

# 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—

### WELCOME

We are very thankful for the presence of everyone joining with us in our assembly today. As we enter in this period of worship, we ask God to help us keep our minds focused on Him. May God forgive us of all our sins, so we can encourage each other with pure hearts. May He bless our every thought to bring us closer to His will, and may we leave renewed and refocused to love Him with all of our being. God is great!

### POTLUCK NEXT SUNDAY (3/17)

Next Sunday, March 17th, will be our monthly potluck. Plan to bring your favorite dish and share this meal and fellowship with one another. As Satan is always working against us, we need our Christian brothers and sisters for strength and support. The better we know one another Satan loses the opportunity to isolate us, and let his schemes take root in our thoughts. Fellowship is fortification to withstand the devil.

### “AN OPEN DOOR IN 2024



**FBC MEETING—** We will have a brief meeting today March 10 after the morning worship for all who want to work as staff this summer at Florida Bible Camp. Ben Blackman, our Session Director will be here.

### **YOUTUBE SCHEDULE**

Sunday Bible Class—  
Gospel of John  
Sunday Worship

## Upcoming Events—

- 03/14— Ladies Bible Class 10 a.m.
- 03/15-16— FBC Cabin Work Weekend
- 03/17— Potluck 11:45 a.m.
- 03/29— Teen Pseudo Lock-in.
- 04/06— Rockin' Bobbins 10 a.m.

## PREACHER'S COLUMN

### "WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?"

In 1896, Charles Sheldon wrote his well known Christian fiction book *In His Steps*, and it has sold 50 million copies. The question Sheldon asked was, "What would Jesus do?" The book has sparked the famous acronym, "WWJD," which we see on bracelets, necklaces, pens, and many other common items. What many may not know is what happened shortly after the book was published. The Topeka Daily Capital newspaper capitalized on the growing movement and put Sheldon in charge of editing the paper for one week. The story is told in the book *Significa*. Sheldon put the question to the test. Every story and ad submitted was held up to the question, which severely restricted advertisements to wholesome products. Many stories were changed to limit unbecoming content, and political information, too. It was not censorship, but decent and profitable information. A news story on famine included an appeal to help those in need. Positive stories were given front page coverage, rather than buried in the back or bottom of pages. As a result, the circulation grew from 15,000 to 367,000. The lesson was Jesus makes all things better! What would Jesus do? A question we should all ask.

What would Jesus do in a society that has lost its moral compass? Jesus would remind people God is and God is good. Jesus was talking with Nicodemus about one's relationship with God, and taught, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." (John 3:5) Nicodemus struggled, but Jesus spoke of God's love, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) Then Jesus continues to explain that Jesus did not come to condemn anyone, but that they were condemned already. Why? Sin is evil, and darkness will refuse to come to the light or righteousness. God is righteous, and our sins are the result of our own choices. (1 John 3:4, 5:17, Ezekiel 18:20, Romans 3:10-23) Jesus would teach on light and darkness, good and evil, and righteousness and unrighteousness. We cannot help the lost by ignoring to teach what sin is.

What would Jesus do in a society where people mistreat their fellow man? Jesus would teach the golden rule as He said in the Sermon on the Mount. "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the prophets." (Matthew 7:12) When asked, "Who is my neighbor?" He explained that to love your neighbor as yourself means to see the plight of the hurting and isolated. (Luke 10:25-37) The parable of the Good Samaritan is a perfect illustration of neighborliness, not based on address, but contact and opportunity of living life. The Samaritan was just traveling, and came across the man who had been robbed, wounded, and left to die. He broke from his agenda, and plans, and served the man generously. We must keep our eyes open to the needs around us. (Romans 12:9-21) Do good, and overcome evil.

What would Jesus do in a society so deeply divided over many things? Jesus would teach that there is one God, and God created us in His image. Jesus used parables like the Marriage Feast to teach God invites all to come to Him. (Matthew 22:1-14) Jesus taught that we will all be judged by our own actions and preparation to answer to our God, the Judge of all who are living. (Matthew 25:1-46) What would Jesus do? Ask the question as you decide what to do. Terry Chapman

### PRAYER LIST

#### LOCAL – TREATMENT

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

#### HOME –

Mary Ann Gardner and family.  
Margaret Crabb  
Bob Hughes, Blake Hospital for test.  
Sheryl Belair, recovering.  
Yasemin Chain, recovering.  
Karen Lund, surgery in April.  
Warren Embry, heart procedure March 27.  
Jon Purdum, recovering, and rehab.  
Francie Martinez, heart in A-FIB.  
Johnny Maschino, cancer, dementia.  
Pam Herman  
Mike Allison  
Sue Fredenburg, moved back to Holly Brook in Bradenton.  
Charles Richardson, fragile.  
Noreen Anderson, immune system.  
Patrick & Marianne Owens  
Kristy Gleason, searching.  
Patricia Hawk

