

THE WAYPOINT



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

APRIL 23, 2023

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Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes —

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m..

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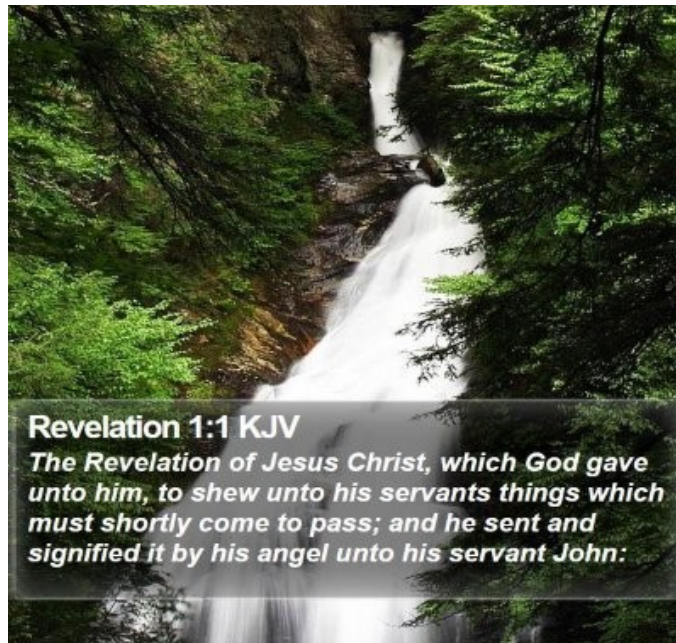
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What's Happening—

VBS MEETING—There will be a VBS Meeting in the fellowship room next Sunday, April 30, following the morning worship. Those who are interested in helping with VBS should plan to attend as well as anyone who wants to know more about it. VBS will be great!

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST—A Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 6, at 8 a.m.



Revelation 1:1 KJV

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

JESUS AND ME IN 2023



OWLS—The OWLS will meet on Monday, May 8, at 10 a.m. Terry Chapman will bring the devotional for this last meeting of the season.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—
Hebrews
Sunday Worship
Wednesday Night Class—
Rejoicing in Song

Upcoming Events—

4/27—Ladies' Bible Class—10 a.m.
5/6—Men's Prayer Breakfast—8 a.m.
5-6—Elder/Deason Meeting—9 a.m.
5/6—Potluck Set Up HG2&3—10 a.m.
5/6—FBC Cabin 8 Work Day
5/7—Potluck—11:45 a.m.
5/8—OWLS—10 a.m.

SERMON OUTLINE

Keys to the Book of Revelation

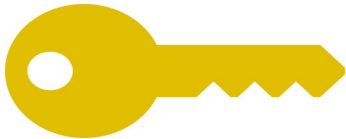
Revelation 1:1-8

- Have you read the book of Revelation? What was your reaction to it?
- Do you ever hear people talking about what Revelation means? Do their interpretations create an emotional reaction in you?

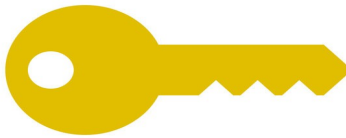
Revelation has a basic message found in 17:14 –

Who wins in the end? J_____ is victorious!

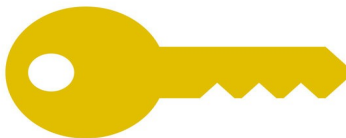
Let's consider some keys to understanding this vision given to John.



S_____ (1:1)
“To show by signs or symbols” – such as:
Colors – white, black, red, pale, purple
Numbers – 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 1000
Symbols – Air, Earth, Sea, Stars, War



C_____ (1:2-20)
Alpha and Omega – First and Last
Jesus' presence and appearance
Jesus' power – Keys of Hades and Death



T_____ (4:1-5:14)
Lion and Lamb
King of Kings and Lord of Lords (17:14)
Bridegroom and the Bride (church)

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

FROM FRANCE—Despite being close to becoming caught up by one of the violent outbreaks recently, Tammy was able to continue attempts at “cold turkey” evangelism downtown. We pass out literature in a busy downtown shopping center, approach people about God, and have now established enough contacts to conduct studies daily. After dinner with our Muslim neighbors, we got into a long conversation culminating in opening scriptures. Please pray for this opportunity. We continue providing African brothers and large numbers

throughout the world with materials and spiritual support through online presence and still teach and minister to the local congregation. A young lady with an infant is visiting regularly after a neighbor told her good things about the congregation. Our gypsy friends continue growing in their understanding and our daughter's best childhood friend now studies and worships with us regularly. The work here is built on your help and prayers. We ask God daily to return to you in blessings what you have done for us.

