

# THE WAYPOINT



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

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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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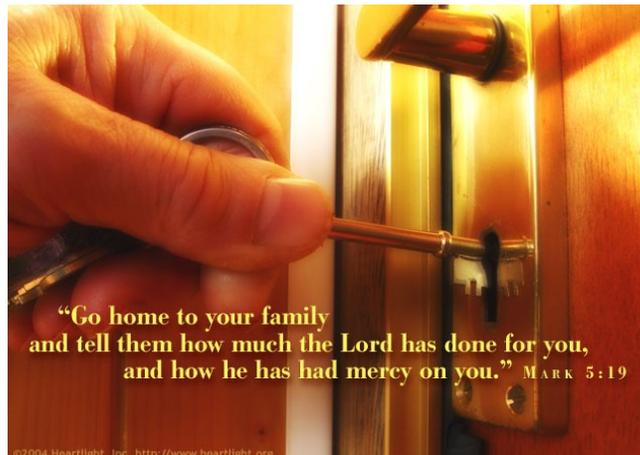
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## What's Happening—

**HOMECOMING TODAY**— WELCOME to South Trail! This is a special day as we celebrate 55 years of God's blessings at this location. Whether you are coming home or this is your first visit with us, we are thrilled you are present to worship our God this morning. Our prayer is that all we do is to the glory of God and Jesus Christ. Everything we do at South Trail — worship, teaching, and service — is done according to the New Testament and what we have learned from the will of God. If you have any questions about anything we say or do, please ask us as we would love to open the Bible together. Thank you for participating in this Lord's Day assembly with us to praise our God.



**JESUS AND ME  
IN 2023**



**OWLS**—The Older Wiser Loving Servants will meet on Monday, February 6, at 10 a.m. The presentation will be "Fall Prevention and Safety." Please bring a dish to share and sign up if you plan to attend.

### **YOUTUBE SCHEDULE**

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

## Upcoming Events—

- 2/6—OWLS 10 a.m.
- 2/9—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.

## PREACHER'S COLUMN

### HOMECOMING —55 AND STILL GOING!

The more you learn of the history of the Lord's church in Sarasota, and how South Trail came into existence, you will understand God's providence at work. There were many who had a part in bringing a dream into reality. Some were gifted with the ability to see the potential, and we call that vision. Some were gifted with the spirit of sacrifice, and we call that generosity. Some were gifted with talents to build or create part of our building and furniture, and we call that stewardship. Some kept the fire burning, and we call that encouragement. Others were able to help organize all of these to march toward the goal, and we call that leadership. It took all of these and more to achieve the longevity of 55 years.

Remembering the past is an act of gratitude for being given an advantage. What advantage? We are not left in a position to begin a good work, but the opportunity to carry it forward into the future. The Great Commission is a significant task to preach the gospel to the lost, and help them understand how to receive God's intended blessings. (Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15-16) A previous generation was faithful in their effort to build a facility at a very visible and accessible location. We have the advantage of being seen by thousands and be recognized by our neighbors.

Many good works have given us a positive reputation of serving our community. For many years, we had a "Flower Project" where flowers were prepared and delivered to patients at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. We had a bus ministry in the 1970's and a van ministry from the early 1990's into the mid-2010's. We had a Food Pantry that helped up to 150 families per week for nearly 20 years. South Trail has been active with Florida Bible Camp for all 55 years, and made a difference in hundreds of young people's lives. We have had multiple Bible classes weekly, along with dozens of gospel meetings, evangelistic seminars, and mailing House to House magazine into hundreds of homes.. We have had regular Bible studies and services at nursing homes and other facilities. We have supported missionaries in more than a dozen countries around the world, and in the U.S. Paul encouraged the Galatians, "Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." (Galatians 6:9) That is all God asks of His servants. (Matthew 25)

South Trail must continue to do all we can to spread the gospel. While we do not pretend to have an exact count of the number of conversions, we do know several generations of Christians have grown in Christ and are spread around the world. May God help us who are currently part of South Trail, to remain committed to do all to the glory of God and continue faithfully until Jesus returns. Terry Chapman

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

**From Nicaragua** - Thanks to you, the congregation prepared and distributed 70 Christmas packages of 16 basic food products and other basic necessities to families of the breakfast program. We continue to work with the nearby community by having our medical teams talk about Christ and the gospel while providing care. Children eat meals in the breakfast program and families continue to learn the gospel. Sister Elizabeth Gray, who was the cook for the program, had to emigrate to the USA with her whole family. Four members of our congregation left with her, so we had to find another person to assist in the kitchen. Hazel Sanchez, a

sister who came to Christ through the breakfast program, is a single mother with two girls selling tortillas and nacatamales from her house to help support our activities. I'm studying various topics with the congregation to help the church grow. Please pray for Maria Danelia Ruiz who's fighting breast cancer and will soon get a second surgery. Sister Dolisa Lopez came out of gallbladder surgery well and is back with us. My family and I now live in Ticuantepe, 40 minutes from the church by car. We're under construction with some difficulties and discomforts but are safer, especially our daughters.

