

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—

POTLUCK MEAL—Next Sunday, March 5, there will be a potluck meal following the morning worship. Hospitality Groups 2 & 3 will set up on Saturday, March 4, at 9 a.m. Groups 1 & 4 will clean up following the meal.

SARASOTA COUNTY FAIR BOOTH—South Trail will have a booth at the Sarasota County Fair March 17 through 26. We need two volunteers for each three or four hour shift. The goal is to invite Bible study and invitations to visit with us for worship and Bible study. Please sign up and encourage others to do so too.



JESUS AND ME IN 2023



LADIES—Find out what is in store for us in 2023. 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!

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

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

Upcoming Events—

- 2/28—All Faiths Food Bank 1 p.m.
- 2/28—Gal’s Gathering 6 p.m.
- 3/2—Ladies’ Bible Class 10 a.m.
- 3/4—HG 2&3 Set Up for Potluck 9 a.m.
- 3/5—Congregational Potluck 11:45 a.m.
- 3/6—OWLS 10 a.m.

PREACHER'S COLUMN

"WHERE DO YOU GIVE YOUR ATTENTION?"

Do you keep track of how you spend your time? At times, we have no choice, like being "on the clock" or "community service hours." We all love to have "free time" or time to use as we choose. There are activities we love and will gravitate to doing whenever we can, so we call them our favorite things to do. However, there are other necessities or important things which we put off doing. Why? Why is it so difficult to maintain priorities? Listen to Paul writing to Timothy, "Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine." (1 Timothy 4:13) How do we keep our attention on the things that matter most? It takes focus. It takes commitment. It takes maturity. As we grow older, we can clearly measure what matters more than the temporary things are the things that are eternal. I found a poem that helps remind us of what happens when we pay too little attention to what matters —

"The Results of Neglect."

I looked upon a farm one day
That once I used to own;
The barns had fallen to the ground,
The fields were overgrown.

The house in which my children grew —
Where we had lived for years —
I turned to see it broken down,
And brushed aside the tears.

I looked upon my soul one day,
To find it, too, had grown
With thorns and nettles everywhere —
The seeds of neglect had sown.

The years had passed while I had cared
For things of lesser worth,
The things of heaven I let go,
While minding things of earth.

May God help us give the most attention to the things that matter to God and should be what matter most to us, too. God is good. Terry Chapman

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

From Nicaragua—Preachers met in January to discuss compliance with new formats Nicaragua's government requires from the church. We detailed how to prepare monthly reports and income and expenses of each congregation we're associated with. This is very delicate due to our current situation. Continue praying God brings a solution. We continue developing preaching activities, children's breakfasts, and like every Sunday, children study the Bible. We started focusing on visiting and encouraging brothers who left the church. Praise God six returned. In February we continue visiting without stopping, attending to contacts and studying with young people who will be baptized in the near future. Please keep praying for Nicaragua. Last week there was freedom for 222 people, but we have 7 million more prisoners. God heard prayers. We're sure that He'll hear more prayers if we all pray together. Pray one day this will end. In Him, Guillermo

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL - TREATMENT

Bob Sutton, recovering from pacemaker procedure.
Shelia Thompson, back pain.
Brian Ipe, recovering from knee surgery.
Sheryl Belair, fractured spine.
Rosie Rogers, bronchitis/respiratory.
Susan Cowley, healing
Jim Thompson, research study.
Betty Herman, Surrey Place Healthcare & Rehab, room 330.
Debbie Hasty
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 -

Joe Jones, hospice.
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 -

Lucille Hunnicutt (TN, Ed's mother) home, challenges.
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

A few days ago I was finishing up a tube of toothpaste, something all of us have done. I squeezed every last drop out of it. I had even gone so far as to straighten it out, then tightly roll it up to get everything I could out of it. The container was then discarded. This article is for our teens but fits equally for us adults. A good majority of our teens have never done without. Because we didn't have something when we were growing up, we make sure our own kids don't go without. This can cause a disconnect. South Trail is gracious enough to pay my salary to do many different things, one of which is to work with the young families and youth. The eldership is always generous with the budget I submit. We have many members who are generous on top of that. This helps South Trail's young families and teens to have many great activities throughout the year. We have great Bible school material, and an awesome Bible camp. No one ever goes without who wants to participate.

