

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.

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Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m..

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What's Happening—

WELCOME

We are so glad you are here today! Every Sunday we meet to worship our loving God. All we say and do is intended to express our devotion to Him. Sharing this opportunity with others is a joy and blessing. If we say or do anything which raises a question for you, please ask us so we can explain from the Bible why we believe and practice all we do. God is so good, all the time. Come back and worship with us every Lord's Day.

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.

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.

“AN OPEN DOOR IN 2024



O.W.L.S. — The Older Wiser Loving Servants will meet tomorrow, Monday, March 4, 2024 at 10 a.m. We will be having a presentation showing Dan and Mary Rivard's European trip they took last Fall.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—
Gospel of John
Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events—

03/04— O.W.L.S 10 a.m.

03/07— Ladies Bible Class

03/10— Daylight Savings (move clock forward 1 hour)

03/10— FBC Meeting after worship service

03/17— Potluck

03/15-16— FBC Cabin Work Weekend

PREACHER'S COLUMN

"SINGING TO THE LORD"

Over the centuries, every teaching of the Bible has been attacked either directly or indirectly. Many simple teachings, such as the deity of Christ, or the Godhead having three members, have faced all kinds of assaults. Understanding the history of these attacks allows us to learn what to expect from our enemy. Satan wants us to question the eternal power of God. Could God create the universe in only six 24 hour days? Would a loving God punish anyone eternally in hell? Can man actually understand the commands of God? Is unity among believers even possible? All of these questions are based on assumptions by man. When we begin with the absolute authority of God, we can readily accept all He has revealed. Since God created our ability to reason and communicate, then all of us can understand the word of God the same. The key is to let God speak, and we must humbly listen and let the Bible interpret itself.

Specifically, worship has been undermined by man's teachings. The principle given as a warning by Solomon says, "There is a way that seems right to a man but its end is the way of death." (Proverbs 14:12) Worship must focus on God and deity and authority. When anyone begins with the thought, "Well, this is what I like or want." Then the way leads to a different end. Life is found in simply obeying God and offering to Him what He wants. New Testament worship is simple but spiritual. Singing is a spiritual exercise demonstrating devotion to God from the heart. Let's consider the instruction to sing found in the New Testament.

Singing is done with spirit and understanding. Paul wrote, "What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding." (1 Corinthians 14:15) The command involves the mind and the soul.

Singing is done with deep heartfelt emotion. Paul instructed, "Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." (Ephesians 5:19) When we sing, it is to pluck the heartstrings, and stir us within to speak this message to others by conviction.

Singing is done in assembly so it is a common commitment. The Hebrews writer says, "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You." (Hebrews 2:12) And "Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name." (Hebrews 13:15)

Singing is done as evidence of the saturation of the word of God in our hearts and minds. Paul helps us understand, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." (Colossians 3:16) How beautiful to know that the words we sing are meant to have an effect on our brothers and sisters. It means singing is a reciprocal or mutual activity. If we do not participate, we do so to the injury of those we love. Would a parent neglect to feed a child? We would call that abuse. Singing is an absolute act of love for God and our brethren. Sing out! Sing with joy!

Terry Chapman

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL - TREATMENT

Mike Hertel, Dr. appt. at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville,
Caroline Hellmer (Linda V. granddaughter) treatments/improving.

HOME -

Mary Ann Gardner and family.
Steve & Miralyn Gleason, ill.
Margaret Crabb, health.
Bob Hughes, tests.
Sheryl Belair, recovering.
Yasemin Chain, hip replacement recovery.
Mike Harrelson, heart problems.
Karen Lund, surgery in April.
Warren Embry, heart procedure March 27.
Jon Purdum, recovering from illness, spirits are very low.
Francie Martinez, heart in A-FIB.
Johnny Maschino, cancer, dementia.
Pam Herman, recovering.
Mike Allison, recovering.
Sue Fredenburg, moved back to Holly Brook in Bradenton.
Charles Richardson, fragile.
Noreen Anderson, immune system.
Patrick & Marianne Owens
Kristy Gleason, searching.
Patricia Hawk

OUT OF TOWN -

Cali (Gwen C. granddaughter) 5 years old having test done.
Alana Zinsner (Mike B. daughter) surgery recovery.
Pam Alcorn (Linda H. sister, TN) cancer, health is deteriorating.
Sheila Thompson (IN) pain.
Dean Hodges (TN) recovering from shoulder surgery.
Nigel Phang (James T. son-in-law) health problems.
Eric Woodard (TX) stroke, impaired vision, recovering.
Darrel Ashby (MI)
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)

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TRAIL MIX—It was good to see Chuck Richardson and Bruce Cook last Sunday after several months of recovery. We are thankful they are both improving.

BAPTISM— We rejoice with the angels over Bella Steele's decision to be baptized last week. We are proud of Bella and pray for her life as a Christian. Be sure to encourage her in this life changing moment.

