

THE WAYPOINT



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

APRIL 30, 2023

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Worship—

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes —

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

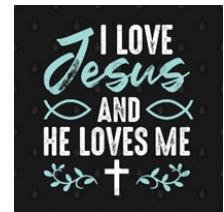
Wednesday 7:00 p.m..

What's Happening—

POTLUCK MEAL—Next Sunday, May 7, there will be a potluck meal following the worship services. Hospitality Groups 2 & 3 will set up on Saturday at 10 a.m. and Groups 1 & 4 will be in charge of clean up following the meal. Plan to bring your favorite dishes and enjoy the fellowship.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST—A Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 6, at 8 a.m.
—An Elder/Deacon Meeting will follow at 9 a.m.

**JESUS AND ME
IN 2023**



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HIM, "GO; YOUR
FAITH HAS MADE
YOU WELL."
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THE ROAD.
~ MARK 10:52**

VBS MEETING—There will be a VBS Meeting in the fellowship room today 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!

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—
Hebrews
Sunday Worship
Wednesday Night Class—
Bible Translations

Upcoming Events—

5/4—Ladies' Bible Class—10 a.m.
5/6—Men's Prayer Breakfast—8 a.m.
5-6—Elder/Deacon 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.

PREACHER'S COLUMN

"BREAD OF LIFE"

In the days following WWII, American troops in Europe found so many hungry children orphaned from the war who needed care. The children were placed in camps where they were well fed and received other care. Yet, the children were not sleeping well due to fear and anxiety. Finally, one of the doctors came across an idea. They gave each of the children a piece of bread to hold at night as they fell asleep. The result was amazing. The children began sleeping through the night. Knowing they had food for the morning made all the difference. The bread offered hope!

Jesus taught on one occasion, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." (John 6:35) Later He explained, "I am the bread which came down from heaven." (John 6:41) The Jewish leaders complained because of this claim. Heaven sent Jesus to offer us hope. Hope has power.

Hope has the power to say "I can" to life. (Philippians 4:13) As Paul discusses our mindset and thoughts, he tells how he had learned contentment. Contentment is significant to our outlook toward circumstances. Life has its ups and downs, so maintaining our joy in every set of life's happenings is critical. Ultimately, hope allows us to see God's hand in everything around us. Hope sustains us.

Hope gives enthusiasm and energy. "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ." (Titus 2:11-13) Since we believe He will return, it motivates us daily to live for His cause, His kingdom. Hope gives us a reason to offer this hope to others!

Hope changes things. "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." (Hebrews 10:23) God is faithful so we can count on His delivering as He has promised. Paul encourages us, "Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer." (Romans 12:11) Joy and peace accompany hope.

Terry Chapman

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

My neighbor asked me the other day when do I think God will return. My response was quite easy, "I don't know, but I am confident He will return." If I had based my answer on what is happening in India, I would say, "God isn't finished saving souls." The work in India is continuing to open up new doors. On June 27th, I am returning to India and part of my trip includes three new islands in the Bay of Bengal. Imagine if you will, there are still places on earth where the gospel has not been preached and people can't get a Bible. Over the past 18 months, I have traveled all over India and been blessed to play a small role in establishing churches as far north as the Pakistan-China border and as far east as the Andaman Nicobar Islands. Kudos to all here who continue to pray and help save souls in India. Without your support, none of this would be possible.

Doug Tackett

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL - TREATMENT

Sandra Harrelson, cataract surgery 5/4 & 5/11.
Dan McCartney, chemo/radiation.
Sheryl Belair, infected tooth/gums.
Martha Culp, upcoming 2nd 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 -

Jim Thompson
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 have many opportunities for volunteering. A few of these areas are coming up soon. As you see in many congregations, we are having a hard time attracting and keeping our youth. To do so we must be willing to help where needed. We need your time for VBS and at Florida Bible Camp. Even if it's just helping to keep an eye on kids, we need you!

