

THE WAYPOINT



"a reference point along a course to reach a destination"

APRIL 14, 2024

South Trail Church of Christ

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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 so happy to see each smiling face this morning! What a blessing it is to come together to exalt our God and praise Him in worship. Our expressions of prayers, songs, communion, generosity, and studying God's Word are all from the gratitude within the depth of our hearts. Every Lord's Day we count our blessings and seek God's guidance for the week ahead. May God bless our time together today.

POTLUCK

Next Sunday we will have a special fellowship after the morning worship. We invite everyone to plan to stay for the meal. Our members are encouraged to bring their favorite dish to share together. Our guests are invited to just bring yourselves and your appetite. We look forward to getting to know you better, and next week to share a meal following our praise to our Creator who made all the blessings we will share at that meal.

"AN OPEN DOOR IN 2024



O.W.L.S APRIL TRIP— OWLS trip to see The Secret Garden at Players Centre for Performing Arts today April 14th at 2pm, **but everyone must be there by 1:30 pm.**

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—
Gospel of John
Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events—

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

04/18— Ladies Bible Class 10 a.m.

04/20— FBC Spaghetti Dinner @ Creekside Church of Christ 4 p.m.

04/21— Potluck 11:45 a.m.

04/27— FBC BBQ @ High Springs 11 a.m.

MINISTER COLUMN

Communication is a key element to every avenue of our lives. It is a must for our friendships, marriages, workplace, family matters and church. Find poor communication and problems follow. Do a quick google search on “bible verses on communication” and you will be inundated on verses where speech and communication has high value. Ultimately, why is communication so important?

1. ****Unity and Fellowship:** ****** Effective communication fosters unity among church members by ensuring everyone is informed about events, activities, and important updates. It also encourages fellowship and a sense of belonging within the church community.
2. ****Clarity of Vision:** ****** Clear communication helps convey the church's vision, mission, and values to the congregation. This alignment of understanding enables everyone to work together towards common goals and initiatives.
3. ****Building Trust:** ****** Transparent and open communication builds trust between church leaders, members, and visitors. When information is shared honestly and consistently, it creates a sense of reliability and accountability within the church community.
4. ****Strengthening Relationships:** ****** Good communication strengthens relationships by promoting active listening, empathy, and understanding. It provides opportunities for meaningful interactions, support, and encouragement among church members.
5. ****Effective Ministry:** ****** Communication is essential for effective ministry outreach. It enables the church to communicate the message of the gospel, invite people to events and services, and engage with the broader community in meaningful ways.
6. ****Resolving Conflicts:** ****** Clear and respectful communication is vital for addressing conflicts and misunderstandings within the church. It allows for open dialogue, reconciliation, and the restoration of relationships.
7. ****Adaptability and Growth:** ****** In a rapidly changing world, good communication helps the church stay adaptable and responsive to the needs of its members and the community. It facilitates feedback, idea-sharing, and continuous improvement.

Overall, good communication is a cornerstone of a healthy and thriving church community. It promotes unity, trust, understanding, and effective ministry, ultimately contributing to the spiritual growth and well-being of all involved.

About two years ago me and Justin Seymour previewed some church software at a church of Christ conference. It was developed by a member of the church of Christ for the Church of Christ. Our Shepherds have the vision to see how this can help us more effectively communicate. It is an app we use just for South Trail. Several of our members have been giving it a test drive as you read this article. In the upcoming weeks, we will begin to roll this out to small groups until we have everyone we can using it. It will bring all of South Trail's databases under one umbrella. The app is simple to use. It has many beneficial features that you will soon learn about. So far, the response from all who are using it is “WOW”. Just make sure if we do not have your email or an updated email to get that to us. If you would like to be an early adopter and learn it to help others, email craigstcoc@comcast.net otherwise it will be coming to you soon anyway.

Craig Embry

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL – TREATMENT

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

Caroline Hellmer (Linda V. grand-daughter) treatments/improving.

HOME –

Larry & Dianne Binkoski, traveling.

Margaret Crabb, weak.

Fecith Bess, surgery recovery.

Larry Reams, heart cath. procedure success .

Victoria Steele, cancer, awaiting test.

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

Bert Bolin, foot surgery recovery.

Warren Embry, heart procedure went well, recovering.

Cora Hertel (Hertel's daughter in-law) aggressive thyroid cancer, surgery April 18.

Miguel Martinez and family.

Mary Ann Gardner and family.

Bob Hughes, pulmonary embolism.

Karen Lund, possible surgery in April.

