

THE WAYPOINT



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

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

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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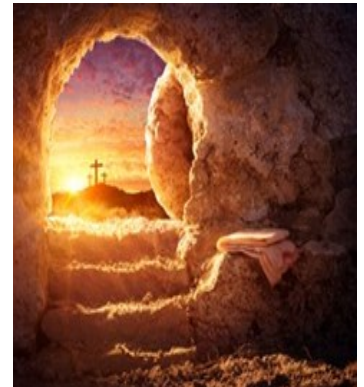
What's Happening—

WELCOME TO FRIEND DAY!



We are so happy you are here with us today. Every Sunday we get together to worship our awesome God. Sharing this blessing with others means so much to us. As we spend this time in praise to God, we hope you will participate in our prayers, singing, communion, and the reading and teaching of God's word. We do not expect our guests to make a financial contribution to the work, so do not feel any compulsion to give. If we say or do anything that raises a question, please ask us after the worship today. Following the worship, we will have a catered meal to share, so you are invited to stay and enjoy that free meal with us. Please know, you have made today great!

**"AN OPEN DOOR
IN 2024!"**



YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—

Gospel of John

Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events—

02/21— Ladies Bible Class

02/23— Seasonal Member Reception at Chapman's home 12:30 p.m.

02/23-25— YES Weekend.

03/02— Rockin' Bobbins 10 a.m.

03/04— O.W.L.S 10 a.m.

PREACHER COLUMN

"FRIENDS"

Friends are important to us because God created us to be social beings. Recent studies reveal that on average for teens and adults, 50% or more of our friends are from cyberspace as opposed to face to face. We need friends, but we also need to be in close proximity for support and to help each other. Communication online is good, but it is not the same as sitting in the same room and getting the non-verbal aspect, too. Also, real life friendship involves serving each other in physical ways. Someone said, "The bank of friendship cannot last long without deposits." Walter Winchell put it like this, "A friend is one who walks in when others walk out." In the Bible, Solomon spoke of friendship this way, "A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." (Proverbs 18:24) Jesus called His disciples friends, too. In life, we can never have too many friends. Many move to Florida from another state or country, and need to make new friends. We are here to be your friends.

Friends are important to help us reflect on choices we must make. How many times have you needed more information to make an informed decision, and a friend offered that input? Solomon reminds us, "As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend." (Proverbs 27:17) How many times have you been down and a friend picked your spirits up again? Paul advised Christians at Thessalonica to do this, "Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing." (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Friends may teach us things we did not know at all. Many have questions about the Bible or what the Bible teaches. We count it a blessing to share the wonderful treasure of God's word with anyone who wants to know about it. We do not claim to have all the answers but we will say that all we believe and practice is found in the word of God. As the Bible says, "All scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17) All the answers are there. Terry Chapman

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Loose Pocket Change — What do you cans. We will collect them in early do with your loose pocket change? Why December. If you fill your change can, not put it to good use and place it in a give it to Bob Sutton or Daisy Tackett for "Mount Dora Change Can". Don't have safe keeping, and pick up an additional a change can? You can pick one up and change can. Remember, your either the front or rear church contribution helps Mount Dora change entrance. Please help by putting your lives and change futures. loose change into one of these change

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL – TREATMENT

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

HOME –

Sheryl Belair, angioplasty 2/21.
Yasemin Chain, recovering.
Trace Jackson (Jackson's grand-son) motorcycle accident, home.
Mike Harrelson, heart problems.
Karen Lund
Rosie Routh, heart flutter.
Warren Embry, heart procedure March 27.
Jon Purdom, recovering from illness, spirits are very low.
Francie Martinez, heart in A-FIB.
Johnny Maschino, cancer, dementia
Pam Herman, recovering.
Mike Allison, recovering.
Rosie Rogers, ill.
Sue Fredenburg, rehab at Encompass on Bee Ridge Rd.
Charles Richardson
Noreen Anderson, immune system.
Patrick & Marianne Owens
Gwen Chapman
Kristy Gleason, searching.
Patricia Hawk

OUT OF TOWN –

Pam Alcorn (Linda H. sister, TN) cancer, health is deteriorating.
Sheila Thompson (IN) pain.
Dean Hodges (TN) recovering from shoulder surgery.
Nigel Phang (James T. son-in-law) health problems.
Chris Keesecker (Bob K. son) recovering.
Eric Woodard (TX) stroke, impaired vision, recovering.
Darrel Ashby (MI)
Leonel Santos (TX, Ricc Lopez's father) hospice.
David Doederlein (CA, Ron's son) tumor is spreading in brain.
John Caldcleugh (TX, J. Cook's son-in-law)

Deacons—

Bruce Cook
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Dan McCartney
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Justin Seymour
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Jason Wohnhas
614.519.0195 (Young Families)



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TRAIL MIX— Tony Long is back from Kentucky. John Walters is out of town with family.

SEASONAL MEMBER RECEPTION— Terry and Gwen are inviting all our seasonal members to their home on Friday, 2/23, at 12:30 p.m. for a meal and fellowship. Their address is 5172 Meldon Circle, Sarasota, 34232. If you need more information, call Terry at (941) 223-6455. It will be fun, so see you then!

WEDNESDAY— We are studying “How to Handle Hot Potatoes” in our Wednesday evening Bible study. Come be a part as we learn how to be more like Jesus in dealing with controversial issues of our day.

ROCKIN' BOBBINS— The sewing group will meet March 2, at 10 a.m.

O.W.L.S. — The Older Wiser Loving Servants will meet on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 10 a.m. We will be having a presentation showing Dan and Mary Rivard’s European trip they took last Fall, come and enjoy it with us. Finger foods is the food theme.

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.

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.

Worship Assembly 2/18/24

Song "How Sweet, How Heavenly"	#709
Welcome/Song Leader	Craig Ross
Song "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"	#711
Song "The Church's One Foundation"	Screen Only
Song "Purer in Heart, O God"	#671
Song "Lord, Take Control"	#790
Prayer	Craig Embry
Scripture	Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
Song "Bind Us Together"	#704
Song "A Common Love"	#705
Song "How Deep the Father's Love For Us"	Screen Only
Song "Come, Share the Lord"	#364
Lord's Supper & Contribution	
Preside— Scott Blomeley	
Song "The Greatest Commands"	#448
Song "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"	#538
Song "Our God, He Is Alive"	#23
Sermon "An Open Door to the Meaning of Life"	Terry Chapman
Invitation Song "I'll Live for Him"	#553
Closing Prayer/Announcements	Doug Tackett
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.

2/11/24
Attendance Sunday AM — 248

Budget	\$10,424	Contribution	\$11,918
YTD Budget	\$62,544	YTD Contribution	\$71,765

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:

Terry Tribble (Joe Austin cousin) in hospice. Not expected to make it, please pray for his comfort, and for his brother Tim.

Vikki (Gleason's neighbor) her mom Theola Pompey 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.

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, doing better.

Women's Ministry at Sarasota County Jail.

Myrna Kilpatrick (Deb M. friend) test.

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, baby was born.

Ken McNeil (MS, Hughes relatives) recovering from brain surgery in rehab.

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.

Joyce Immonen (Mary R. friend) fighting cancer for years, starting new chemo pray for comfort.

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.

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 (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); 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 (security) 2/18/24