In Him, Daniel and Tammy

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL - TREATMENT

Martha Culp, recovering from cataract surgery.
Charlotte Haznedar, Life Care rehab.
Dianne Binkoski, recovering from foot surgery.
Chuck Richardson, MRI results.
Shelia Thompson, pain.
Lois Gleason, hospice at Bay Vue.
Caroline Hellmer (Linda Vernon's granddaughter) treatments.
Eric Ipe (Mark & Robin's son)

HOME -

Donna Johnson, recovering from fall.
Roy LaBard, appt 5/4.
Margaret Crabb, sore from fall.
Robin Ipe, work challenges.
Terry Crocker, infection.
Rosie Rogers, bronchitis.
Victoria Steele, heart medication.
Cathy Faust, legal matter.
Patrick & Marianne Owens
Patricia Hawk
Mary Merritt

OUT OF TOWN -

Richard & Elaine Hertel (MN, Mike's parents) heart/dementia.
Gary & Delores Tackett (TX, Doug's parents) blood clots/TIAs.
Melissa Dill (MI) FL housing.
Hunter & Briana Mangrum
Lucille Hunnicutt (TN, Ed's mother) home.
David Doederlein (CA, Ron's son) chemo/radiation treatments.
John Caldcleugh (TX, J. Cook's son-in-law) chemo treatments on-going.
Maeson Sutton (Bob's great grandson) bone marrow transplant is working, slowly improving.

FAMILY LIFE COLUMN

We live in a world today that has bred laziness and lack of responsibility or accountability. For our youth to be successful, not only in the world but in the Lord's church, they need to be taught how to work. The schools today are not the same schools where many of us grew up. Not completing or turning in work seems not to be a big deal. The consequences are often nonexistent if there are any at all. So that leaves parents and grandparents to ensure this is being taught. The Bible is not slack on its teachings about work. The Bible encourages hard work as a virtue and a means to achieve success and fulfill God's purposes. In the book of Proverbs it says, "In all toil, there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty." (Proverbs 14:23) This verse emphasizes the importance of putting in effort and working hard, as it leads to positive outcomes and benefits.

Furthermore, the Bible also teaches that laziness and idleness can lead to negative consequences. In Proverbs 10:4 it says, "A

slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich." This verse suggests that those who are lazy or inactive will likely struggle financially, while those who are diligent and hardworking will be prosperous.

The Apostle Paul also emphasizes the value of hard work in his letter to the Colossians where he writes, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." (Colossians 3:23-24) Here, Paul encourages believers to work with enthusiasm and diligence, as they are ultimately serving God through their efforts.

In summary, the Bible teaches that hard work is a valuable and essential component of a fulfilling life. By putting in effort and being diligent, individuals can achieve success, fulfill their purpose, and ultimately serve God.

Craig Embry

The youth are on lesson 4 this week.

Deacons—

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Justin Seymour
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TRAIL MIX—Terry Crocker is visiting family in Mississippi for a couple of weeks.

BAPTISM— We rejoice with the angels as Bert Bolin was baptized by Ron Doederlein on April 18th. Ron and Dayna Couch had been studying with Bert. Welcome our new sister in Christ. Bert will be going to Ohio in May and returning in the fall. Her directory page is available at the entrances.

SYMPATHY—Sympathy is extended to the Couch family as Dayna's uncle, Gene Churchman, passed away on April 18th. Please keep the family in your prayers.

FBC WORK DAY—Florida Bible Camp has planned a work day on Saturday, May 6, to focus on getting the grounds ready for summer camp. See Craig if you are willing to help.

UPDATE—The Hertel's new address is 19680 Blue Mimosa Lane, Venice, 34292.

