

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—

WELCOME

We are so thankful God has blessed us to come together each week to worship Him. When we focus on our Creator, we find mutual blessings to share and help one another grow in the Lord. God has shown us His love and we need to share it with each other regularly. May God fill us with joy, peace, hope, and love every time we are together. If we can open the Bible, and answer any questions you may have, please let us do so.

MEN FILLING IN FOR US

We are blessed to have capable men filling in this week while Terry is out of town. **Bill Johnson** is teaching the auditorium class on John. **Craig Ross** will be preaching today. On Wednesday evening, **Craig Embry** will be teaching the adult class in the fellowship room. Be sure and thank them for their willing and capable service. What a blessing to have so many gifted men among us! South Trail is very blessed and we thank God for all of you.

"AN OPEN DOOR IN 2024



ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK—

The next date for service is April 9 at 1:00p.m. Please see Nancy Jones or Mary Hughes.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—
Gospel of John
Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events—

04/09— All Faiths Food Bank 1 p.m.

04/11— Ladies Bible Class 10 a.m.

04/13— Young Adults Fellowship.

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

04/21— Potluck 11:45 a.m. followed by singing.

MINISTER COLUMN

"Speech! Speech!"

It was a busy Friday morning in the therapy gym. There were 15 or 16 patients scattered about completing a variety of therapy exercises. There were 4 therapists occupied throughout the gym directing those patients. One of the therapists rolled over to one of the patients who had "graduated" from therapy and was scheduled to return to her home the next day. Jason announced to the audience in the gym that "Ellen" had successfully completed her therapy and was going home. This announcement was met with applause and an array of whoops and hollers. One of the other therapists (me) began chanting, "Speech! Speech!" A few others chimed in and in a moment, "Ellen" stood from her wheelchair. She wanted to give a speech. The room, moments before filled with hustle and bustle, fell silent. "Ellen" started by thanking the therapists who had been instrumental in her progress and recovery. With a tear rolling down her cheek, she stated that it was because we had all done what Jesus had wanted us to do. She said she would miss all of us but would think of us often. This was "Ellen's" third time staying with us over the past 2 years. We thought she was finished with her thoughts but with an emotional urgency to her voice, she began to sing a song. Feelings she couldn't put into her own words she found in a familiar song written in 1932 by C.F. Weigle. Her voice cracking, she sang,

I would love to tell you what I think of Jesus,
Since I found in Him a friend so strong and true;
I would tell you how He changed my life completely,
He did something that no other friend could do.

As she began verse 2, many who knew the song joined her: the patient who is a minister, me, and others. Together, the unlikely choir continued,

All my life was full of sin when Jesus found me,
All my heart was full of misery and woe;
Jesus placed His strong and loving arms around me,
And He led me in the way I ought to go.

Every day He comes to me with new assurance,
More and more I understand His words of love;
But I'll never know just why He came to save me,
Till someday I see His blessed face above.

No one ever cared for me, like Jesus,
There's no other friend so kind as He,
No one else could take the sin and darkness from me,
O how much He cared for me.

The song finished, "Ellen" informed us that she doesn't sing like she used to, her voice not as strong. As we all clapped again, not for what "Ellen" had accomplished in therapy but for what Jesus has done in her life, we passed around the tissue box, wiping our own tears away. I left the therapy gym that morning touched by God. I was made aware again of Emmanuel. Jesus is real and His presence in our lives is abiding and eternal. I was also reminded of my responsibility of telling others about Him.

We don't need a special occasion to tell others of the birth of Jesus or His resurrection. I must always speak to others about His influence in my hearts that causes me to be more like Him. I speak about His amazing love for me. Make it a goal for yourself starting today to begin more conversations with the words, "I would love to tell you what I think of Jesus..." Then be ready to listen to what others think about Him too. You may be amazed even more by how He is working in the lives of others. Craig Ross.

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL – TREATMENT

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

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

HOME –

Larry Reams, heart cath. procedure April 9.

Victoria Steele, recovering.

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

The Hunnicutt's, loss of family members.

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.

Linda Smith, home, improving.

Mary Ann Gardner and family.

Bob Hughes, pulmonary embolism.

Sheryl Belair, recovering.

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 –

Ray Walker (Linda V. stepdad) Surgery recovery.

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

Roger Massey (Jodi R. dad) test.

Cali Rissler (Chapman's granddaughter) 5 yrs old, having tests on 4/10.

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



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TRAIL MIX— John and Darla Dix have returned to Michigan, but plan to stay four months next year. It was great to see Andrew Miller last Sunday. Andrew will be completing his last year of medical studies in Miami. The Chapmans are in Washington, D.C. this week.

SYMPATHY— We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Ricc Lopez, in the passing of his father, Leonel Santos. Ricc was in Texas with his father until he passed. Keep the family in your prayers.

AREA WIDE SINGING— 53rd Avenue church of Christ will be hosting a Area Wide Sing on April 7, at 6 p.m. Refreshments will follow.

UPDATE— Charles “Chuck” Richardson’s new phone number is 941-921-0209.

O.W.L.S. APRIL TRIP— No regular OWLS meeting for April. OWLS trip to see The Secret Garden at Players Centre for Performing Arts by Connors restaurant is April 14th at 2pm, **but everyone must be there by 1:30 pm.**

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.

Worship Assembly 4/7/24

Welcome/Song Leader John Cowley

Song "Nearer, My God, to Thee" #684
Prayer Joe Jamison

Song "Our God, He Is Alive" #23
Song "Redeemed" #514

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside— Paul Primacio

Song "Sweet Will o' the God" #822
Song "We Praise Thee, O God" #2
Song "What a Mighty God We Serve" #993

Scripture Revelation 22:1-5 Ethan Embry
Sermon "Better Than Life" Craig Ross

Invitation Song "Purer in Heart, O God" #671
Closing Song "God Bless You, Go with God" #752

Closing Prayer/Announcements Scott Blomeley
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.

3/31/24
Attendance Sunday AM — 237

Budget \$10,424 Contribution \$6,939
YTD Budget \$135,512 YTD Contribution \$149,390

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) awaiting lung biopsy results.
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 soon.
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.) 4/7/24