Wear pearls, ponytails, and/or red.

REMINDER— While Bruce Cook is recovering, Craig Ross will be the interim contact person for the Worship Leader Schedule, if you are unable to serve you can contact Craig by email at cross1658@gmail.com or by phone (740) 571-1129. Thank you.

Worship Assembly 12/31/23

Song "Blessed Assurance" #480

Welcome/Song Leader Mark Bassett

Song "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" #770

Prayer Mike Strother

Song "Is It for Me?" #483

Song "Nearer, Still Nearer" #478

Song "Night, With Ebon Pinion" Screen Only

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside— Mike Allison

Song "A Mighty Fortress" #10

Song "The Steadfast Love of the Lord" #123

Scripture Lamentations 3:19-24 Mark Ipe

Sermon "New Every Morning" Craig Ross

Invitation Song "What Shall It Be?" #944

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

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

12/24/23

Attendance Sunday AM — 212

Budget	\$10,228	Contribution	\$6,495
YTD Budget	\$531,856	YTD Contribution	\$512,059

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 and 31.

OUT OF TOWN:

Rhea (Virgin Islands Rivard's friend) bad accident, multiple injuries.
Mike (WA, Carolyn LaBard's brother in law) 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) kidney transplant went well, recovering.
Gary Tyler (Bob Hughes' relative) kidney donation surgery went well, recovering.
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) 12/31/23