

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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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—

POTLUCK—There will be a potluck meal today following the worship service. Hospitality Groups 1 and 4 are in charge of clean up. Plan to stay and enjoy the fellowship.

ARMOR OF GOD LADIES' BIBLE CLASS—It was great to have about 60 ladies attend the kickoff Hospitality "Tea" last Sunday. The class begins today in the fellowship room, studying "The Armor of God" from Ephesians 6:10-18.

GUEST TEACHER—Next Sunday morning in the auditorium, Tim Bozagni will be speaking to the men on Fathers as Leaders. On Wednesday evening, Tim will speak to the auditorium class on "Habits of Healthy Families." We look forward to Tim sharing these lessons with us.



**JESUS AND ME
IN 2023**



OWLS—The OWLS SRQ airport tour is Monday, April 3, at 10 a.m.

MAGI BOXES—The date to pack MAGI Boxes is Saturday, April 8, at 10 a.m. A light lunch will follow.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—

Hebrews

Sunday Worship

Wednesday Night Class—

Knowing God

Upcoming Events—

4/3—OWLS SRQ Airport Tour—10 a.m.

4/6—Ladies' Bible Class—10 a.m.

4/8—Pack MAGI Boxes—10 a.m.

4/9—Egg Hunt—11:45 a.m.

4/14—Youth Event—6:30 p.m.

4/18—All Faiths Food Bank—1 p.m.

PREACHER'S COLUMN

SARASOTA COUNTY FAIR BOOTH

As a congregation, we spent 10 days with our friends and neighbors at the Sarasota County Fair. Over those days, there were about 30 members who worked in our booth, to meet and greet folks, and share invitations and information about New Testament Christianity as taught and practiced by us. We gave out 250 drawstring backpacks, about 150 Bibles, 200+ pens, 60+ Chik-fil-A gift cards (donated by Jeff & Tricia Mangrum), 300 calendars, about eight cases of bottled water, many gospel tracts, VBS invitations, and most importantly, the love of Christ. Your goodwill and joy was a shining light at the SCF. There were so many positive things from being present and engaging with people. We were able to reacquaint ourselves with old friends, family members of our own congregation, meet Christians who no longer attend anywhere, and invite all to come study the Bible and worship God with us. We received about 40 prayer requests, and those will be shared for your prayers too. A special thanks to Terry Crocker for making the "Price to Follow" wheel, which was spun by probably 1000 people. We will be using the wheel at VBS and FBC this summer too.

Many of you came by the booth, as you were there to enjoy all the other festivities. Do you have any memories of going to the county fair when you were young? Most of us enjoyed the rides and the food, and some raised animals for 4-H projects. Some sold those animals to put the proceeds into college funds, cars, or savings accounts. There are some places and types of events that stir vivid memories from our youth. For all who worked the South Trail booth, our hope is that you saw the fair attendees and realized each one of them has an eternal soul. They need to hear about God's grace. We have the good news of Jesus Christ, and there is no other salvation but through Him. (Acts 4:10-12, John 14:6) For us to share the gospel, we must meet people where they are and influence them through our positive interaction. One thing that was positive last week was the "salt was out of the salt shaker." Jesus told his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth." (Matthew 5:13) How can we be salt if we do not contact those who need Christ?

Many stopped at our booth and asked questions. Some were simple, "Where are you located?" Or some would see our banner which stated, "Have You Obeyed the Gospel?" Doors were opened in those moments, whether brief or longer, and the words we spoke were seeds sown into their minds and hearts. We need to pray that God will water those seeds. (Luke 8:11)

Almost every shift of three or four hours had multiple brothers and sisters at the booth, so we enjoyed fellowship. One shift had eight people show up for the same time slot. No, there was not a mix-up, but just good old enthusiasm. Some members worked three, four, or five shifts, and others were there for one time. How great that our leaders were there showing us how to be Christ followers and seeking to disciple others. You should be proud of South Trail's efforts this past week. May all we do be to the glory of God!

The eldership wants your feedback on the efforts used at the SCF 2023, so be sure and look for them at today's potluck and share with them your thoughts. Maybe you had some innovative way to help make our booth more attractive or appealing for the future. Please share them with the elders, Craig, Ron Doederlein, or Terry. They will be using your input to make a decision about next year's participation or making this an event for alternating years in the future. South Trail is always seeking to show the love of Christ in all we do! Pray for more opportunities.

Terry Chapman

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL – TREATMENT

Ricc Lopez, recovering from heart attack.
Craig Embry, broken foot.
Dianne Binkoski, foot surgery 4/12.
Roy LaBard, shoulder surgery 4/17.
Chuck Richardson, MRI.
Gary Jackson, 3/31 appt.
Shelia Thompson, blood clots in legs.
Betty Herman, Surrey Place.
Betty McCracken (Mickey L.'s mother) cancer treatment.
Lois Gleason, hospice at Bay Vue.
Caroline Hellmer (Linda Vernon's granddaughter) treatments.
Eric Ipe (Mark & Robin's son)

HOME –

Terry Crocker, diabetes issues.
Rosie Rogers, bronchitis.
Victoria Steele, heart medication.
Gay Torrey, recovering.
Donna Johnson, injured foot.
Chuck Jones, recovering.
Jaime Baker
Cathy Faust, legal matter.
Johnny Maschino, declining.
Patrick & Marianne Owens
Patricia Hawk
Mary Merritt

OUT OF TOWN –

Delores Tackett (TX, Doug's mother)
Lisa Boyette (VA) recovering.
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 mother) home.
David Doederlein (CA, Ron's son) recovering from tumor surgery.
John Caldcleugh (TX, J. Cook's son-in-law) chemo treatments on-going.
Maeson Sutton (Bob's great grandson) recovering from surgery.