In Him, Guillermo

## PRAYER LIST

### LOCAL - TREATMENT

Sheryl Belair, fractured spine.  
Marianne Owens, SMH Venice.  
Carolyn LaBard, tests.  
Crystal Kroll, knee pain.  
Rosie Rogers, bronchitis/respiratory.  
Susan Cowley, broken clavicle.  
Jim Thompson, research study.  
Betty Herman, shoulder pain.  
Mary Williamson, awaiting results.  
Tim Scott, recovering.  
Peggy Bolotin, heart issues.  
Jaime Baker, tests.  
John Chain, recovering at home.  
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 -

Anthony Poignard  
Mary Ann Gardner  
Joe Jones  
Gary Jackson, back issues.  
Sue Fredenburg  
Roy LaBard, pain.  
Patricia Hawk  
Mary Merritt

### OUT OF TOWN -

Maria Batti (CA, Jana's mother) pacemaker 2/3.  
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 — Traveling home after spending January in India.

## FAMILY LIFE COLUMN

Never forget that South Trail has many great activities to offer both youth and adults. One of the more recent ones is located in the back of our parking lot in the new office annex. It's our YOUNG FAMILY AND YOUTH CENTER. If you are a member here, we can give you independent access to the facility. It can be used for many things. Maybe to bring the grandkids to play games for an evening. A place to share a meal together. Or to have a birthday party or other small gathering of any sort. We have tables and chairs, a place to watch a game, or have a Bible study. The possibilities are endless. See me anytime.

Many of our young men shared a weekend together working on the cabin at Florida Bible Camp. They learned skills they never knew they had. They learned how to run equipment such as drills and nail guns. They learned how to assemble flooring and square it up. Then they learned about laying out walls and the reasons why things are done the way they are in the construction industry. Then they began to see the fruits of their labor by seeing all four walls they assembled rise and become the outline of the cabin.

On Sunday morning we had a Bible study about using our talents. Many of us may not even know we have certain skills until we use and refine them. I remember the first time I rode a bike and a motorcycle. I was not great at either, but with practice my confidence increased along with my skills. Now I have taught others how to do those things. We ended our week-end journey with a worship service with everyone participating in our small group setting. Everyone did an excellent job, I think they even surprised themselves. Over time this builds confidence. They only get better, eventually teaching others and generations after them. Don't be afraid to try to discover your talents. We see in a parable from Jesus that he wants us to use them and grow.

For those that are on the receiving side of those that are learning, always be patient and offer words of encouragement. You never know, one critical word may cause someone to stumble.

Craig Embry

**The youth are on lesson 6 this week.**

Deacons—

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Jason Wohnhas  
614.519.0195 (Young Families)



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**TRAIL MIX**—It was good to see Mary Ann Gardner and Susan Cowley both back at worship last week. We welcome everyone for our Homecoming today. Thank you for helping to make today special in the life of the South Trail church of Christ. We love you!

**BAPTISM**—Aiden Baker made the decision to be baptized on Wednesday evening. We rejoiced with his parents, Mike and Jaime, and the angels in heaven, as Aiden was born again. We pray for Aiden to walk the path with God, so be sure and encourage Aiden as he begins his new life in Christ.

**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.

**EQUIP CONFERENCE**—EQUIP in Orlando will be held July 20-23. The theme is "Arise." Visit [equiporlando.org](http://equiporlando.org) for more information and to register.

**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.

**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!

**UPDATE**—A directory page for Chuck and Judy Jones is available at the entrances.

## Worship Assembly 2/5/23

Welcome/Song Leader		Guest Leader
Song "He Has Made Me Glad"		#103
Song "We Praise Thee, O God"		#2
Prayer		Bill Johnson
Song "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"		#538
Song "Ten Thousand Angels"		#349
Song "Come, Share the Lord"		#364
<b>Lord's Supper &amp; Contribution</b> Preside—Bruce Cook		
Song "Our God, He Is Alive"		#23
Song "Victory in Jesus"		#470
Song "The Greatest Commands"		#448
Scripture	Mark 5:15-20	Richard Whitesell
Sermon	<b>"What South Trail Means To Me"</b>	Terry Chapman
Invitation Song "Lord, Take Control"		#790
Shepherd's Prayer/Announcements		Ron Doederlein
Sound Room/Projection—Caleb Betts Communion Assist—Bob Sutton Wednesday Night Sound Room—Miralyn Gleason (2/8)		

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.

1/22/23  
Attendance Sunday AM — 185

Budget	\$10,228	Contribution	\$37,213
YTD Budget	\$51,140	YTD Contribution	\$91,898

## 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) cancer treatments.  
Richard Davidson (Tina H.'s uncle) home.  
Michelle Lidell (Bess's friend) recovering from horse accident.  
Jeanie Evans (Miralyn'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.

### **OUT OF TOWN:**

Jordan Souse (TX, Couch's friend) biopsy.  
Linda Giddens (New Port Richey, Mary H.'s sister-in-law) hospice.  
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 2/28.  
Ken Kling (KY, Rivard's friend) treatments.  
Lynnette Bowling (KY, Mary R.'s friend) lung biopsy.  
Bob Boswell (IN, Cathy F.'s cousin) tests for liver transplant.  
Anna Miller (IN, J&S Thompson's relative) paralyzed on one side following surgery.  
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.  
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) 2/5/23