

THE WAYPOINT



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

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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—

JESUS LIVES!

Every Sunday we meet together to thank God for the resurrection of Jesus Christ! The message of the good news is that Jesus died on the cross but three days later He arose. Apart from the resurrection of Christ, we would have no hope. There could be no peace between God and any human being. Why? Our own sins stand between us and the Creator. (Isaiah 59:1-2, Romans 3:1-23) The Son of God was willing to come to earth and live as a man for 33 years, but He was hated and despised, and they crucified Him unjustly. After the Roman centurion confirmed His death, He was placed in a new tomb by Joseph of Arimathea. (Luke 23:50-55) When some women went back to the tomb on Sunday, they found it empty. (Luke 24:1-12) Jesus then appeared to many, including those who had followed Him for over three years. (1 Corinthians 15:5-9) He was known by them, and they witnessed the resurrection. They proclaimed it and we still do, too. The story of Jesus must include the resurrection or we would still have no hope, no peace, and no joy!

“AN OPEN DOOR IN 2024



EGG HUNT TODAY— After service we will have our Egg Hunt, Elementary School kids meet in the Fellowship room after Service, Teens will hide the eggs.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE
Sunday Bible Class—
Gospel of John
Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events—

04/04— Ladies Bible Class 10 a.m.

04/06— Rockin' Bobbins 10 a.m.

04/09— All Faiths Food Bank 1 p.m.

04/13— Young Adults Fellowship.

04/14— O.W.L.S Trip, Players Centre for Performing Arts 1:30 p.m.

PREACHER'S COLUMN

WHAT RESTS ON THE RESURRECTION?

A Sunday School teacher asked her young class, "What do you have to do before you can be forgiven?" One shy little boy in the back of the class answered, "Sin." The gospel of Jesus Christ is good news because forgiveness has been made available. The gospel includes – facts to be believed, commands to be obeyed, and promises to be enjoyed. What makes all this possible? Simply, the fact that Jesus died on the cross, and was buried in new tomb, and He rose again on the third day! Without the resurrection, there is nothing about our faith that would lead to the blessed hope which we have because of it. God has revealed how significant the fact of the resurrection is to Christians.

Paul writes his treatise on the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15. First, he establishes the witness of Jesus alive as the fourth fact of the gospel. (15:1-11) The gospel is explained, "For I delivered you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and the He rose again on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve." (15:3-5) Note Paul included the witnesses by "and" so there part is just as critical as the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Why? Obviously, without witnesses or credible testimony, who would believe it happened. Human logic based on past experience says that it does not happen. Yet, Paul tells us others saw Him, too. A large crowd of 500 brethren saw Him at one time. Many of whom were alive or available for corroboration at the time of Paul's letter. After that, James, and all the apostles, and last of all by Paul, too. The resurrection rests on the witnesses. The gospel rests on the resurrection.

Paul establishes our hope rests on the resurrection. (15:12-19) Our faith rests on the certainty of this fact – the tomb was empty. Jesus rose from the dead, overcoming death and Hades. Without the resurrection – our faith is useless, our preaching is useless, our hope is useless. Paul claims that all those who purported to see Jesus would be false witnesses. Most of us have were taught to be very careful to call another person a liar. We ought to respect the eyewitnesses and ask ourselves, "If they were not telling the truth, why were they willing to die for this conviction?" If you can figure any other conclusion than because they believed it with all their heart, we will be surprised to hear it.

Paul establishes the resurrection is promised to all of us. (15:20-34) Christ was the first-fruit to show that we would all become partakers at the end. Then Christ would deliver the kingdom to the Father as a final step before judgment. Denying the resurrection, leaves us in jeopardy on judgment day. Living in anticipation of our own resurrection causes us to be awake to the work of God in us.

