

# 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—

**LADIES' HOSPITALI-"TEA"**—All ladies are invited to a Hospitali-"Tea" next Sunday, 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. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

**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.

## JESUS AND ME IN 2023



## SARASOTA COUNTY FAIR

**BOOTH**—South Trail has a booth at the Sarasota County Fair through March 26. The goal is to invite Bible study and invitations to visit with us for worship and Bible study. Please stop by or volunteer to assist this week.

## YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

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



## Upcoming Events—

3/17-26—Sarasota County Fair Booth

3/20—All Faiths Food Bank—1 p.m.

3/23—Ladies' Bible Class—10 a.m.

4/1—Set up for Potluck HG 2&3—9 a.m.

4/2—Potluck Meal—11:45 a.m.

4/8—Pack MAGI Boxes—10 a.m.

## SERMON OUTLINE

### “MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD” (3)

Revelation 22:12-17

- How do you experience life? Is there more than just the physical?
- In knowing God, why does life have so many opportunities?

We are made in the image of God – rationally, morally, and  
s\_\_\_\_\_.

Let's look at the real purpose of life –

1. We are made for a sacred d\_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 6:12-20)

We are made for spiritual i\_\_\_\_\_.

We are made as soul mates, not c\_\_\_\_\_ mates.

2. We are given the body as the c\_\_\_\_\_ to your soul & spirit.  
(1 Thessalonians 5:23, Ecclesiastes 12:7, Mt. 10:28)

We all have an o\_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 25:1-13)

We all have an o\_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 25:14-30)

We all have an o\_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 25:31-46)

3. We are made to t\_\_\_\_\_ God's promise of a forever home.

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

**From Nicaragua**—We continue to visit, encourage, and pray with brothers that God gives them strength to continue to be faithful. Worship services are gradually strengthening with their presence. Please pray this restoration process brings strength and growth. Our personal evangelism preaches the word to several new families in the breakfast program, resulting in the baptism of a 15-year-old boy. Two families have children with health problems; one has trouble speaking. The other suffers from autism. We continue preaching topics about remaining faithful and trusting in God's will in these difficult times. Nicaragua's economic and political situation has created a big church attendance problem as those who have not lost jobs or emigrated work on Sundays. We're studying topics to help us be aware that in these difficult days, God is always with us because that's His promise to us, His children. Please continue praying for us. Everything is very complicated with all the new requirements of the ministry of government to the churches in Nicaragua. In Him, Guillermo

## PRAYER LIST

### LOCAL - TREATMENT

Rosie Rogers, bronchitis.  
Victoria Steele, heart medication.  
Gay Torrey, home, recovering.  
Chuck Richardson, MRI results.  
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 -

Orquidea Leonard (CT, Stephanie's  
step-mother) fell, broken ribs.  
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

**The Importance of Choice in The Bible**—When we think of the importance of choice in the Bible, we often think of Genesis chapters 1-3 where Adam and Eve are the first humans and the first members of the species to walk the earth. Most people tend to focus on the consequences of their choices, but there are also numerous examples on the importance of choice in the Bible - from Eve's choice to follow the serpent to the seemingly endless list of examples of God's chosen ones. So, for the sake of our consideration, let's begin with Genesis 1-3.

**How to Make the Right Decisions in Your Life**—Choosing wisely is a constant battle. The more we make the right choices, the more powerful our lives will be. The more poor choices we make, the less power our lives have. This is especially true when we are faced with difficult decisions. It is important to make sure you are making the right decisions and aligning yourself with God's will for your life. By choosing wisely and wisely choosing, we will not only be choosing for the best interest of our families, friends, and communities, but also for the best interest of ourselves and our Lord's church. Choosing wisely does not mean that it will be easy. Rather it

requires patience, consideration, and a measure of pride.

Choosing wisely also requires a certain degree of autonomy. We cannot control what happens in the world, but we can control our own actions. We can choose to follow the path of truth, or we can choose to follow the path of error. In a word, we can choose to follow the path of our conscience. When we make the right choices, we choose to live our lives as though they are the last and final steps in life. Whatever happens, as long as we are making the right choices, we will be set free from the chains of self-interest and lead productive, meaningful lives.

The importance of choice in the Bible cannot be emphasized enough. As we study the New Testament, we will encounter many examples of the importance of choosing. Remember that when we make the right choices, the results are not so much what happens, but what we choose to live with fresh eyes. Choosing wisely does not happen suddenly or unexpectedly. It is a process, a journey which we must all travel together as God's people.

Craig Embry

**The youth are on lesson 12 this week.**

Deacons—

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Bob Sutton  
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Jason Wohnhas  
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**SPRINGTIME**—We enjoy so many guests and return visitors during this time of year. So if you are here on spring break, or for a brief spring visit, we are thankful you are in our area. Come back and worship with us at every opportunity. May God bless our time together, and may our faith grow.

**TRAIL MIX**—Roy Weaver has returned to New Hampshire for a few weeks.

**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.

**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.

**AREA CONGREGATION**—53rd Avenue Church of Christ will host a Ladies Day on April 15. See the bulletin board for details and to RSVP.

**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.

## Worship Assembly 3/19/23

Welcome/Song Leader John Cowley

Song "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #390

Song "Lord, We Come Before Thee Now" #797

Prayer Tony Long

Song "We're Marching to Zion" #869

Song "He Loves Me" #386

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

Preside—Paul Primacio

Song "Sing to Me of Heaven" #716

Song "There's a Stranger at the Door" #908

Song "Mansion over the Hilltop" #881

Scripture Revelation 22:12-17 Larry Binkoski

Sermon "Made In the Image of God" (3) Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning" #642

Shepherd's Prayer/Announcements Scott Blomeley

Sound Room/Projection—Caleb Betts

Communion Assist—Bob Sutton

Wednesday Night Sound Room—Miralyn Gleason (3/22)

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.

3/12/23  
Attendance Sunday AM — 177

Budget	\$10,228	Contribution	\$18,889
YTD Budget	\$112,508	YTD Contribution	\$157,214

## 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 (Miralyne'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, Miralyne'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, Miralyne'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, Miralyne'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) 3/19/23