

THE WAYPOINT



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

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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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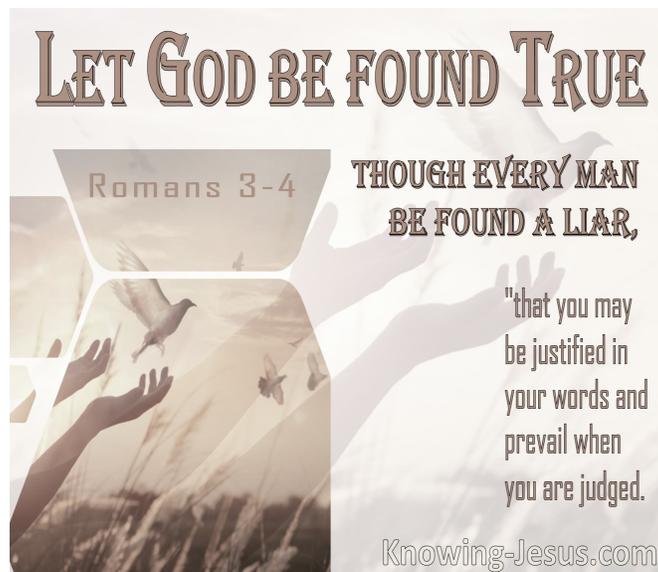
Family Life Minister—

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What's Happening—

WELCOME

We are so thankful for every person here today to worship our God together. Every Lord's Day is special and significant in the life of a Christian. Meeting with one another to praise God is better than anywhere else we could be in that moment. Putting ourselves in God's presence helps keep us under His control at all times and in all choices. May God bless you as we worship.



JESUS AND ME IN 2023



JAIL TOUR—There are a few spots left to tour Sarasota County Jail today at 4 p.m. Please see Craig if you would like to join the group.

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.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—
Hebrews
Sunday Worship
Wednesday Night Class—
Knowing God

Upcoming Events—

- 2/19—Young Families Sarasota County Jail Tour 4 p.m.
- 2/23—Ladies' Bible Class 10 a.m.
- 2/24-26—YES Weekend
- 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

"WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT"

Last Sunday at the conclusion of our worship, Ron Doederlein made a statement that after serving as a shepherd for the past decade that he had decided to step down as one of our elders. Ron has served faithfully as an elder in Michigan and Florida for almost 40 years. South Trail has been blessed by Ron's servant heart and experience in church leadership. Ron and Mary came to South Trail in early 2003. Almost instantly, they fit into South Trail so well and contributed to making us better. As I remember when Ron and Mary asked to visit with me about the congregation after the worship one Sunday evening in February, we talked for a couple of hours. They did not realize it was the Super Bowl that night. It did not feel like a sacrifice, as it was a pleasure getting to know people who love the Lord as much as Ron and Mary. The congregation selected Ron to serve in the eldership in September of 2004, when we were able to appoint three men to serve as elders, after 18 years of not having an eldership. Ron, Harold Merritt, and Roy Conner were just what South Trail had needed. They were qualified men to give us the kind of leadership God intended. In 2008, Ron and Mary had to move suddenly to help their son, David, and his family when David was diagnosed with a brain tumor. After surgery and treatments over the course of five years, David was tumor free, and Ron and Mary returned to Sarasota and South Trail in 2013.

Working closely with Ron has been one of the greatest privileges of my 35 years of ministry. He has helped me to serve with confidence and feeling the connectedness of an eldership and preacher working in full cooperation and respect. Ron possesses a shepherd's heart and love for everyone of us at South Trail. To know Ron is to appreciate and love him. We are not saying good-bye, as Ron and his wisdom will still be in our midst, but we certainly want to thank him for all the years of service and sacrifice given for the cause of Christ here at South Trail. Ron, we thank you with all our thoughts and admiration for being a true servant to our God. We pray for God's continued richest blessings on you, as our brother and friend. Terry Chapman

Answers to Luke quiz passed out on February 12 — 1d, 2a, 3d, 4d, 5c, 6a, 7a, 8c, 9c, 10b, 11d, 12c, 13b, 14d, 15b, 16d, 17c, 18b, 19a, 20d.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

From France—Hundreds of Ukrainian refugee families with small children landed in shanty towns in Strasbourg. Tammy has applied to work benevolently to help get them off the streets. We open our home to a camp of gypsies nearby providing food, showers, and a warm place to sleep. Many now come asking for prayer. One attends services faithfully with her boyfriend. We're studying with them both and share the gospel with others. Recently at a restaurant we had a conversation about Christian apologetics with all the men at our table. One who is studying history at the university was astonished to hear the defense of the gospel and God's existence for the very first time. Most said they'd continue to study the subject, so we're setting up a Christian evidences study. We recently got into a discussion with friends about knowing if a person is saved or not and ended up teaching them the gospel. Through internet podcasts, correspondence courses and distribution, our outreach extends into the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Ivory Coast, and Belgian Congo, studying the plan of salvation and the nature of the Trinity with a Pentecostal, marriage and divorce, and the Canon of Scripture and the 7th Day Adventist doctrine. Thank you for all you've done and continue to do to continue this ministry. Daniel and Tammy Frerot

