

# THE WAYPOINT



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

APRIL 21, 2024

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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 glad you are here today. Sunday is the best day of the week! We come together to meet with our Heavenly Father, and the fellowship is a sweet communion. As we worship, let's remember the journey is important because it leads to a final destination. The goal is to spend eternity with God in heaven. Jesus came to make it possible. Our lives are being lived by His grace to His glory!

### POTLUCK

Today is our monthly potluck, so please stay and eat with us. You may not have planned on it, but it will be the best food at the best price with the best company in town! As we enjoy the food, we will share some thoughts as we bid John Walters "Godspeed." John is moving to Indiana with his new wife, Tammy. While we celebrate their marriage, we will miss John a lot. Let's all share our love for John and Tammy. Are you hungry?

### "AN OPEN DOOR IN 2024



**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.

### YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—  
Gospel of John  
Sunday Worship

## Upcoming Events—

- 04/25— Ladies Bible Class 10 a.m.
- 04/27— FBC BBQ @ High Springs 11 a.m.
- 05/04— Rockin' Bobbins 10a.m.
- 05/06— O.W.L.S @ 10 a.m.
- 05/09— Ladies Bible Class Birthday/Tea 10 a.m.
- 05/14— All Faiths Food Bank @ 1 p.m.

## SERMON OUTLINE

### “An Open Door to Not Limiting God”

Text: Psalm 78

- The history of the Jews reveals they tried God — His love and care over & over.
- God is infinite and sovereign over all, but He asks for us to t\_\_\_\_\_ Him.

Psalm 78 describes the history of Israel from the Exodus to the division of the kingdom. Note some key points made by the psalmist Asaph —

78:10 — “they did not keep the covenant of God”

78:10 — “they refused to walk in His law”

78:11 — “they forgot His works”

78:17 — “they sinned even more against Him”

78:18 — “they tested God in their heart”

78:36 — “they flattered Him with their mouth”

78:40 — “they provoked Him”

78:41 — “they tempted God”

78:41 — “and limited the Holy One of Israel”

*How can we limit God?*

1. God is limited by our u\_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 3:12-13, 19)

Faith must be c\_\_\_\_\_ -like. (Matthew 18:1-5)

2. God is limited by our d\_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 3:16-18)

O\_\_\_\_\_ is required. (2 Kings 5:1-14)

3. God is limited by our failure to p\_\_\_\_\_. (James 4:2-3, Matthew 7:7-11)

Faith removes d\_\_\_\_\_ and releases God’s power. (Mt. 21:21-22)

## MOVING — AND WE WILL MISS THEM!

Several of our members are moving or have recently moved. We want to stay in touch with several who are moving. So here is some valuable information to stay connected to them. Let them know how much we love and will miss each one of them.

**Bill and Anna Burns** have moved to Port Charlotte as of April 9th. Their new address is 3126 Harbor Blvd 3A Port Charlotte, FL 33952

**John Walters** is moving to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and be with his new wife, Tammy. Their new address is 5111 Forest Ave Fort Wayne, Indiana 46815.

**John and Mary Williamson** have moved to Tennessee. Their new address is 185 Shoally Branch Road Leoma, TN 38468 Phone: 941-735-5166.

## PRAYER LIST

### LOCAL – TREATMENT

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

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

### HOME –

Cora Hertel (Hertel’s daughter in-law) recovering from surgery.

Karen Lund, recovering from surgery.

Larry & Dianne Binkoski, traveling. Margaret Crabb, weak.

Fecith Bess, recovery for 8 weeks. Victoria Steele, cancer, awaiting test.

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

Bert Bolin, foot surgery recovery.

Miguel Martinez and family.

Mary Ann Gardner and family.

Bob Hughes, pulmonary embolism. 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 removal recovery.

Cali Rissler (Chapman’s granddaughter) 5 yrs old, good test report.

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

David Doederlein (CA, Ron’s son) brain tumor is spreading, getting weaker, but his faith is strong.

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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**TRAIL MIX** – We will miss several as they have headed north for the summer already— the Whites, Morrisons, Wilburs, and Longs. This week will see the Hodges, Roy and Sharon Weaver, Krolls, and the Rivards leaving. Please tell them how much they will be missed. The Blomeleys are traveling for a couple of weeks. Doug Tackett & Ed Hunicutt are home safe from their sailing around the southern part of the state. We look forward to their sailor stories. Craig and Jodi Ross are in North Carolina for the birth of their first grandchild. Pray for their daughter in law, Sarah, & baby, & Dad, Levi, too.


**SYMPATHIES** —

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Betty Herman**, who passed away on April 17th. She had been struggling but the end was peaceful, and Debbie was with her. The memorial will be held on Saturday, May 18, at 11 a.m. here at South Trail.

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Matthew Azevedo**, the brother of Briana Mangrum, who passed suddenly. The family is struggling as he was a young man. Keep these families in your prayers.

**BAPTISM**—We rejoice with the angels in heaven as Lana Hayes, a friend of Linda Turner, was baptized on Thursday after studying with both Linda and Terry. Welcome our new sister. May God bless her new life in Christ.

**O.W.L.S**—Our last meeting of the season will be May, 6th at 10 am. We are having someone from the Women's Resource Center of Sarasota come to speak to us about what services they offer and how we might help in those efforts. Please bring finger foods, and plan to attend. See you there!

 **TEA**— Ladies of you are cordially invited to a Birthday/Tea after Ladies Bible Class on Thursday May 9th as we celebrate the birthday of our dear sister, Rosie Routh. Cards are welcome— only your presence is needed. Please sign up on the board outside the fellowship room to insure plenty of food. Bible Study begins at 10 a.m. with lunch following. All ladies are welcome.

**ROCKIN' BOBBINS**— The sewing group will meet on May 4, 2024 at 10 a.m.

**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.

## Worship Assembly 4/21/24

Song "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" #509  
Welcome/Song Leader Mark Bassett

Song "I Need Thee Every Hour" #837

Prayer Dave Thompson

Song "I Am Resolved" #948

Song "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" #770

Song "The Lord's Supper" Screen Only

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

Preside— Bill Johnson

Song "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen" #722

Song "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" #648

Scripture Psalm 78:32-41 Mark Ipe

Sermon "An Open Door to Not Limiting God" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "Trust and Obey" #915

Closing Prayer/Announcements Doug Tackett

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.

4/14/24  
Attendance Sunday AM — 189

Budget	\$10,424	Contribution	\$7,933
YTD Budget	\$156,360	YTD Contribution	\$162,519

## 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:**

Linda Kuiken (Marsha's friend) chemo.  
Neill & Maico Moses (Miraly'n's nephew) praying to start a family.  
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 (Miraly'n's friend) cancer.  
Gordon Thompson (Miraly'n's friend) cancer.

### **OUT OF TOWN:**

Jack Cole (AR, Bonnie's brother) heart surgery recovery.  
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) finished radiation treatments, doing well.  
Venia Jean Jordan (KY, Miraly'n's friend) health issues/ fell.  
Melissa Pierce (KY, Embry's friend)  
Michael Monroe (IN, Dayna's cousin) lung cancer.  
Rick McMahan (MI, Carole J.'s nephew) multiple myeloma/Guillain Barre Syndrome, feeling better.  
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.) 4/21/24