We must remember not to treat the church as a tube of toothpaste, squeezing every last drop out of it. Adults can find themselves doing the same thing. The Lord's church is unsustainable if we always take and not give. It is so easy to become complacent and forget we need to give back.

Teens, there are many ways to give back. Some are community service hours, but this should not be the only reason we do them. Do not wait until a month before you graduate to try to get what you need. We have recently had a partnership with the OWLS to do a little shopping and later on, packing of MAGI Boxes. No one even responded. We will have our Sarasota County Fair booth soon. We need it staffed. We have cleaning in our buildings that could be done, sending cards, making calls, or visiting shut-ins. We could use youth greeting fellow members at the door or helping distribute communion. We all need to be servants of Christ. Adults, there is always something that needs to be done. Christ's church will always prosper if we give more than we take.

There are many biblical examples of this principle. In Galatians 6:2 we are instructed to carry each other's burdens. One of my favorite examples is in Exodus 17:12 when Moses' hands grew tired so they put a stone under him so he could sit and then Aaron and Hur held his hands up so they could remain steady until sunset. Whether you are a teen or adult, the Lord's church needs you to hold hands up.

Craig Embry

The youth are on lesson 9 this week.

Deacons—

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Bob Sutton
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John Walters
812.881-9319 (Special Events)

Jason Wohnhas
614.519.0195 (Young Families)



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TRAIL MIX— We were so glad to see Jean Cook back last Sunday, along with Steve and Pam Herman, after their trip to Texas. Jean celebrated her 97th birthday on February 13. We are so blessed by many guests in February.

CONGRATULATIONS—Congratulations to Bill and Mary Jo Hughes on the birth of their 7th great grandchild, Austin Thomas, on February 21.

SYMPATHY— We extend our sympathy to the family of Gary Wohnhas, Jason's grandfather, who passed away on February 18 in Ohio.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Robbin Betts, Caleb Betts' aunt and Richard Whitesell's cousin, who passed away recently.

Keep these families in your prayers.

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.

OWLS—The Older Wiser Loving Servants will meet on Monday, March 6, at 10 a.m. Please sign up and bring finger foods to share. Doug Tackett will speak on this most recent trip to India.

March 19 is the deadline to let Phil or Dayna Couch know if you would like to go on the tour of SRQ airport on April 3.

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.

AREA CONGREGATIONS—Pinellas Park Church of Christ will host a gospel meeting and homecoming March 3-5. Arlin Chapman will speak on the 5th.

East Bradenton Church of Christ will host a gospel meeting March 5-8.

See the bulletin board for more information.

CARDS FOR DAVID DOEDERLEIN— Cards may be sent to David Doederlein, 3702 Wildrose Glen, Escondido, CA 92025. Treatment options are still being considered.

Worship Assembly 2/26/23

Welcome/Song Leader John Cowley

Song "Living By Faith" #560

Song "The Way of the Cross" #616

Prayer Mark Hughes

Song "Faith Is the Victory" #469

Song "Come, Share the Lord" #364

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside—John Walters

Song "I Love My Savior, Too" #610

Song "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes" #634

Song "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #586

Scripture James 2:14-26 Matt Sweet

Sermon "SPEAK THE TRUTH—(2)" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be" #885

Shepherd's Prayer/Announcements Doug Tackett

Sound Room/Projection—Caleb Betts

Communion Assist—Bob Sutton

Wednesday Night Sound Room—Dan McCartney (3/1)

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.

2/19/23

Attendance Sunday AM — 182

Budget	\$10,228	Contribution	\$6,469
YTD Budget	\$81,824	YTD Contribution	\$117,864

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) chemo treatments.
Jeanie Evans (Miralyn's sister) treatments, upcoming surgery.
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:

Melissa McMinn (TN, Deb M.'s friend) lung cancer.
Vicky Arnold (TN, Bonnie T.'s sister) COVID.
Gene Churchman (IN, Dayna's uncle) kidney issues.
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.
Merritt Bailey (VA) recovering from stroke.
Carol Sandidge (KY, Melodye's sister) hospital, tests.
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.
Julie Carlisle (OR, Charles T.'s sister)
Thelma Kegler (NJ, Miralyn'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, Miralyn'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.
Lynda Bailey (VA) leukemia.
Hillard & Alma Story (MO)

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Austin Jackson (FGCU); Cameron Dunn (FGCU); Avery Boyette (Germana); Tayven Clark (FAU); 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) 2/26/23