

# THE WAYPOINT



*“a reference point along a course to reach a destination”*

MARCH 17, 2024

**South Trail Church of Christ**

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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 TODAY

We are so thankful for everyone present today. What a blessing to meet and worship our God on the Lord's Day. Today has additional blessings as it is our monthly potluck following the worship. If you did not bring anything, do not hesitate to stay and eat with us. We planned ahead and made extra, so you can be our honored guest.

Many Christians plan to be in attendance for worship, and will make time for service done in love for God and others. Did you know that fellowship is also a critical element in our walk with God? As soon as someone is baptized and cleansed of their sins, the Lord adds them to His church. (Acts 2:47) The church is devoted to fellowship. (Acts 2:42) Sharing equally in salvation means a mutual duty to encourage and love one another all along the way. There are no solo disciples in God's kingdom. We are in this together, so let's make time for each other.

### “AN OPEN DOOR IN 2024



**ROCKIN' BOBBINS—** The sewing group will meet on April 6, 2024 at 10 a.m.

### **YOUTUBE SCHEDULE**

Sunday Bible Class—  
Gospel of John  
Sunday Worship

## Upcoming Events—

03/21— Ladies Bible Class 10 a.m.

03/29— Teen Pseudo Lock-in.

04/06— Rockin' Bobbins 10 a.m.

04/07— O.W.L.S Trip, Players Centre for Performing Arts 1:30 p.m.

04/09— All Faiths Food Bank 1 p.m.

## PREACHER'S COLUMN

### "WHATEVER IT TAKES"

On September 2, 1987, Hank Dempsey had the ride of his life. While flying an empty commuter plane for Eastern Airlines, he turned over the controls of the Beechcraft 99 to his copilot Paul Boucher. The cabin door was rattling, so he went back to check on it. As he took hold, the door suddenly flew open as they hit some turbulence. Dempsey fell out of the plane, and grabbed the cable railings on the door stairway. The copilot immediately radioed for an emergency landing and asked the Coast Guard for a search since they were 4,000 feet over water, and feared his friend was lost at sea. Boucher brought down the plane at the Portland, Maine airport, Dempsey survived by pulling his head up just inches away from the runway. He never wanted to talk about the harrowing flight as it was so traumatic. He simply told his boss he was "just glad to see the sunrise the next morning." Emergency personnel had to pry his hands off the railing, as he had held on for his dear life with all his might.

There are things in life that require that kind of dogged determination. Marriages stand a far greater chance of survival when we treat it as clinging dearly to it as a treasured relationship to the glory of God. Paul gave some instruction about what clinging requires practically. Listen to Paul's words.

To wives, "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives, be to their own husbands in everything." (Ephesians 5:22-24)

To husbands, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church." (Ephesians 5:25-29)

To all, "For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband." (Ephesians 5:30-33)

How many marriages could be saved if these instructions were followed? The ideal answer is all of them. As in all of life, the word of God provides the path to success. God knows best. Will we hold on to His word? Will we apply it in our lives? Will we trust God in everything? Of course, the real test is to put God in charge, or allow Him to be the Lord over all things. Have you obeyed the gospel? Have you believed in Jesus as the Son of God? Have you repented of your sins? Have you confessed Christ as the Savior of the world? Have you been immersed into Christ, dying to yourself, and following Jesus? If so, then these commands become your greatest desire.

Terry Chapman

### PRAYER LIST

#### LOCAL - TREATMENT

Mike Hertel, Dr. appt. at Mayo in Jacksonville.

Caroline Hellmer (Linda V. grand-daughter) treatments/improving.

#### HOME -

Linda Smith( Carolyn Grubbs daughter) lung surgery 3/15.

Lois Gleason, on IV, not feeling well  
Mary Ann Gardner and family.

Bob Hughes, pulmonary embolism.  
Sheryl Belair, recovering.

Yasemin Chain, recovering.

Karen Lund, surgery in April.

Warren Embry, heart procedure  
March 27 in St. Pete.

Jon Purdum, recovering, and rehab.

Francie Martinez, heart in A-FIB.

Johnny Maschino, cancer, dementia.

Pam Herman

Mike Allison, procedure March 19.

Sue Fredenburg, upcoming procedure.

