

# THE WAYPOINT



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

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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—

**LADIES' HOSPITALI-TEA**—The Hospitali-Tea is today at 9:30 a.m. It is the kick-off to a Bible class for the second quarter on Sunday mornings. We will introduce the topic, “The Armor of God,” based on Ephesians 6, which will be our study.

**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.



## JESUS AND ME IN 2023



**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.

## YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

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

## Upcoming Events—

3/30—Ladies' Bible Class—10 a.m.

4/1—Set up for Potluck HG 2&3—2 p.m.

4/2—Potluck Meal—11:45 a.m.

4/3—OWLS SRQ Airport Tour—10 a.m.

4/8—Pack MAGI Boxes—10 a.m.

4/14—Youth Event—6:30 p.m.

# SERMON OUTLINE

## “Make the Valley Full of Ditches”

2 Kings 3:1-27

- Have you ever felt you took the wrong route to reach your destination?
- Have you ever felt you were between a rock and a hard place?

Look at the history of Israel and Judah —

The kings of Israel were all evil and tried to pull Judah down too.

Jehoram and Jehoshaphat are allies against Moab.

Different routes to arrive at Moab — Direct or Long way around?

Elisha is \_\_\_\_\_! Instruction is given simply to —

“Make the valley full of ditches!” (3:16)

What can we learn from the example of the story?

1. God gives some s\_\_\_\_\_ commands.

Examples of instruction without man’s knowledge —

Noah — Genesis 6:14-22

Joshua — Joshua 6:1-27

Naaman — 2 Kings 5:1-14

Israel — Numbers 21:1-9

Quote — “God always gives His very best to those who leave the choice with Him.”

2. God’s will results through our c\_\_\_\_\_ with Him.

What has God asked us to do?

Salvation is c\_\_\_\_\_. John 8:24, 3:3-5, Luke 13:3, 2 Peter 3:9, Acts 4:12, Romans 10:9-10

3. Preparation comes before God gives the b\_\_\_\_\_.

What preparation has God for us to do?

We miss answers because we have not learned p\_\_\_\_\_.

## PRAYER LIST

### LOCAL - TREATMENT

Dianne Binkoski, foot surgery 4/12.  
Roy LaBard, shoulder surgery 4/17.  
Rosie Rogers, bronchitis.  
Victoria Steele, heart medication.  
Gay Torrey, home, recovering.  
Chuck Richardson, MRI.  
Donna Johnson, injured foot.  
Chuck Jones, recovering.  
Gary Jackson, 3/31 appt.  
Shelia Thompson, blood clots in legs.  
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 -

Terry Crocker, diabetes issues.  
Cathy Faust, legal matter.  
Johnny Maschino, declining.  
Patrick & Marianne Owens  
Mary Ann Gardner  
Patricia Hawk  
Mary Merritt

### OUT OF TOWN -

Lisa Boyette (VA) recovering from  
surgery.  
Melissa Dill (MI) FL housing.  
Rod Harris (Becky’s brother &  
Mary’s son) recovering from stroke.  
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)  
surgery 3/27.  
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

There's something about serving others and sharing the love of Christ that fills me with a sense of purpose and fulfillment. I realized that mission work isn't just about traveling to far-off lands and doing good deeds. It's about embodying the message of the Gospel in all aspects of our lives, including our work. As I've studied the Bible, I've come to understand that it provides a wealth of guidance and insight on how we can approach mission work in a way that is both effective and faithful to God's Word.

It's important to establish what mission work actually is. At its core, mission work is about spreading the message of the Gospel and demonstrating God's love to others. It's not just about converting people to Christianity, but about showing them the transformative power of God's grace and mercy.

The New Testament is full of examples of mission work. One of the key themes is the importance of relationship-building. Jesus didn't just preach to the crowds; he spent time with individuals, getting to know them and ministering to their specific needs. Paul built relationships with the communities he visited, establishing churches and mentoring new believers. This emphasis on building relationships is a crucial aspect of mission work today. It's not enough to simply tell people about Jesus; we need to demonstrate His love in tangible ways and build trust with those we are serving.

Another key aspect of mission work is prayer. Throughout the New Testament, we see examples of people praying for guidance and strength as they engage in ministry. Jesus himself spent time in prayer before embarking on his ministry, and Paul often asked for prayer from his fellow believers. Prayer is a vital component of mission work, as it helps us stay connected to God's will and empowers us to serve others with humility and compassion.