#### OUT OF TOWN –

Roger Massey (Jodi R. dad) test.  
Karen Hunnicutt (TN, Hunnicutt's daughter) hip replacement recovery.  
Kristen Dill (MI, Melissa Dill's daughter-in-law) concussion from 40 car accident in Michigan.  
Cali Rissler (Chapman's granddaughter) 5 yrs old, having tests.  
Pam Alcorn (TN, Linda H. sister) hospice.  
Dean Hodges (TN) recovering.  
Nigel Phang (James T. son-in-law) health problems.  
Eric Woodard (TX) stroke, impaired vision, recovering.  
Darrel Ashby (MI) knee surgery recovery.  
Leonel Santos (TX, Ricc Lopez's father) hospice.  
David Doederlein (CA, Ron's son) brain tumor is spreading.  
John Caldcleugh (TX, J. Cook's son-in-law)

Deacons—

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**TRAIL MIX**—It was great to have Don and Eleanor Garrett visit from Mississippi this past week with Ed and Martha Culp. Linda Hunnicutt is in Tennessee with her sister, Pam. It is great to see the Hodges here for three weeks. Steve and Sarah Dalp have returned to Indiana. We will miss them and all who are heading north.

**FBC MEETING**— Following worship today, there will be a meeting of all who are considering being on staff at Florida Bible Camp this summer. Our week is June 9-15, and we need your help. Ben Blackman is our Session Director, and he will be here to discuss this opportunity.

**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.

**ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK**— The next date for service will be March 12 at 1:00p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board, as only 10 people can serve. Please see Nancy Jones or Mary Hughes if you have any questions.

**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.

**DIRECTORY**—An updated paper directory is available for those who don’t use the online Directory or have not received one in the past. If you have kept your copy updated, then please continue to use it. Thank you.

**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, contact Craig by email — [cross1658@gmail.com](mailto:cross1658@gmail.com) or call (740) 571-1129. Thank you.

## Worship Assembly 3/10/24

Song "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"	#647	
Welcome/Song Leader	Craig Ross	
Song "Take My Life, and Let It Be"	#669	
Song "Oh, to Be Like Thee"	#429	
Prayer	John Cowley	
Song "I Gave My Life for Thee"	#354	
Song "In Christ Alone"	Screen Only	
<b>Lord's Supper &amp; Contribution</b> Preside— Larry Reams		
Song "We Give Thee But Thine Own"	#663	
Song "Poured Out like Wine"	#655	
Song "Seek Ye First"	#555	
Song "Christ for the World We Sing"	#626	
Scripture	2 Corinthians 9:7-15	Larry Binkoski
Sermon	<b>"An Open Door for Stewardship"</b>	Terry Chapman
Invitation Song "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"	#319	
Closing Song "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning"	#642	
Closing Prayer/Announcements	Ed Hunnicutt	
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.

3/3/24  
Attendance Sunday AM — 199

Budget	\$10,424	Contribution	\$5,470
YTD Budget	\$93,816	YTD Contribution	\$111,543

## 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:**

Cora(Hertel's daughter in-law) Moffit Cancer center for test.  
Cyde Hayes( Miralyn's uncle) passed away, please pray for his family.  
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.  
Vikki (Gleason's neighbor) her mom Theola Pompey is having health issues.  
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, slowly improving.  
Michelle (Debbie M. friend) pray she seeks help.  
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.

### **OUT OF TOWN:**

Connie Vallion(AK, former member) Brain tumor surgery recovery.  
Robbie Lamm( Sue A. relatives) surgery March 19.  
Joyce Embry (KY, Craig E. mom) bike wreck, broken foot.  
Sandra Curtis (TN,Linda Hunnicutt's friend) chemo, heart surgery soon.  
Courtney Hall (OH , Craig and Jodi R. friends) breast cancer surgery March 19th, mom of 3 young daughters.  
Geola LeSage(MA, Debbie M. niece) medical issues doctors have no clue of cause or how to treat. Tonsillectomy recovery.  
Gary Whalin Jr.(KY, Melodye W. nephew) stroke affecting his mobility and speech, nursing home.  
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.  
Rick Cole (TX, Bonnie T.'s brother) radiation treatments.  
Marie Johnson (Karen Lund's sister) test results.  
Venia Jean Jordan (KY, Miralyn's friend) health issues/ fell.  
Melissa Pierce (KY, Embry's friend)  
Michael Monroe (IN, Dayna's cousin) lung cancer.  
Rick McMahan (MI, Carole J.'s nephew) multiple myeloma/Guillain Barre Syndrome.  
Brenda Herman (IN, Dayna's cousin) dialysis, transplant list.

**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); Mariah Sanders-Solis (Army National Guard); Aaron Boyette (Coast Guard); Tim Tramel (National Guard); Scott Bickel (Air Force); Brandon Hughes (Air Force); Kiana Kirkland (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) 3/10/24