The Bible contains several passages that encourage and inspire volunteering, which is the act of freely giving one's time, talents, and resources to serve others. Here are some of the main themes and verses on volunteering in the Bible—

- **Serving others**—The Bible teaches that we should serve others and put their needs before our own. Jesus himself said, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)
- **Using our gifts**—God has given each of us unique talents and abilities, and we are called to use them for the good of others. In 1 Peter 4:10 it says, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."
- **Helping the needy**—The Bible repeatedly calls on us to care for the poor, the sick, and the marginalized. In

James 1:27 it says, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

- **Giving generously**—Volunteering often involves giving of our resources, whether that be time, money, or other possessions. In 2 Corinthians 9:7 it says, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
- **Working for God's kingdom**—Ultimately, volunteering is a way to participate in God's work on earth and to bring about his kingdom. In Colossians 3:23-24 it says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

The Bible teaches that volunteering is an important way to serve others, use our gifts, care for the needy, give generously, to inspire our youth and participate in God's work on earth. By volunteering, we can show our love for God and others and make a positive impact in our communities.

Craig Embry

The youth are on lesson 5 this week.

Deacons—

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Justin Seymour
941.650-1297 (Audio/Video)

Jason Wohnhas
614.519.0195 (Young Families)



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TRAIL MIX—Andrew Miller will leave for England on May 15 for ten months of clinicals for his medical training. The Shumards are heading back to Ohio, and the Longs to Kentucky.

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. Please bring finger foods to share.

DIRECTORY PICTURES—Today is the last day to have Doris Edwards take your updated picture for the directory. 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

VBS WORK DAY—VBS Work Day will be on Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Help make VBS great!

UPDATE—Ricc Lopez's new address is 4105 Center Gate Boulevard, Sarasota, 34233

BENEFIT DINNER—Have an evening of fun and good food with fellow Christians, and provide a great benefit to Mount Dora Children's Home. On Saturday, May 13, there will be a benefit dinner and silent auction at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC, 522 North Howard Avenue, Tampa. This is a free dinner and all solicited donations will go directly to MDCH. The fun part will be the silent auction from 4-6 p.m. with a huge selection of items on which to bid. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. If you need a ride, let us know and we will try to work it out for you. Come join the fun and support MDCH at the same time. See Bob Sutton or Marsha Blomeley for more details and free tickets.

FBC CABIN 8—Work days for cabin 8 are May 6 and May 20. See Jason Wohnhas if you would like to help.

ROCKIN' BOBBINS—The sewing group will meet on Saturday, May 13, at 10 a.m..

Worship Assembly 4/30/23

Song "The Battle Belongs to the Lord" #749
Welcome/Song Leader Jason Wohnhas

Song "This World Is Not My Home" #957
Song "The Greatest Commands" #448

Prayer Josh Tackett

Song "We're Marching to Zion" #869
Song "Thank You, Lord" #474
Song "Come, Share the Lord" #364

Lord's Supper & Contribution Preside—Larry Reams

Song "The Steadfast Love of the Lord" #123
Song "I Keep Falling in Love with Him" #148
Song "I Will Call upon the Lord" #63

Scripture Mark 10:46-52 Caleb Tackett
Sermon "Diligently Seeking" Craig Embry

Invitation Song "Victory in Jesus" #470
Shepherd's Prayer/Announcements Doug Tackett

Sound Room/Projection—Caleb Betts
Communion Assist—Bob Sutton & Mason Embry
Wednesday Night Sound Room—Miralyn Gleason (5/3)

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.

4/23/23
Attendance Sunday AM — 180

Budget	\$10,228	Contribution	\$5,205
YTD Budget	\$173,876	YTD Contribution	\$233,749

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. Udenominational 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:

Bud Hughes (Bob's brother) upcoming back surgery.
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.
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:

Barry Foster (MI, Crystal's brother) recovering from leg bypass surgery.
Niel Bennett (TN preacher) throat cancer.
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, tests.
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) failing health.
Francis Byrd (TN, Colleen McDonald's friend) rehab.
Jim Kelley (TX, Couch's friend) gall bladder surgery complications, dementia.
Chuck Jordan (KY, Miraly'n's friend) recovering from surgery.
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) weak, living w/son.
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) 4/30/23