

# 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.

Bible Classes —

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m..

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## What's Happening—

**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.

There will be a brief training meeting in the fellowship room following today's worship service.

## JESUS AND ME IN 2023



**ONLINE DIRECTORY**—If you would like to download the online directory, or if you have any problem with it, please see Craig Embry.

**ROCKIN' BOBBINS**—The sewing group will meet on Saturday, March 18, at 10 a.m.

## YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—

Hebrews

Sunday Worship

Wednesday Night Class—

Knowing God



## Upcoming Events—

3/16—Ladies' Bible Class 10 a.m.

3/17-26—Sarasota County Fair Booth

3/17-19—FBC Cabin 8 Work Weekend

3/18—Rockin' Bobbins 10 a.m.

3/20—All Faiths Food Bank 1 p.m.

# SERMON OUTLINE

## “MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD” (2)

Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

- What are morals? Do we have general standards of right and wrong?
- How should we view justice? Impartial? Presumed innocence? (Numbers 35:30, Deuteronomy 17:6, 19:15-20)
- Society must have rules, but how do we determine what code to use?

We are made in the image of God – m\_\_\_\_\_. Why?

1. God created mankind, male and female, for i\_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 1:27, 2:18-25)

Are men and women the same or different?

Why did God design marriage? Procreation? Family?

2. God created mankind to be s\_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 4:1-15)

Cain’s words, “My punishment is greater than I can bear.” (4:13)

God j\_\_\_\_\_ the world. (6:5-13, 18:25)

3. God created morality for man to be r\_\_\_\_\_ with Him. (Rom. 1)

Man is g\_\_\_\_\_, but God offers g\_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 3)

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

**WORSHIP**—The following is offered with the prayer that it helps us grow to experience a richer more spiritually uplifting worship service.

Worship is acknowledgement of the character of God, our true nature before Him and thanksgiving for His grace and mercy toward us. While the throne scenes of Isaiah 6:1-8 and Revelation 4 are figurative, the attitudes of those before the throne should be considered very real. We are to “serve”/“worship” God with reverence and “godly fear”/“awe” (Hebrews 12:28 NKJV/ESV). Someday we will all be before that throne compelled by His very presence to bow in respect and submission; we should voluntarily be doing so today.

Worship should reflect and exemplify the attitudes portrayed and enjoined in scripture. It should focus solely on God. While drawing some attention to worship leaders may at times be necessary, the goal is to always keep the focus on God. We are being examined as we worship and will give account for every “idle”/“careless” word (Matthew 12:36 NKJV/ESV). Nothing is more important during worship and the time leading up to it than clearing our minds and increasing our focus on God. It is a direct reflection of our attitude toward Him. May our attitudes reflect our desire to deepen our relationships with Him by striving to worship better. As we do, we will grow. And as we grow our worship improves.

## PRAYER LIST

### LOCAL – TREATMENT

Gay Torrey, weak, tests  
Chuck Richardson, MRI appt.  
Donna Johnson, injured foot.  
Chuck Jones, infection/kidney stone.  
Gary Jackson, 3/31 appt.  
Bob Sutton  
Shelia Thompson, back pain.  
Joe Jones, hospice.  
Sheryl Belair, fractured spine.  
Betty Herman, Surrey Place  
Healthcare & Rehab, room 330.  
Peggy Bolotin, heart issues.  
Jaime Baker, 3/24 appt.  
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 –

Brian Ipe, recovering.  
Cathy Faust, legal matter.  
Roy LaBard, health.  
Johnny Maschino, declining.  
Mary Ann Gardner  
Patricia Hawk  
Mary Merritt

### OUT OF TOWN –

Hunter & Briana Mangrum  
Lucille Hunnicutt (TN, Ed’s moth-  
er) home.  
David Doederlein (CA, Ron’s son)  
treatment options.  
John Caldcleugh (TX, J. Cook’s son-in-  
law) chemo treatments on-going.  
Sharon Turner, (GA, Todd Sim-  
mons’ sister) health issues.  
Don Lackey Sr. (AL) respiratory  
treatment.  
Maeson Sutton (Bob’s great grand-  
son) recovering from surgery.

## FAMILY LIFE COLUMN

If someone offered you one million dollars today, how would you feel? Ask yourself that. Would you be happy, grateful, relieved? So many emotions would overwhelm us with that amount of money. How about if that person offered you ten million dollars? However, the deal with that would be that you wouldn't wake up tomorrow morning. Would you take it? Most would without a doubt say, "No!" You would say this because it would not benefit you or anyone around you in any way. What you are saying is that waking up tomorrow is worth more than the ten million you have been offered.