GRIEVING— Family of Bill Scutt, former member who passed away last week in NC. Keep family in your prayers.

FAMILY LIFE COLUMN

EGG HUNT—There will be an Egg Hunt following services next week for the younger kids with the older kids hiding the eggs. All youth will meet in the fellowship room directly after services.

How easy it is to forget that Jesus was a human man at one point, dealing with the everyday things we face. Have you ever reached a point in a late afternoon where you have been busy all day and nutrition has not been on your mind? Or been in a location where a meal was not accessible? Or your funds were low on a particular day and you were relegated to eating cheap junk food that did not fill you up? You probably have been on that end of being “hangry.” Or maybe you have been on the receiving end of it. You know that feeling, when you are hungry and frustrated and the next person to say something cross to you has a death wish. Or the next item to cross your path will get kicked across the universe.

We have all been there, but this is not who we usually are. There are commercials today that even make light of it, Snickers candy bars for one. They portray someone that is “hangry” as an ugly animal acting badly until

they are fixed by eating a Snickers bar. We take for granted in our daily lives that food is easily obtainable. Fast food is right around the next turn. Or we can have food brought to us with a call or text.

Jesus faced times of being “hangry.” It makes him more relatable. In his travels food was not always easy to obtain. No Chick-fil-A around the next corner. Look at these verses:

Mark 11:12-14 “The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. Then he said to the tree, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard him say it.”

Jesus was “hangry” with the fig tree. The tree did nothing wrong, nor could it. Learn two things from this. Jesus was a human with everyday concerns like you and me. Appreciate the sacrifices he has made for you. The other is, take time out of your day to eat and avoid getting hangry, it’s not pretty on you or Jesus! Craig Embry

The youth are on lesson 1 this week.

Deacons—

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Jason Wohnhas
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TRAIL MIX—This is the last Sunday the Nordstroms will be with us before returning to Tennessee, and the Holsingers to Kentucky. The Whites have left for Indiana for the birth of a great grandchild. William Hendley has returned to Kentucky. We will miss them until next season. Melodye Whalin is in Kentucky with her sister, Carol Sandidge.

THANK YOU—Many thanks to the ladies who worked on Saturday and Sunday and those who prepared food items for the Hospitality-“Tea” to be so wonderful. Special thanks to Robin Williams for the truffles; Sherry Cook for the shortbread cookies; Crystal Kroll made beautiful floral centerpieces; and Mary Rivard for the wrapped napkins. You all helped to make this a wonderful experience. This was a great success, and shows what can be done when we all pull together. Thanks to Tammy Holmes for teaching, and Gwen for helping plan this event and class quarter.

ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK—The next volunteer date for the Food Bank is Tuesday, April 18, at 1 p.m.

DIRECTORY PICTURES—Beginning today and running through the end of April, Doris Edwards will be taking updated pictures for the directory in Room 11. Her schedule is as follows—

- Sunday before class 9:00 to 9:20
- Sunday between class & worship 10:15 to 10:25
- Sunday following worship 11:45 to 12:00
- Wednesday before class 6:30 to 6:55
- Wednesday following class 8:00 to 8:15

DONATIONS—Plastic eggs and wrapped candy are needed for next week’s egg hunt. Please drop off your donations in Room 12 by this Wednesday night.

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.

Worship Assembly 4/2/23

Song "The Steadfast Love of the Lord" #123
Welcome/Song Leader Mark Bassett

Song "How Great Thou Art" #76
Prayer John Walters

Song "He Leadeth Me" #410
Song "A Wonderful Savior" #508
Song "By Christ Redeemed" #366

Lord's Supper & Contribution Preside—Charles Thurman

Song "Victory in Jesus" #470
Song "Faith Is the Victory" #469

Scripture 1 Corinthians 13:8-13 Mitch Ravesloot
Sermon "Now Abides ... Faith" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "Why Keep Jesus Waiting?" #927

Shepherd's Prayer/Announcements Ed Hunnicutt

Sound Room/Projection—Caleb Betts
Communion Assist—Bob Sutton & Mason Embry
Wednesday Night Sound Room—Miralyn Gleason (4/5)

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.

3/26/23
Attendance Sunday AM — 196

Budget	\$10,228	Contribution	\$33,624
YTD Budget	\$132,964	YTD Contribution	\$198,089

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:

Igne Reif (L. Gleason's friend) hospice at Bay Vue.
Kaitlyn Arnold (Bashara's friend) cancer diagnosis.
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:

Jim Kelley (TX, Couch's friend) gall bladder surgery complications, dementia.
Chuck Jordan (KY, Miralyn's friend) recovering from surgery.
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) head injury from fall.
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) on liver transplant list.
Julie Carlisle (OR, Charles T.'s sister) make good choices.
Thelma Kegler (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) maintenance 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: John & Peggy Bolotin, 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) 4/2/23