Paul establishes the resurrection will involve a new body, as changed from mortal to immortal. (15:35-54) Death is the last enemy, and will be vanquished by the general resurrection of all. This change is a reward and a victory through Jesus Christ our Lord. So what? It changes everything. It changes how we live day by day. Listen to Paul, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (15:58) The resurrection matters!

Terry Chapman

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL – TREATMENT

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

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

HOME –

Bert Bolotin, foot surgery recovery.

Warren Embry, heart procedure went well, recovering.

Victoria Steele, surgery rescheduled.

Miguel Martinez and family.

Linda Smith (Carolyn Grubbs daughter) home, improving.

Mary Ann Gardner and family.

Bob Hughes, pulmonary embolism.

Sheryl Belair, recovering.

Karen Lund, possible surgery in April.

Jon Purdum, rehab.

Francie Martinez, heart in A-FIB.

Johnny Maschino, cancer, dementia.

Mike Allison, health issues.

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 Walker (Linda V. stepdad) Surgery recovery.

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.

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)

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TRAIL MIX— As April arrives, many of our seasonal members will be leaving so get around and tell them how much they encourage us.

SYMPATHY— We extend our deepest sympathy to the Hunnicutt family as they lost two relatives this week. On Monday, Ella Fair, Ed Hunnicutt's aunt, passed away at the age of 100 years old. On Wednesday, Linda's sister, Pam Alcorn passed with Linda at her side. Pam had been declining, and was under hospice care. Arrangements are unknown at this time. Keep this family in your prayers for God's comfort and tender mercies.

MOVING— We are sad to announce that Bill and Anna Burns are moving to Port Charlotte in April. We will miss them. Be sure and tell them so.

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

SPRING CONCERT — Mary Rivard is a member of the Meadows Chorus, and their Spring Concert is Friday April 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at 3975 Fruitville Road. Come support Mary and the Meadows Chorus this week.

UPDATE— Mitch and Colleen Ravesloot new address is 1850 Keyway Road, Englewood, FL 34223.

UPDATE— Melissa Dill new address is 314 A Bayshore Road, Nokomis, FL 34275.

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.

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 14th 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.

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 3/31/24

Song "The Greatest Commands"	#448	
Welcome/Song Leader	Craig Ross	
Song "As the Deer"	# 71	
Song "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"	#786	
Prayer	Harold Merritt	
Song "Ten Thousand Angels"	#349	
Song "Lamb of God"	#176	
Lord's Supper & Contribution Preside— Jason Wohnhas		
Song "He Lives"	#346	
Song "Bethlehem... Galilee...Gethsemane"	#357	
Song "I Believe in Jesus"	#356	
Scripture	Luke 24:13-21	Mason Embry
Sermon	"An Open Door to Stand Amazed"	Terry Chapman
Invitation Song "I Stand Amazed"	#147	
Closing Song "To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way"	#867	
Closing Prayer/Announcements	Ed Hunnicutt	
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.

3/24/24
Attendance Sunday AM – 227

Budget	\$10,424	Contribution	\$7,407
YTD Budget	\$125,088	YTD Contribution	\$141,983

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:

Susie Kennedy(Susie Jackson's relatives) lung biopsy next week.
Cora Hertel (Hertel's daughter in-law) diagnosed with aggressive thyroid cancer. Surgery April 18.
Coy Edwards (friend from OK) recovering from quintuple bypass surgery.
Rachel Cox (Linda V. friend) breast cancer surgery complications, young mother of 3 children.
Molly Adkins (Gwen C. aunt) passed, pray for the family.
Bill McQuaide (Mark Ipe's step-father) leg circulation problems.
Kim and Clay Steere family (Ipe's daughter) prayers for her 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.

OUT OF TOWN:

Jill Gravenites (IL, Dianne Binkoski's sister) more test.
Deb Magner's Family (MA) Debs sister's fiancé passed suddenly, please pray for God's comfort.
Ella Fair (Ed Hunnicutt's aunt) passed, pray for her family.
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.) 3/31/24