Jon Purdum, rehab.

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 –

Shelia Thompson(IN, former member) health issues.

Ray Walker (Linda V. stepdad) Surgery recovery.

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

Cali Rissler (Chapman's grand-daughter) 5 yrs old, having tests.

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

David Doederlein (CA, Ron's son) brain tumor is spreading.

John Caldcleugh (TX, J. Cook's son-in-law)

Deacons—

Bruce Cook
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Dan McCartney
703-401-3662 (Grounds)

Larry Reams
513.484.4868 (Hospitality Groups)

David Seymour
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Justin Seymour
941.650-1297 (Audio/Video)



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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.

ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK— The next date for service will be May 14 at 1:00p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board, as only 10 people can serve. Please see Nancy Jones or Mary Hughes if you have any questions.

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.

REMINDER— While Bruce Cook is recovering, Craig Ross will be the interim contact person for the Worship Leader Schedule, if you are unable to serve you can contact Craig by email at cross1658@gmail.com or by phone (740) 571-1129. Thank you.

REMINDER— All prayer request and updates should be sent to beckystcoc@gmail.com.

Worship Assembly 4/14/24

Song "Faith Is the Victory" #469
Welcome/Song Leader Craig Ross

Song "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #586
Song "Higher Ground" #539

Prayer Mark Bassett

Song "He Is Able" #213
Song "In Gethsemane Alone" Screen Only

Lord's Supper & Contribution Preside— Scott Blomeley

Song "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #57
Song "Faith of Our Fathers" #754
Song "Shine, Jesus, Shine" #290

Scripture Hebrews 11:1-10 Steve Gleason
Sermon "An Open Door to the Majesty of Faith" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "Victory in Jesus" #470
Closing Song "How Firm a Foundation" #457

Closing Prayer/Announcements Craig Ross
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.

4/7/24
Attendance Sunday AM — 168

Budget	\$10,424	Contribution	\$6,190
YTD Budget	\$145,936	YTD Contribution	\$156,329

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 results showed she is cancer free.
Rachel Cox (Linda V. friend) breast cancer surgery complications, young mother of 3 children.
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:

Pam LeSage (Debbie Magner's Sister) sudden loss of her fiancé, pray for comfort..
Gail Biskner (MI, Trudy Ashby former member's sister) shoulder and arm surgery, recovering.
Jill Gravenites (IL, Dianne Binkoski's sister) more test.
Sarah Ross (NC,Ross' daughter in-law) pregnancy 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.
Joyce Embry (KY, Craig E.'s mom) broken foot.
Sandra Curtis (TN, Linda Hunnicutt's friend) chemo, heart surgery complications.
Courtney Hall (OH , Craig and Jodi R. friends) mastectomy recovery, mom of 3 young daughters.
Gary Whalin Jr. (KY, Melodye's 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, doing well.
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 (Miami); 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.) 4/14/24

Craig Embry's Wednesday Night Bible Class (4-10-24) Outline.

Sin is always wrong:

- Opening Scripture: Romans 3:23 - "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

- Explanation: Sin is universal and separates us from God's perfect standard. Sin is black & white. There is no grey area. It either is or isn't sinful as found in scripture. Over time we have become more acceptant to the world's sinful ways and views.

*Definition of Sin**

- Define sin as any thought, word, or action that violates God's moral law or goes against His will.

What is sin?

1. **Romans 14:23** Everything that does not come from faith.
2. **John 5:17** All wrongdoing is sin.
3. **James 4:17.** If anyone knows how to do good, they ought to do it, otherwise it is sin.
4. **I John 3:4** Everyone who breaks the law. Sin is lawlessness.

- Emphasize: Sin not only harms our relationship with God but also affects our relationships with others and ourselves.

1. Even If We Do Not Know Better - Acts 3:17,19
2. Even If We Do It with A Clear Conscience - Acts 23:1; Acts 22:1-5; I Timothy 1:15
3. Even If It Is Legal - Acts 5:29
4. Even If Someone Respectable Approves It - I John 4:1
5. Even If "No One Gets Hurt" - Numbers 32:23
6. Even If We Do Not Get Caught - Hebrews 4:13
7. Even If It Is Not as Bad As What Someone Else Did - James 2:9
8. Even If We Were Trying to Do Good - II Samuel 6
9. Even If Someone Else Influenced Us - Genesis 3:12,13
10. Even If We "Can't Help Ourselves" - II Peter 2:14

Sin has consequences: Romans 6:23

Sin is deceptive: Proverbs 14:12