

THE WAYPOINT



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

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Worship—

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes —

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m..

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What's Happening—

WELCOME

We are so glad you are here to worship God with us today. Whether you are here for the first time or back again, we hope you will find us a friendly group who desires nothing more than doing the will of God as we read about it in His word. Together we can open the Bible and know what God expects. So if you have any questions, please ask us.



**"...choose you this day whom ye will serve ...
but as for me and my house,
we will serve the LORD."**

Joshua 24:15 (KJV)

King James Bible Online .org

JESUS AND ME IN 2023



SEASONAL MEMBER

RECEPTION—The Chapmans are inviting all the seasonal members to enjoy a meal and time of fellowship on Friday, February 17, at 1 p.m. This is our appreciation for all you mean to us here at South Trail.

ROCKIN' BOBBINS—The sewing group will meet on Saturday, February 18, at 10 a.m.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—1 John
Sunday Worship
Wednesday Night Class—
Knowing God

Upcoming Events—

- 2/16—Ladies' Bible Class 10 a.m.
- 2/17—Seasonal Member Reception 1 p.m. at the Chapman's home.
- 2/18—Rockin' Bobbins 10 a.m.
- 2/19—Young Families Sarasota County Jail Tour 4 p.m.
- 2/28—All Faiths Food Bank 1 p.m.
- 2/28—Gal's Gathering 6 p.m.
- 3/5—Congregational Potluck 11:45 a.m.

PREACHER'S COLUMN

"WHAT A GREAT DAY FOR SOUTH TRAIL"

Last Sunday will go down in the history books as one of the best days in South Trail's 55 years of service to our God. We had 292 in attendance, which is the highest since our 50th in 2019. The Homecoming was great with a good number coming home to be part of the day. We must thank the eldership for initiating such an opportunity. Their leadership to recognize the importance of gratitude for the vision of those in the past who saw the potential not just the present, gives us hope for more vision in the future. God is far from finished with us yet. Pray for our eldership and vision to lead us to do all to the glory of God.

Let us thank some individuals for helping us do our best for all who were present. A big thanks goes to John and Susan Cowley for the promotion and organization of the day's events. Thanks to Bruce Cook for planning the worship, and to Darrel Ashby for leading the singing. It was inspirational. We heard so many wonderful, heartfelt expressions about the worship on Sunday. Thanks to Dad for his words of encouragement and Becky McCartney for the powerpoint slides. Thanks to Larry and Dee Reams, John and Susan Cowley, Crystal Kroll, Nancy Jones, Terry Crocker, Mary Rivard, and many others who decorated the building beautifully with so many memories. Thanks to Crystal Kroll for overseeing the teens putting together all the centerpieces for the tables. Thanks to John Walters for planning and arranging the meal. He had a "crew of people" helping to serve and clean up after the meal. We had such a wonderful fellowship while eating good food. Thanks to Craig for helping organize some cleaning and sprucing of the building for all of us and our guests. Thanks to Dayna Couch for designing the cakes, and Mom for the video presentation in the fellowship room. Thanks to Susan Cowley who put the book of memories together, which was given to us by the elders. Many others worked in ways in which we may not be aware, since we were surprised by all the particulars of this event. We thank you all! South Trail is blessed with many loving servants with huge hearts. Your generosity and love was well displayed!

On behalf of Gwen and I, we cannot express how much we love and appreciate every single member here. We cherish the book, the cards, the letters, notes, and other expressions given to us. They will be kept as special memories. You are our forever family, and we look forward to the rest of our journey together and eternity in heaven with you all. As the apostle Paul wrote, "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all." (Philippians 4:19-20, 23)

Terry Chapman

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

OWLS—This past Monday several therapists from multiple departments of falling and how to be safe in the within Sarasota Memorial Hospital's home. You will find these handouts on a Health Care Network addressed the table in the fellowship room. Please find South Trail OWLS group about out how you can remain safe and preventing falls in the home. OWLS reduce the risk of falling in your home learned over one third of adults 65 by picking up some of this information, years or older fall each year in the taking it home with you, and reading it. United States. Of those cases, 39% The next OWLS meeting is at 10:00 prove fatal, making fall injuries the a.m. Monday, March 6, in the fellowship leading cause of death in that age room. For more information see Phil or group. The presenters left plenty of Dayna Couch.

