

# THE WAYPOINT



*“a reference point along a course to reach a destination”*

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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*Worship—*

*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—

### FRIEND DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY!

Our annual Friend Day will be Sunday, February 18th at 10 a.m. We have focused this year on the “Open Door in 2024.” Who in your life would you like to share the wonderful story of Jesus with this month? So look for the open door to introduce someone to God’s family, and let God open their heart to learn more. One of the best tools for evangelism is hospitality. B r i n g someone on the 18th and see whether they b e c o m e hungry to know more about our Savior. You have connections. You have neighbors. You have family and friends. So who will you invite for this special opportunity? Pick up some flyers and spread them to all those you are praying to bring with you. As our custom has been, we will cancel class that day so you can bring your friends with you. After our worship that Lord’s Day, we will have a catered meal to share and fellowship. As always, we will be in the presence of God to worship and serve Him!



### “AN OPEN DOOR IN 2024!”



### LADIES BIBLE CLASS—

This week Ladies Bible Class will have their lesson, followed by our Valentine Potluck Luncheon- wear red or pink.

### YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—  
Gospel of John  
Sunday Worship

## Upcoming Events—

02/15— Ladies Bible Class and Luncheon 10 a.m.  
02/18 — Friend Day 10 a.m.  
02/23-25— YES Weekend.  
03/02— Rockin’ Bobbins 10 a.m.

## PREACHER COLUMN

### “AM I MY BROTHER’S KEEPER?”

At times in our family, we have grandchildren around the house, but when missing one, we ask, “Does anyone know where Brooks (or Billy, or Cali or Ashton or Liv) is?” (With 20 grandchildren, it is usually the youngest one present.) Occasionally, we hear, “Yes. Upstairs.” Or, “Outside.” On rare occasion one of the older grandchildren may say, “It is not my day to watch them.” How do you react to that? It may not be your sole responsibility, but how about some compassion or concern over a loved one’s well-being?

The very first sibling rivalry in scripture was in the first family. Cain and Abel were not cut from the same cloth in terms of personality. Cain did his own thing, and offered a sacrifice out of his crops when he came before the Lord. Abel, on the other hand, brought the best of his flock, as God had prescribed. How do we know? Because God respected and approved of Abel, and Abel’s sacrifice. (Genesis 4:1-4) This is proof of what Jesus said, “God is a spirit, and those who worship Him, must worship Him in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:24) Further confirmation is found in Hebrews 11:4, “By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.”

Cain became angry at God over the jealousy of Abel, and killed his brother. God had advised Cain, “If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.” (Genesis 4:6b-7) Jealousy won in Cain’s heart. God teaches us a valuable lesson, as He asks Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” Listen to Cain’s curt reply, “I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?” Well, God dealt with Cain’s act of murder, and punished him severely. However, the lesson for us is plain. I AM MY BROTHER’S KEEPER! The examples in the Bible for showing concern over others in our lives – family, friends, and the stranger – is on every page. There is no getting around it.

Next Sunday, we have our annual Friend Day. Who have you invited? Who is your “brother”? Who are you watching over caring for their soul? Who are you praying over so they hear the good news? Who are you missing last week or recently, that you are caring to help come back this Sunday? Who is on your list of family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, or even strangers to invite them this week?

Being a brother’s keeper means working at relationships. Friendships require investment to keep them strong. Families require time, energy, and sacrifices. The church is the family of God. Christ is the Head of the church, and we are the body. Every member matters. If we see someone going astray, then we must say something. We must show compassion, mercy, and love by going after any sheep drifting or losing their way. Who are you being a “brother’s keeper” to today? Remember the Parable of the Sheep and Goats in Matthew 25:31-46. Jesus commended those who did things for the “least of these My brethren.” No task was too small – food, drink, clothing, stranger, sick, prison, etc. They served and Jesus said, “You did it to Me.” We can do something for anyone whom we invite next Sunday to come and worship with us. Everyone deserves an invitation to hear the gospel. We will have a catered meal after the worship, so let’s show some hospitality to our guests. Stay and visit and encourage everyone next week. Remember we begin at 10 a.m. Pick up your friends and be here at 10!

Terry Chapman

## PRAYER LIST

### LOCAL – TREATMENT

Mike Hertel, Dr. appt.  
Caroline Hellmer (Linda V. grand-daughter) treatments/improving.