There are countless examples of mission works in the Bible, but one of the most inspir-

ing is the story of the early church in Acts. Despite facing persecution and opposition, the early Christians were devoted to spreading the message of the Gospel and caring for one another. They shared their resources, ministered to those in need, and boldly proclaimed the good news of Jesus. Their commitment to mission work was grounded in a deep love for God and a desire to see others come to know Him.

So what can we learn from these examples? One key lesson is the importance of flexibility. The early Christians didn't have a set plan or formula for how to do mission work; they simply adapted to the needs of those they were serving. Another lesson is the power of community. Mission work is not a solitary endeavor; it requires the support and encouragement of other members of His church. Finally, we see that mission work is ultimately about glorifying God, not ourselves.

As we seek to do mission work in our own communities and around the world, it's important to apply these biblical principles to our approach. We need to be willing to adapt to the changing needs of those we are serving, build relationships rooted in love and trust, and stay connected to God through prayer and community. We also need to be mindful of our own motivations and ensure that our work is centered on God's glory.

The Bible provides a wealth of guidance and insight on how we can approach mission work in a way that is both effective and faithful to God's Word. By following the examples set by Jesus, the early Christians, and the apostles, we can build relationships, stay connected to God through prayer, and ultimately bring glory to God through our work. May we all be inspired to embark on our own missions, knowing that God is with us every step of the way.

Craig Embry

**The youth are on lesson 13 this week.**

Deacons—

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Jason Wohnhas  
614.519.0195 (Young Families)



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**TRAIL MIX**—It was good to have Chuck Jones back last week. Craig and Jodi Ross will be with us for an additional three months. Debbie Hartman is with her father who is in his last stages. Ron Doederlein is with David and family in California.

**UPDATE**—The Merritt's new home phone is 941-706-3998.

**SYMPATHY**—We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Joe Jones who passed from this life on March 23. We will have a Celebration of Life on Saturday, April 1 at 11 a.m. here at South Trail. We will serve a lunch following the service. There will be a visitation at Toale Brothers on Friday, 5 to 8 p.m. Joe and Carole and sons, Ken and Tim, were part of South Trail since 1970. Joe's parents, Joe Sr. and Minnie, were members at South Trail, and his sister, Mary Rivard, and husband, Dan. Keep Carole, Ken, Tim, Mary and Dan, and all the family in your prayers for God's mercies and comfort.

## Worship Assembly 3/26/23

Song "Soldiers of Christ, Arise" #647  
Welcome/Song Leader Caleb Betts

Song "Send the Light" #650  
Song "More Precious than Silver" #273  
Song "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" #276  
Prayer Josh Tackett

Song "His Name Is Wonderful" #163  
Song "Lamb of God" #176

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

Preside—Bill Johnson

Song "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #57  
Song "Step by Step" #15

Scripture 2 Kings 3:14-20 Phil Couch  
Sermon "Make the Valley Full of Ditches" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "Trust and Obey" #915

Shepherd's Prayer/Announcements Doug Tackett

Sound Room/Projection—Justin Seymour  
Communion Assist—Bob Sutton  
Wednesday Night Sound Room—Dan McCartney (3/29)

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.

3/19/23  
Attendance Sunday AM — 194

Budget \$10,228 Contribution \$7,251  
YTD Budget \$122,736 YTD Contribution \$164,465

## 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:

Doug King (Embry's friend) cancer.  
Judi Dunaway (Dave Holmes' sister) lung biopsy.  
Susan (Dayna's friend) cancer diagnosis.  
Dale Ex (Bruce's brother-in-law) rehab.  
Lexi Gabrielle (daughter of Craig's former co-worker) stage 4 brain cancer.  
Susie Kennedy (Tara Jackson's mother) chemo treatments.  
Jeanie Evans (Miralyn's sister) treatments.  
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:

Davis Family (TX, Susie J.'s friend) loss of 5 year old.  
Nancy Seidler (OR, Jennifer's cousin) recovering from kidney transplant.  
George Williams (Miramar, Miralyn'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.  
Brenda Herman (IN, Dayna's cousin) dialysis, transplant list.  
Merritt Bailey (VA) recovering from stroke.  
Carol Sandidge (KY, Melodye's sister) home.  
David Grady (KY, Rivard's friend) recovering from cancer surgery.  
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, Miralyn's cousin) memory care.  
Pam Alcorn (Linda Hunnicutt's sister, TN) treatments.  
Sandra Curtis (Linda Hunnicutt's friend, TN) lymphoma cancer, more tests.  
Phyllis Chester (Clearwater, Miralyn'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.

**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) 3/26/23