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL - TREATMENT

Roy LaBard, SMH, tests.
Brian Ipe, knee surgery 2/14.
Sheryl Belair, fractured spine.
Crystal Kroll, knee pain.
Rosie Rogers, bronchitis/respiratory.
Susan Cowley, broken clavicle.
Jim Thompson, research study.
Betty Herman, recovering from falls.
Debbie Hasty, RSV.
Mary Williamson, awaiting results.
Peggy Bolotin, heart issues.
Jaime Baker, tests.
John Chain
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 -

Betty Hood, recovering from fall.
Johnny Maschino, declining.
Marianne Owens
Anthony Poignard
Mary Ann Gardner
Joe Jones
Gary Jackson, back issues.
Sue Fredenburg
Patricia Hawk
Mary Merritt

OUT OF TOWN -

Barbara Shumard (OH) recovering.
John Caldcleugh (TX, J. Cook's son-in-law) chemo treatments on-going.
Sharon Turner, (GA, Todd Simmons' sister) health issues.
Don Lackey Sr. (AL) respiratory treatment.
Maeson Sutton (Bob's great grandson) treatments.

INDIA MISSION TRIP—

Doug Tackett — home safely.
Praise God for the seed sown over the last month!

FAMILY LIFE COLUMN

I rarely write about or talk about romance or relationships. I have often felt that I am not the best at that. Now when we are dating, we may feel a certain bravado that we are good at it. But for some reason, after marriage and over time we begin to lose our touch. Considering the upcoming heavily commercialized holiday, I figured it was time to examine it. There is no way to cover this in a few paragraphs. But we can get the gist of it and for many of us, a starting point to have attainable relationship goals.

No one marries without having some romantic love at some point. A quick google search will tell you that romance is a *feeling of excitement and mystery associated with love*. Hopefully we all had this while we were dating. It seems that as we are married for many years, we somehow lose the excitement and mystery. All you have to do is look at those teenagers that think they are in love. It is so fresh and exciting for them. You too can get back to that.

What causes us to lose that mystery and excitement? This is a loaded question. Willard F. Harley, Jr. wrote a workbook called *Five Steps to Romantic Love*. He summarized our marriage and relationships in a series of debits and credits. When you are making too many debits from your spouse and not enough credits, you begin to take that

romance away. He suggests in step one to make a real commitment to build up that romantic love again. Do this by showing love, being spontaneous, etc. In the second step, you are asked to identify the habits that destroy romantic love. Maybe that is working too much, being too nitpicky, or overbearing. Criticizing can take many debits from your spouse. The third step is to execute a plan to eliminate those things that create debits. We expect our spouse to change overnight but this is a work in progress. Never quit trying. Take an inventory of your own bad habits and be willing to listen to what your spouse has to say about their perception of your debits.

In the fourth step you must identify what are the most important emotional needs. Not your spouse's, but your own. We all need that bonding of emotional love. Finally, learn how to meet those needs identified in the fourth step. You may have a view of how you should do this, but your spouse may need something completely different. Remember, you are doing this for them. Understand that these changes make "credits" to your romantic relationship. Marriage was instituted since the very beginning. It is what God intended. Work hard at it. Love one another!

Craig Embry

The youth are on lesson 7 this week.

Deacons—

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941.493.5559 (Women's Ministries)

John Walters
812.881-9319 (Special Events)

Jason Wohnhas
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TRAIL MIX—It was good to see Joe Austin, Patricia Hawk, and the Chains back with us last Sunday. We had so many guests and former members return. We thank all of them. John Walters is in Indiana this weekend.

SYMPATHY—Sympathy is extended to the family of Richard Davidson, Tina Hague's uncle, who passed away on February 6 at the age of 92. He was a member of the Lemon Bay church of Christ in Englewood, and he and his wife were founding members of that church.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Linda Giddens, Mary Hughes' sister-in-law, who passed away on February 7 after battling with cancer. Keep Mary's brother, Ben, and the whole family in your prayers.

