

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 thrilled that each person is here today! This is a great time of year in Sarasota, and we enjoy our seasonal guests who are here to thaw from the frigid climate in the northern part of our country. As you spend time in our beautiful region, our hope is that you will find South Trail a friendly congregation for worship, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Our aim is to serve God at all times, and in various ways. Welcoming our visitors is a goal, and opportunity. You are special to us. If you have questions about our times of meeting, beliefs, or practices, please ask us.

South Trail is dedicated to faith in God by letting the teachings of the New Testament be our doctrine and practice. We are committed to being New Testament Christians by not adding to the word of God or taking away from it. (Revelation 22:18-19) The concept of restoring New Testament Christianity is not new, but is a generational responsibility. The possibility of drifting from this principle is seen throughout history of Christianity. We hope you will see this principle is key.

"AN OPEN DOOR IN 2024



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

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—
Gospel of John
Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events—

02/29— Ladies Bible Class

03/02— Rockin' Bobbins 10 a.m.

03/04— O.W.L.S 10 a.m.

03/ 17— Potluck

PREACHER COLUMN (COLLECTIVE)

SOUTH TRAIL FRIEND DAY SUCCESS

Last week, South Trail had a special day we call "Friend Day." We all came together and made it a success. We had at least 40 new friends as "guests." Over all, including regular guests, we had about 70 guests in total. The spirit of the day was joyous and grateful to God for all His benefits. Obviously, the weather did not help us have our best overall attendance, but the presence of 230 souls made it a good day. Our worship had spirit and truth, and we shared the good news with everyone present. Following the worship assembly, we shared a wonderful meal together and many served to make it all run smoothly. We want to thank all those who are so faithful in setting up, serving, and cleaning up afterwards. The Cowleys and Hughes stepped up and filled in for the usual leadership. The involvement and willingness of so many made it a lot easier on everyone. From experience over the past 27 years, we have seen a day like Friend Day infuse a greater spirit of unity and love into this family of God's people. Let's make 2024 a year to God's glory! Thanks for all you did, do, and will do in the kingdom. Terry Chapman

As with anytime we fellowship together, it was good to see everyone's smiling faces. Friend day always brings out some new faces which is always a wonderful way to energize the entire year. This year we know that some of South Trails leaders were unable to attend. In their absence, others stepped up to make things go smoothly. A big thanks to many who invited, attended, lead in worship, and attended to the meal. John and Susan Cowley, and Mark and Mary Hughes were thrust into helping with meal including many others. The Hughes were instrumental in reaching out and involving our teens. Your efforts made serving go both quick and flawless. It was commented that the teens were cooperative and anxious to help out. South Trail teens enjoyed working together and serving the church. Not only our members' teens but frequent visitor teens also jumped at the opportunity to serve. This did not go unnoticed, especially from some of our visiting teens' parents. They loved the involvement and embracement which creates a sense of belonging and community making want to return. Craig Embry

"Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name." (Hebrews 13:15)

My entire life has been blessed with the singing of praise by God's people in recognition of who God is and what He provides. Not merely a recitation of words but the meshing of melody and motive that is meaningful, edifying, and encouraging. When Christians assemble together with the common purpose of bringing individual and collective worship to God, how can we but leave strengthened and uplifted? In congregational singing, it is said that individual heartbeats synchronize with each other. When we come together as often do and sing praise to God, our hearts beat as one. What a wonderful thought! So much of Christianity is based on and lives in our hearts, that singing together in worship ties us and binds us together in a truly spiritual way. What a blessing we shared last Sunday with each other and many friends who accepted an invitation to join us! Let's do it again today and every opportunity we have to assemble.

"Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation." (Psalm 111:1) Craig Ross

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL – TREATMENT

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

HOME –

Sheryl Belair, angioplasty.
Yasemin Chain, hip surgery recovery.
Trace Jackson (Jackson's grandson) motorcycle accident, home.
Mike Harrelson, heart problems.
Karen Lund Surgery in April.
Warren Embry, heart procedure March 27.
Jon Purdum, recovering from illness, spirits are very low.
Francie Martinez, heart in A-FIB.
Johnny Maschino, cancer, dementia
Pam Herman, recovering.
Mike Allison, recovering.
Sue Fredenburg, rehab at Encompass on Bee Ridge Rd.
Charles Richardson, fragile.
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.
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—

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TRAIL MIX— We have enjoyed all our seasonal folks. Wes and Joyce Cunningham have headed back to Illinois. Doug and Cindy Egerton will leave this week for Indiana. Curtis and Tracee Chapman are home from Hawaii. Keep all those traveling in your prayers.

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

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.

MOUNT DORA CHANGE CANS—Please stop at the exit today and pick up a change can as you leave the building. At the end of each day, deposit your loose pocket change into the can. Your loose change can change children’s lives.

O.W.L.S APRIL TRIP: O.W.L.S and anyone interested is invited to The Players Centre For Performing Arts, Play: The Secret Garden. Sunday April 7, 2024 at 2 pm, tickets are \$25.00 per person. Please give money to Dayna Couch by March 10th or as soon as possible.

Worship Assembly 2/25/24

Song "We Praise Thee, O God" #2
Welcome/Song Leader Craig Ross

Song "To God Be the Glory" #4
Song "How Firm a Foundation" #457

Prayer Bill Johnson

Song "It Is Well with My Soul" #490
Song "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" #513

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside— Travis Lund

Song "Thy Word" #449
Song "Hear, O Israel" #446
Song "The Precious Book Divine" #443

Scripture Romans 10:8-17 Phil Couch
Sermon "An Open Door to Preaching" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "Because He Lives" #464
Closing Song "Ancient Words" Screen Only

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.

2/18/24
Attendance Sunday AM — 230

Budget	\$10,424	Contribution	\$11,037
YTD Budget	\$72,968	YTD Contribution	\$83,683

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:

Hannah Davis (Joyce C. friend) pray she seeks treatment and the help she needs.
Coy Edwards (Christian from OK) Quintuple bypass surgery at SMH, he is recovering well in ICU.
Rachel Cox(Linda V. friend) diagnosed with breast cancer, young mother of 3 children.
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.
Steve Kubik, recovering from procedure.
Sherry Park, recovering at home from hip replacement.
Bill McQuaide (Mark Ipe's step-father) leg circulation.
Kim and Clay Steere family (Ipe's daughter) prayers for the family.
Dawn Stewart (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 (Miralyne's friend) cancer.
Gordon Thompson (Miralyne's friend) cancer.
Jeanie Evans (Miralyne's sister) recovering, next surgery is February 27.

OUT OF TOWN:

Courtney Hall (OH , Craig and Jodi R. friends) aggressive form of breast cancer, they have 3 young daughters.
Geola LeSage(MA, Debbie M. niece) medical issues doctors have no clue of cause or how to treat. Tonsillectomy recovery.
Marty and Megan Salsbury (NE,Lund's friends) Marty passed from melanoma, they have two young children. Keep the family in prayers, to comfort them in their loss.
Ken McNeil (MS, Hughes relatives) recovering from brain surgery doing better.
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.
Marie Johnson (Karen Lund's sister) test in March.
Venia Jean Jordan (KY, Miralyne's friend) health issues.
Chuck Jordan (KY, Miralyne'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) 2/22/24