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL - TREATMENT

Joe Jones, SMH.
Brian Ipe, recovering from knee surgery.
Sheryl Belair, fractured spine.
Crystal Kroll, knee pain.
Rosie Rogers, bronchitis/respiratory.
Susan Cowley, healing
Jim Thompson, research study.
Betty Herman, Surrey Place Healthcare & Rehab, room 330
Debbie Hasty, RSV.
Peggy Bolotin, heart issues.
Jaime Baker, tests.
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 -

Roy LaBard, equilibrium issues.
John Chain
Betty Hood, recovering from fall.
Johnny Maschino, declining.
Marianne Owens
Anthony Poignard
Mary Ann Gardner
Gary Jackson, back issues.
Sue Fredenburg
Patricia Hawk
Mary Merritt

OUT OF TOWN -

Gary Wohnhas (Jason's grandfather) end of life.
David Doederlein (CA., Ron's son) treatment options.
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.

FAMILY LIFE COLUMN

Here are two things for you to consider. We are halfway through our quarter. Would you consider teaching our awesome youth this year? Step into the hallway after class on a Sunday morning and experience the energy! The second opportunity is Florida Bible Camp's annual fundraising BBQ on April 22. See Craig or Terry for tickets. Even if you cannot make it, buy some tickets! \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids.

I was in a setting with a large group of kids. Most were conversing or playing games together. Two sat off to the side away from the rest. After a few minutes, I overheard one of them say, "I'm bored and I'm not having any fun." It's so easy to be caught in this trap, at any age. It's just easy to stand afar off, never meeting anyone at church or not belonging to a group of like-minded Christians. I was asked once, "Why does it even matter if I make acquaintances at church?" The simple answer was, "Why would you not?"

You see, what seems easy and innocent soon becomes the norm. We witness a very close confidant of Jesus, Peter, in Matthew 26:48. He began to follow Jesus "afar off," which in no time at all be-

came his norm. Jesus took every opportunity to be among people to spread the gospel. He certainly was never "bored."

Is it even possible to be "bored" with church? There are always lessons to be taught, cards to write, prayers to be said, hugs to be given, hands to be shook, sermons to be heard, facilities to be taken care of, and others in need of assistance. There is no shortage of work for the Lord that must be done. At twelve years old, we see the young Jesus in Luke 2:49 understanding that he must be about his Father's business. We too need to be "about the business." This may be by any of the means mentioned above, or by simply not sitting "afar off" and participating in the activities put before us.

We have several opportunities and groups with which to be involved. One of our current projects is the MAGI BOX project. Youth, you need to see Craig, Scott, or Dana Couch as soon as possible. Every one of you needs to participate in this good work. The older teens will receive service hours. Craig Embry

The youth are on lesson 8 this week.

Deacons—

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Dan McCartney
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Larry Reams
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David Seymour
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Justin Seymour
941.650-1297 (Audio/Video)

Bob Sutton
941.493.5559 (Women's Ministries)

John Walters
812.881-9319 (Special Events)

Jason Wohnhas
614.519.0195 (Young Families)



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RESPONSE—Olivia Steele came forward last Sunday asking for prayers. She confessed that her actions were not consistent with her desire to love the Lord and live for Him. We are proud of Olivia, and her willingness to be open and ask for encouragement and accountability.

SYMPATHY— We extend our sympathy to the family of Bob Shumard in the passing of his brother, Ken, on February 14. Ken was an elder in the Atlanta area for many years, and was a faithful Christian. Keep his wife, Joyce, and children in your prayers. Bob and Barbara are still hoping to be down later this season.

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.

FBC BBQ— The annual BBQ fundraiser for FBC will be April 22 at 11 a.m. FBC is celebrating 75 years of ministry to the youth of the churches of Christ in Florida. Since 1948 FBC has faithfully been serving to teach and encourage young Christians. Plan to attend and show your support.

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.

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 2/19/23

Song "There Is Sunshine in My Sout" #545
Welcome/Song Leader Mark Bassett

Song "My Jesus, As Thou Wilt" #698
Prayer Anthony Poignard

Song "To God Be the Glory" #4
Song "He Paid a Debt" #376
Song "The Lord's Supper" Screen Only

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside—Mike Allison

Song "There Stands a Rock" #558
Song "I Know Whom I Have Believed" #524

Scripture Romans 3:1-8 Phil Couch
Sermon "SPEAK THE TRUTH" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "What Shall It Be?" #944

Shepherd's Prayer/Announcements Ed Hunnicutt

Sound Room/Projection—Caleb Betts
Communion Assist—Bob Sutton
Wednesday Night Sound Room—Miralyn Gleason (2/22)

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.

2/12/23
Attendance Sunday AM — 202

Budget	\$10,228	Contribution	\$11,143
YTD Budget	\$71,596	YTD Contribution	\$111,395

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:

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:

Vicky Arnold (TN, Bonnie T.'s sister) COVID.
Gene Churchman (IN, Dayna's uncle) heart surgery 2/16.
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) recovering from cancer surgery.
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)

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) 2/19/23