CONGRATULATIONS— Congratulations to Josh and Maria Rodriguez on the birth of Amelia on February 21. They are home and all doing well. Amelia weighed 7lbs. 8oz. Congratulations to Amber Mangrum who completed her Paramedic Certification, as she continues to work with the Sarasota County Fire Department. Congratulations to Hunter Harting who passed the Securities Industry Essentials exam. This is a prerequisite to the series 7 exam. Congratulate each one for their success.

REMINDER— Next weekend is the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. On March 10, remember to move your clocks forward 1 hour before you go to bed. We want everyone at Bible study on time on the Lord's Day 3/11.

FBC MEETING— We will have a brief meeting on March 10 after the morning worship for all who want to work as staff this summer at Florida Bible Camp.

GOSPEL MEETING— South Hillsborough church of Christ is holding a gospel meeting this week, March 3—6. We encourage all who can to attend. They will begin at 7 p.m. each night, so let's help them spread the gospel in Ruskin.

ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK— The next date for service will be March 12 at 1:00p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board, as only 10 people can serve this opportunity. Please see Nancy Jones or Mary Hugues if you have any questions.

O.W.L.S APRIL TRIP: O.W.L.S and anyone interested is invited to The Players Centre For Performing Arts, Play: The Secret Garden. Sunday April 7, 2024 at 2 pm, tickets are \$25.00 per person. Please give money to Dayna Couch by March 10th or as soon as possible.

NEW MEMBER— The eldership announced on Sunday that Beth Jacobsmeyer has placed her membership with us. Beth has been visiting for several months. We welcome our sister, so be sure and welcome her to the family of God at South Trail. Her address is 3920 Ashwood Lane Villa 60 Sarasota, FL 34232. Phone number is (314) 680-6930.

DIRECTORY—An updated paper directory is available for those who don't use the online Directory or have not received one in the past. If you have kept your copy updated, then please continue to use it. Thank you.

Worship Assembly 3/3/24

Song "We Will Glorify" #578
Welcome/Song Leader Craig Ross

Song "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #226
Song "O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing" #233
Song "Jesus, Name Above All Names" #221

Prayer David Seymour

Song "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" #509
Song "Rock of Ages" #454

Lord's Supper & Contribution Preside— John Walters

Song "In Moments Like These" #239
Song "Nearer, My God, to Thee" #684
Song "When All of God's Singers Get Home" #859

Scripture Colossians 3:15-17 Ethan Embry
Sermon "An Open Door for Singing" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "Sing to Me of Heaven" #716

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.

2/25/24
Attendance Sunday AM — 206

Budget	\$10,424	Contribution	\$16,823
YTD Budget	\$83,392	YTD Contribution	\$94,720

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:

Coy Edwards (Christian from OK) Quintuple bypass surgery at SMH, he is recovering well in ICU.
Rachel Cox(Linda V. friend) diagnosed with breast cancer, young mother of 3 children.
Terry Tribble (Joe Austin cousin) in hospice. Not expected to make it, please pray for his comfort, and for his brother Tim.
Vikki (Gleason's neighbor) her mom Theola Pompey is having health issues.
Steve Kubik, recovering from procedure.
Sherry Park, recovering at home from hip replacement.
Bill McQuaide (Mark Ipe's step-father) leg circulation.
Kim and Clay Steere family (Ipe's daughter) prayers for the family.
Dawn Stewart (Susie J. friend) multiple seizures daily.
Michelle (Debbie M. friend) pray she seeks help, doing better.
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.

OUT OF TOWN:

Robbie Lamm(Sue A. relatives) surgery March 19.
Joyce Embry (Craig E. mom) bike wreck, broken foot.
Sandra Curtis (Linda Hunnicutt's friend, TN) chemo, heart surgery soon.
Courtney Hall (OH , Craig and Jodi R. friends) diagnosed with breast cancer, they have 3 young daughters.
Geola LeSage(MA, Debbie M. niece) medical issues doctors have no clue of cause or how to treat. Tonsillectomy recovery.
Gary Whalin Jr.(KY, Melodye W. nephew) stroke affecting his mobility and speech, rehab facility.
Major Blake Allen (Jamison's friend) recovering from brain surgery, having headaches and vision issues, lots of swelling.
Joyce Immonen (Mary R. friend) fighting cancer for years, starting new chemo pray for comfort.
Lynleigh Price (MT, Lund's friend) 4yr-old recovering back home, doing well.
Rick Cole (TX, Bonnie T.'s brother) radiation treatments.
Marie Johnson (Karen Lund's sister) test on March 8th.
Venia Jean Jordan (KY, Miralyn's friend) health issues.
Chuck Jordan (KY, Miralyn's friend) bladder complications/surgery recovery.
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.); 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 (security) 3/03/24