OLD EYE GLASSES AND HEARING AIDS NEEDED—

Please look around the house and see if you can find those old glasses or hearing aids you don't need any more. Both can be cleaned and repaired and given to those who can't afford new ones. The condition does not matter as they will be restored for reuse. Bring them to church and give them to either Marsha Blomeley or Bob Sutton. Your help is appreciated.

DIRECTORY PICTURES—For the remainder of April, Doris Edwards will be taking updated pictures for the directory in Room 11. Picture schedule is:

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

Worship Assembly 4/23/23

Song "We Praise Thee, O God"	#2	
Welcome/Song Leader	Craig Ross	
Song "Holy, Holy, Holy"	#47	
Song "Be with Me, Lord"	#778	
Song "Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer"	#777	
Prayer	Anthony Poignard	
Song "Nearer, Still Nearer"	#478	
Song "'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow"	#334	
Lord's Supper & Contribution Preside—Doug Tackett		
Song "The Battle Belongs to the Lord"	#749	
Song "When We All Get to Heaven"	#853	
Scripture	Revelation 1:1-8	Mark Ipe
Sermon	"Keys to the Book of Revelation"	Terry Chapman
Invitation Song "Just As I Am"	#924	
Closing Song "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"	#711	
Shepherd's Prayer/Announcements	Ed Hunnicutt	

Sound Room/Projection—Caleb Betts
Communion Assist—Bob Sutton & Mason Embry
Wednesday Night Sound Room—Dan McCartney (4/26)

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.

4/16/23
Attendance Sunday AM — 167

Budget	\$10,228	Contribution	\$6,445
YTD Budget	\$163,648	YTD Contribution	\$228,544

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:

Joann & Marianne Nicht (Colleen M.'s 89 yr old twin neighbors) safety.
Nancy Seger (Carolyn K.'s cousin) health.
Iris Helmuth (Susie J.'s friend) cancer.
Kaitlyn Arnold (Bashara's friend) cancer diagnosis.
Doug King (Embry's friend) cancer, cat scan.
Judi Dunaway (Dave Holmes' sister) lung biopsy.
Susan (Dayna & Bert's friend) cancer surgery 5/3.
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 (Miraly'n's sister) treatments, ultrasound 5/4.
Dot Ann Erickson (Deb M.'s friend) health, financial, family issues.

OUT OF TOWN:

Tina Rogers (Roger's daughter-in-law) cancer.
Michael Monroe (IN, Dayna's cousin) lung cancer.
Geola King (MA, Deb M.'s niece) hand injury.
Shirley McDonald (IN, Colleen M.'s relative) job situation.
Brad Weaver (IN, Colleen M.'s friend) soul.
Shantell Sparks (IN, Colleen M.'s friend) cancer.
Rick McMahan (MI, Carole J.'s nephew) multiple myeloma.
Barbara Burns (TN, Mary R.'s cousin) tests.
Mike Elledge (preacher in GA, formerly at Midway) recovering from surgery.
Mike Cooper (IN, Colleen M.'s friend) strength and healing.
Chris Monroe (IN, Colleen M.'s friend) soul.
Cindy Anderson & daughter Shawna (IN, Colleen M.'s friend) relationship.
Rosie Staton (IN, Colleen M.'s friend) skilled nursing.
Pat Zimmerman (IN, Colleen M.'s friend) breathing.
Eric Eby (IN, Colleen M.'s friend) health, tests.
David Miller (IN, Colleen M.'s cousin) cancer.
Sandra Williams (TN, Miraly'n's friend)
Jeanie Vilama (IN, Colleen McDonald's aunt)
Francis Byrd (TN, Colleen McDonald's friend) recovering from accident.
Jim Kelley (TX, Couch's friend) gall bladder surgery complications, dementia.
Chuck Jordan (KY, Miraly'n'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.
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.
Brenda Herman (IN, Dayna's cousin) dialysis, transplant list.
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, Miraly'n'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, Miraly'n's friend) maintenance treatments.
Laurel Gilbert (Riverview, LaBard's friend) death of grandson, Axel (Largo).
Ed Troutman (AR, Bonnie L.'s brother-in-law) cancer.
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: Jean Cook, Betty Herman, 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) 4/23/23