

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 thrilled to be together today to worship our God. Every day is a blessing, but each Lord's Day is blessed with the opportunity to meet and thank Him. Worship is a deep desire of the heart to express the overflowing gratitude for all His benefits. God is awesome and kind and gracious. We hope you are convicted with this truth, and our worship will be pleasing to God. Come back every Sunday and join with us to give Him glory!

GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY—Our current adult Bible classes are the study of John with Terry in the auditorium; and Craig Ross is teaching young adults on “Life Principles for Eternity” in room 11.

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.

“AN OPEN DOOR IN 2024



ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK—

The next date for service will be April 9 at 1:00p.m. Please see Nancy Jones or Mary Hughes.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—
Gospel of John
Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events—

03/28— 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

ALONE OR TOGETHER?

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German theologian. He once wrote, "A man who confesses his sins in the presence of a brother knows that he is no longer alone with himself." The Bible contains this wisdom from James, the half-brother of Jesus, "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." (James 5:16) Look at the wisdom of it.

James asks, "Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms." (James 5:13) Prayer and singing are two avenues to share our state of mind and emotions. Both bring us together with others and closer to God.

James asks, "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." (James 5:14) Faith joins us with those of like precious faith. When Christians genuinely pray for one another, God hears and responds. We trust God's provisions or answers, as according to His will. Prayer brings us into a sphere of submission to give thanks for God's aid.

James states the "prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven." (James 5:15) All the glory belongs to God. Physical and spiritual healing are joined in a humble, subjection to the Lord.

James then speaks of confession in prayer for one another. Forgiveness is linked to righteousness, as a right relationship and respect for all God's commands. Let us pray and confess faithfully. Terry Chapman

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

From Upper Valley (VT) The past several months have been rugged with sickness. Brother Pete is suffering from cancer. Brother Larry is struggling with undetermined illnesses. Heather Ryan had two surgeries on her hands. This year Vermont is responsible for the Gander Brook Men's & Ladies' retreats in the fall. When Sharon and I attended the White Rock event in Dallas in December I asked Park Linscomb, former president of Gander Brook, to be our speaker for our theme "Next?" about what happens after death. Sharon will speak for the Ladies Day down in Bennington. All her experiences from this past year will be the basis for her talk about how women deal

with times of turmoil. This year — our son's quadruple by-pass and helping his recovery; the White Rock event in Dallas; then traveling to be with Sharon's mother until her death, and finally, four weeks taken up by two cataract surgeries. The Fort Diner, where we have a very nice (Catholic) waitress who hears us studying through Acts. Our non-Christian friend, Dick is eating it up. Thank you for your love and support of the Lord's work here in the Upper Valley. May the Lord be with you wherever you serve in the Kingdom. Your fellow servants in the Lord,

Randy and Sharon Gardner.

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL - TREATMENT

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

Caroline Hellmer (Linda V. granddaughter) treatments/improving.

HOME -

Victoria Steele, surgery March 27. Linda Smith (Carolyn Grubbs daughter) SMH, medications for congestion in lungs.

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

Bob Hughes, pulmonary embolism. Sheryl Belair, recovering.

Karen Lund, possible 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.

Mike Allison, recovering

Sue Fredenburg, procedure to be scheduled.

Charles Richardson, fragile.

Noreen Anderson, immune system.

Patrick & Marianne Owens

Kristy Gleason, searching.

Patricia Hawk

OUT OF TOWN -

Meretta Adams (Diane's daughter in-law) test for spot in brain/headaches.

Roy LaBard (GA) balance issues.

Maria Batti (CA, Jana T. mom) kidney stone.

Tina (Roger's daughter) good reports.

Roger Massey (Jodi R. dad) test.

Cali Rissler (Chapman's granddaughter) 5 yrs old, having tests on April 10.

Pam Alcorn (TN, Linda H. sister) hospice, pray for comfort.

Eric Woodard (TX) stroke, impaired vision, recovering.

Darrel Ashby (MI) doing well.

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— Linda Hunnicutt is staying in Tennessee with her sister, Pam Alcorn, as Pam's condition is weakening. Some of our seasonal members are heading north. We will miss them. Pray for all those traveling.

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.

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

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.**

AREA WIDE SINGING— 53rd Avenue church of Christ will be hosting a Sunday Night Sing on April 7, at 6 p.m.

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 24, Thank you.

FBC DINNER— Florida Bible Camp Spaghetti Dinner April 20 at 4:00 PM at Creekside church of Christ. Awards Ceremony, Special Recognition of those serving for 10 years or more. Come Fellowship with us. Invited: Past/Present/Future Staff and those wanting to learn more about FBC.

FBC BBQ— Florida Bible Camp BBQ at camp in High Springs on April 27. Plan to attend, tickets are on their way. See Craig E., Jason, or Terry.

Worship Assembly 3/24/24

Song "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" #421
Welcome/Song Leader Craig Ross

Song "There Is Sunshine in My Soul" #549
Song "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow" #876

Prayer Curtis Chapman

Song "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" #406
Song "The Old Rugged Cross" #313

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside— Mike Strother

Song "We Have an Anchor" #467
Song "Where He Leads I'll Follow" #417
Song "Each Step I Take" #415

Scripture 2 Peter 1:1-11 Phil Couch
Sermon "An Open Door to Living Well" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "There's a Fountain Free" #909
Closing Song "Father God, Just For Today" Screen Only

Closing Prayer/Announcements Scott Blomeley
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.

3/17/24
Attendance Sunday AM – 202

Budget \$10,424 Contribution \$11,583
YTD Budget \$114,664 YTD Contribution \$130,400

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.
Coy Edwards (friend from OK) recovering from quintuple bypass surgery.
Rachel Cox (Linda V. friend) breast cancer surgery complications, young mother of 3 children.
Vikki (Gleason's neighbor), her mom Theola Pompey passed, please pray for the family.
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 (Miralyn's friend) cancer.
Gordon Thompson (Miralyn's friend) cancer.
Jeanie Evans (Miralyn's sister) recovering, cancer free.

OUT OF TOWN:

Sarah Ross (NC, Ross' daughter in-law) pregnant due April 20, first baby.
Wes Cunningham (IL) pain and multiple health issues.
Tina (Roger's daughter in-law) improving, but still would appreciate prayers.
Connie Vallion (AR, 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 recovery.
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) mastectomy recovery, mom of 3 young daughters.
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.
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 McMahon (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.) 3/24/24