Why are we treating our lives that way? Why do we not wake up daily and treat our lives like the value it has? We get up and run, run, run until we drop with stuff that will have no influence on our relationship with God. Or we wake up complaining about this or that. When something has a high monetary value we take care of it, cherish it, protect it, maintain it. Most of us will never own a

single thing valued that much except for our own lives. We are of such a value that Christ died as an investment for you. Your value is far beyond any monetary value.

The young ladies had Pearls & Ponytails back in January. The theme was "I am fearfully and wonderfully made" taking from Psalm 139:13-16. As Terry also mentioned in his sermon last week, we are made in God's own image, Genesis 1:26-27. We can see God's investment in John 3:16. He wants to see a return on that investment. Do you ever wish you could see how a stock, retirement account, or investment would perform in the future? In Jeremiah 1:5 you can read that God knows us so well, even before we are born.

Wake up every day knowing we are valuable. We are priceless. Treat yourself that way. Only fill yourself with godly things that increase your value. Waste no time on those things that take your value down.

Craig Embry

**The youth are on lesson 11 this week.**

Deacons—

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614.519.0195 (Young Families)



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**TRAIL MIX**—It is good to see Bob and Barbara Shumard, Rex and Judy Parker, and Helen Adair back with us. Debbie Magner is visiting Joyce Bratcher in Alabama. The Couches will travel to Tennessee to visit family this week. Mary Rivard will perform with the Meadows Chorus on March 31 at 7 p.m., see her for details.

**CONGRATULATIONS**—Andrew Miller recently passed another hurdle on his path to becoming a medical doctor. Andrew passed his United States Medical Licensing Step 1 Examination. Congratulations Andrew!

**MAGI BOXES**—The date to pack MAGI Boxes has been changed to Saturday, April 8, at 10 a.m. A light lunch will follow. Youth and OWLS, please mark your calendar.

**ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK**—The next opportunity to volunteer is Monday, March 20, at 1 p.m. Please sign up 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.

**LADIES' HOSPITALI-"TEA"**— All ladies are invited to a Hospitali-"Tea" on March 26, at 9:30 a.m. for the kick-off to a Bible class for the second quarter on Sunday mornings. We will share in a tea as we introduce the topic, "The Armor of God," based on Ephesians 6, which will be our study.

**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.

**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. See Craig or Terry for tickets.

**SAVE THE DATE**—A Ladies' Retreat will be held September 29-30 at Palm Island Resort.

## Worship Assembly 3/12/23

Song "Thank You, Lord" #474  
Welcome/Song Leader Mark Bassett

Song "I Come to the Garden Alone" #595  
Prayer Tommy Hodges

Song "My God and I" #601  
Song "Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You" #768  
Song "Nailed to the Cross" #361

### **Lord's Supper & Contribution** Preside—Ron Doederlein

Song "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" #589  
Song "To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way" #867

Scripture Ecclesiastes 12:9-14 Tim Story  
Sermon **"Made In the Image of God" (2)** Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "I Need Thee Every Hour" #837

Shepherd's Prayer/Announcements Ed Hunnicutt

Sound Room/Projection—Caleb Betts  
Communion Assist—Bob Sutton  
Wednesday Night Sound Room—Dan McCartney (3/15)

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.

3/5/23  
Attendance Sunday AM — 209

Budget	\$10,228	Contribution	\$7,364
YTD Budget	\$102,280	YTD Contribution	\$138,325

## 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:

Susan (Dayna's friend) cancer diagnosis.  
Dale Ex (Bruce's brother-in-law) Doctors Hospital  
Lexi Gabrielle (daughter of Craig's former co-worker) stage 4 brain cancer.  
Susie Kennedy (Tara Jackson's mother) chemo treatments.  
Jeanie Evans (Miralynd's sister) treatments, 3/13 appt.  
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.

### OUT OF TOWN:

George Williams (Miramar, Miralynd's cousin) throat surgery.  
Beth Neely Peables, recovering from cancer surgery.  
Brian Hayes (IN, John W.'s brother-in-law) tests.  
Stephanie Shellabarger (IN, John W.'s step-daughter) pregnancy.  
Melissa McMinn (TN, Deb M.'s friend) lung cancer.  
Gene Churchman (IN, Dayna's uncle) home.  
Brenda Herman (IN, Dayna's cousin) dialysis, transplant list.  
Don Greenlee (Sue F.'s brother) recovering from fall.  
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) clear scan.  
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 Kessler (NJ, Miralynd'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, Miralynd'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) 3/12/23