### HOME –

Trace Jackson (Jackson’s grand-son) motorcycle accident, multiple injuries, Blake Hospital.  
Devin Rexford, stomach issues.  
Mike Harrelson, heart problems.  
Karen Lund, upcoming surgeries.  
Rosie Routh, heart flutter.  
Warren Embry, heart procedure 3/27.  
Jon Purdom, recovering from illness, spirits are very low.  
Francie Martinez, heart in A-FIB.  
Mark Hughes, recovering.  
Johnny Maschino, cancer, dementia  
Pam Herman, recovering.  
Mike Allison, recovering.  
Rosie Rogers, ill.  
Sue Fredenburg  
Charles Richardson  
Noreen Anderson, immune system.  
Jim Lewis  
John Walters  
Donna Johnson, lung issues.  
Victoria Steele, home.  
Patrick & Marianne Owens  
Gwen Chapman  
Kristy Gleason, searching.  
Sheryl Belair, pain.  
Patricia Hawk

### OUT OF TOWN –

Dean Hodges (TN) recovering from shoulder surgery.  
Chris Keesecker (Bob K. son) recovering.  
Eric Woodard (TX) stroke, impaired vision, recovering.  
Natalie Hood (Cowley’s grand-daughter) recovering.  
Jensen (Cowley’s granddaughter) recovering.  
Jeff LeBlanc (MI Donna J. grand-son) MRSA.  
Darrel Ashby (MI)  
Pam Alcorn (Linda Hunnicutt’s sister, TN) cancer is spreading.  
Connie Vallion (AR) bladder tumor.  
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**— It was great see Pam Herman back after her recent eye surgery. She is still healing, so keep praying. The Ravesloot's are in Illinois but will return this week. Craig and Jody Ross are in North Carolina for a baby shower for their son and daughter-in-law, as they are expecting their first child. Tammy Walters is here this weekend with John. The Holsinger's are also traveling. Linda Hunnicutt is in TN with her sister.

**WEDNESDAY**— We are studying “Come to Your Senses” in our adult Bible class as we seek to know God better. Come out and let's grow together in Bible study.

**REMINDER**— We are updating our Prayer List distribution. If you are not currently receiving the emailed prayer requests and would like to receive them, please send an email to [beckystcoc@gmail.com](mailto:beckystcoc@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:cross1658@gmail.com) or by phone (740) 571-1129.

**NEW ADDRESS**— Tim Story has moved and his new address is 2336 Gull Lane, Sarasota, FL 34230.

## Worship Assembly 2/11/24

Song "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" #387  
Welcome/Song Leader Mark Bassett

Song "Be with Me, Lord" #778

Prayer Ron Doederlein

Song "There is a Fountain" #374

Song "Nailed to the Cross" #361

Song "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #315

### **Lord's Supper & Contribution**

Preside— John Walters

Song "Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?" #382

Song "A Common Love" #705

Scripture Matthew 26:17-29 Curtis Chapman

Sermon "An Open Door for the Lord's Supper" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "Jesus Paid It All" #922

Closing Prayer/Announcements Scott Blomeley

Sound Room/Projection—Justin Seymour/ Caleb Betts

Communion Assist—Youth

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  
Florida Prison Ministry  
In Search of the Lord's Way, WGN & WTOG Sun a.m.

2/04/24  
Attendance Sunday AM — 205

Budget \$10,424 Contribution \$10,263  
YTD Budget \$52,120 YTD Contribution \$61,502

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. Udenominational 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:**

Vicky ( Gleason's neighbor) her mom Viola is having health issues.  
Sympathy to the family of Lexi Murphy (Craig E. former coworker's daughter). Passed away Sunday afternoon, (brain tumor) please continue to pray for her family.  
Steve Kubik, recovering from procedure.  
Sherry Park, fell at work, had hip replacement.  
Wes Cunningham, shoulder pain.  
Bill McQuaide (Mark Ipe's step-father) leg circulation.  
Kim and Clay Steere family (Ipe's daughter) prayers for the family.  
Don Stuart( Susie J. friend) multiple seizures daily.  
Michelle (Debbie M. friend) pray she seeks help.  
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) test.  
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) recovering, next surgery is February 27.

### **OUT OF TOWN:**

Marty and Megan Salsbury(NE, Lund's friends) Marty is very ill was diagnosed with melanoma, they have two young children.  
Julie Tigner(Thailand, Karen L. sister) in and out of the hospital, pregnant.  
Ken McNeil (MS, Hughes relatives) recovering from brain surgery.  
Gary Whalin Jr.(KY, Melodye W. nephew) stroke affecting his mobility and speech, rehab facility.  
Major Blake Allen (Jamison's friend) recovering from brain surgery, having headaches and vision issues, lots of swelling.  
Cathy, (Rosie Rogers sister) fell and broke her jaw.  
Joyce Immonen (Mary R. friend) fighting cancer for years, pray for comfort.  
Jaylee (Debbie M. friend) recovering.  
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 back home.  
Rick Cole (TX, Bonnie T.'s brother) radiation treatments.  
Tina Rogers (Roger's daughter-in-law) complications from surgery.  
Marie Johnson (Karen Lund's sister) test in March.  
Candice Clement (Cowley's granddaughter-in-law) surgery February 7.  
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 McMahan (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 (Medical Intern); Ashley Bess (UF); Emma Harting (FGCU) Levi and Sarah Ross.(ECU).

**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 Scholler (security) 2/1/24