DONATIONS NEEDED—There is a benevolent need for men's shoes of any size in any condition. Please drop them off in the box in the short hallway.

UPDATE—Paul and Betty Gerber's new address is SaraBella, 5650 Gantt Road #31, Sarasota, 34233.

JAIL TOUR—There are a few spots left to tour Sarasota County Jail on Sunday, February 19, at 4 p.m. Please sign up if you would like to join the group.

FBC CABIN 8 REBUILD—Jason Wohnhas and crews have made tremendous strides in this project, but more work weekends are planned. Please let Jason or Craig know if you would like to participate at any stage. This is a South Trail project and will be great when it is finished.

ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK—The next volunteer date is Tuesday, February 28, at 1 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board as there is a limit of 10 people.

LADIES—We have some wonderful opportunities and activities to grow, bond, and serve. To find out more of what is in store for us in 2023 please plan to attend the "Gal's Gathering" on Tuesday, February 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship room. There will be food, fun, devotional, and lots of information. Please sign up to learn about these exciting opportunities. See you there!

Worship Assembly 2/12/23

Song "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #538
Welcome/Song Leader Caleb Betts

Song "O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink" #540
Song "He Keeps Me Singing" #615

Prayer Charles Thurman

Song "The Lily of the Valley" #548
Song "In Christ Alone" Screen Only

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside—Dave Thompson

Song "Father, I Adore You" #53
Song "Sing and Be Happy" #587

Scripture Joshua 24:14-18 Michael Kroll
Sermon "Choose For Yourselves" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" #674

Shepherd's Prayer/Announcements Ron Doederlein

Sound Room/Projection—Justin Seymour
Communion Assist—Bob Sutton
Wednesday Night Sound Room—Dan McCartney (2/15)

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 20-23, 2023)

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.

2/5/23
Attendance Sunday AM — 292

Budget	\$10,228	Contribution	\$8,354
YTD Budget	\$61,368	YTD Contribution	\$100,252

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. 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 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:

Family of Tracy Dyr, passed on 2/7 (former student of Scott B.)
Susie Kennedy (Tara Jackson's mother) test results.
Jeanie Evans (Miralyne's sister) treatments.
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 improving.

OUT OF TOWN:

Clyde Hayes (Crestview, Miralyne's uncle) knee replacement.
Vicky Arnold (TN, Bonnie T.'s cousin) COVID.
Gene Churchman (IN, Dayna's uncle) heart surgery.
Brenda Herman (IN, Dayna's cousin) dialysis, transplant list.
Don Greenlee (Sue F.'s brother) recovering from fall.
Jordan Shouse (TX, Couch's friend) biopsy.
Mike Closson (Jim T.'s friend) grieving over wife's passing.
Merritt Bailey (VA) recovering from stroke.
Carol Sandidge (KY, Melodye's sister) home.
David Grady (KY, Rivard's friend) cancer surgery 2/10.
Ken Kling (KY, Rivard's friend) treatments.
Lynnette Bowling (KY, Mary R.'s friend) neuropathy.
Bob Boswell (IN, Cathy F.'s cousin) tests for liver transplant.
Anna Miller (IN, J&S Thompson's relative) paralyzed on one side, rehab.
Julie Carlisle (OR, Charles T.'s sister)
Thelma Kegler (NJ, Miralyne's cousin) memory care.
Larry Macomber (Terry Crocker's preacher/friend, MS) treatments in TX.
Pam Alcorn (Linda Hunnicutt's sister, TN) treatments.
Sandra Curtis (Linda Hunnicutt's friend, TN) lymphoma cancer, more tests.
Jackie Conner (Steve G.'s friend) recovering from stroke.
Phyllis Chester (Clearwater, Miralyne's friend) cancer treatments.
Laurel Gilbert (Riverview, LaBard's friend) pain.
Ed Troutman (AR, Bonnie L.'s brother-in-law) cancer.
Sharon Adams (AR) 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 (UF)

OUR FAMILY AT HOME OR ASSISTED LIVING: Charles Richardson, Patricia Hawk. 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.); 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) 2/12/23