Charles Richardson, fragile.

Noreen Anderson, immune system.

Patrick & Marianne Owens

Kristy Gleason, searching.

Patricia Hawk

#### OUT OF TOWN -

Roy LaBard (GA, balance issues.

Maria(CA, Jana T. mom) awaiting test results.

Tina (Roger's daughter) awaiting test results.

Roger Massey (Jodi R. dad) test.

Karen Hunnicutt (TN, Hunnicutt's daughter) hip replacement recovery.

Cali Rissler (Chapman's grand-daughter) 5 yrs old, having tests.

Pam Alcorn (TN, Linda H. sister) hospice.

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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Dan McCartney  
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Larry Reams  
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David Seymour  
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Justin Seymour  
941.650-1297 (Audio/Video)



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**TRAIL MIX**— Spring break has brought many visitors and we are thankful for them. Pray for safe travels for all.

**NEW MEMBERS**— Dave and Anne Weaver let it be known they desire to place their membership with us at South Trail. We welcome them, so be sure and let them know we look forward to serving our God together. Their address is 2859 Saralake Drive S., Sarasota, FL 34239. Phone numbers are Dave (574) 215-5660 and Anne (574) 612-7127.

**THANK YOU**— Josh and Maria Rodriguez express their appreciation to all of the South Trail family for the love shown to them in the birth of their daughter, Amelia. Their card is posted in the short hall.

**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 APRIL TRIP**— No regular OWLS meeting for April. OWLS trip to see The Secret Garden at Players Centre for Performing Arts by Connors restaurant is April 7th at 2pm, **but everyone must be there by 1:30 pm.**

**ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK**— The next date for service will be April 9 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.

**DONATIONS**— Wrapped candy is needed for the egg hunt (no chocolate, will melt), please drop off your donations in the box by the short entrance hallway by March 27, Thank you.

## Worship Assembly 3/17/24

Song "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" #264  
Welcome/Song Leader Craig Ross

Song "My Jesus, I Love Thee" #701  
Song "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" #763

Prayer Mark Hughes

Song "Fairest Lord Jesus" #288  
Song "There Is a Redeemer" #287  
Song "'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow" #334

### **Lord's Supper & Contribution**

Preside— Anthony Poignard

Song "Do You Know My Jesus?" #943  
Song "Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?" #214

Scripture John 7:2-5 Aiden Baker  
Sermon "An Open Door for Seeing Jesus" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "What Will You Do with Jesus?" #926  
Closing Song "Worthy, You Are Worthy" #232

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.

3/10/24  
Attendance Sunday AM — 201

Budget	\$10,424	Contribution	\$13,387
YTD Budget	\$104,240	YTD Contribution	\$117,013

## 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 (Hertel's daughter in-law) diagnosed with aggressive thyroid cancer.  
Clyde Hayes (Miraly'n's uncle) passed away, please pray for his family.  
Coy Edwards (friend from OK) recovering from quintuple bypass surgery  
Rachel Cox (Linda V. friend) diagnosed with breast cancer, young mother of 3 children.  
Vikki (Gleason's neighbor), her mom Theola Pompey, having health issues.  
Sherry Park, recovering at home from hip replacement.  
Bill McQuaide (Mark Ipe's step-father) leg circulation problems.  
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 (Miraly'n's friend) cancer.  
Gordon Thompson (Miraly'n's friend) cancer.  
Jeanie Evans (Miraly'n's sister) recovering, upcoming appt. March 18.

### **OUT OF TOWN:**

Wes Cunningham (IL) pain and multiple health issues.  
Tina (Roger's daughter In-law) improving, but still would appreciate prayers.  
Connie Vallion (AK, former member) Brain tumor surgery recovery.  
Kristen Dill (MI, Melissa Dill's daughter-in-law) recovering from car accident.  
Robbie Lamm (Sue A. relatives) surgery March 19.  
Joyce Embry (KY, Craig E. mom) bike accident, 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, 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 with complications.  
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, Miraly'n'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.); Greg Irwin (Fire Dept.); Steve Rissler (Fire Dept.); Ben Carpenter (Fire Dept.); Ryan Hellmer (Fire Dept.); Amber Mangrum (Fire Dept.); Derek Kroll (Police Dept.) 3/17/24