

# THE WAYPOINT



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

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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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## What's Happening—

### WELCOME TO SOUTH TRAIL!

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers here today! We are so thankful for the blessing of God to give each of us a mother to help bring us into the world. As we worship together, we want to express to God the gratitude for all His blessings, especially our mothers. May God bless each of us as we worship today. If you have any questions regarding what we say or do, please ask us, as it is our highest intention to do everything according to His divine will.



### JESUS AND ME IN 2023



### VBS WORK DAY—VBS

Work Day will be on Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We can use as many hands as possible. Please come and get excited. Help make VBS great!

### YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—

Hebrews

Sunday Worship

Wednesday Night Class—

Bible Translations

## Upcoming Events—

5/16—All Faiths Food Bank—1 p.m.

5/18—Ladies' Bible Class & Luncheon—10 a.m.

5/20—VBS Work Day—10 a.m.

5/20—Cabin 8 Work Day

5/28—VBS Recap Meeting

6/2-3—VBS

6/11-17—Florida Bible Camp

## PREACER'S COLUMN

### "GOD LY MOTHERS"

What is a mother? The definition in the dictionary goes something like this, "A female parent who gives birth to a child; a woman who undertakes the responsibilities of a parent towards a child." In our world today, motherhood has been diminished in many ways. Parenting is difficult in any generation, but the 21st century in America has been particularly hard on parents. Many rights of parents have been challenged, like the right to discipline children. Too many parents are afraid to use the word "no." In some states, parents can lose their parental rights just by their child visiting the counselor at school! God intended for parents to have the primary role in guiding and shaping children's lives. Let's look back at a story in Exodus as we honor motherhood.

In Exodus 1:15-18, the Pharaoh spoke to the midwives, Shiphrah and Puah, to practice "birth control" or abortion among the Hebrews in Egypt. They were told plainly to kill the males at birth. Well, we see godly mothers reject that directive, and they continued to give birth and seek to protect their sons. God blessed the midwives and mothers as they were committed to do what was right. In Exodus 2:1-10, Jochebed gives birth to a beautiful boy, so she hides him for three months, and fears for his life if he is discovered. She devises a plan to put the child in a basket in the river Nile, so the princess of Pharaoh will find him. What is she counting on? The natural instinct of a woman to be a mother! How strong is the desire to be a parent? Well, the plan works. Moses is the baby's given name, which means "drawn out of the water." Moses needs a nurse to feed him, so Miriam offers the princess a Hebrew nurse. Jochebed is given the privilege to nurse her own son, and continue to be part of his life. Moses' training as a Hebrew, according to the Law of Moses, was included through her participation. Moses' brotherhood with the Hebrews was strong as seen in Exodus 2:11-15. How would you describe this sequence of events? The love and influence of a mother is on full display.

Motherhood is more than posing in a picture for a Facebook or an Instagram post. Mothers are part of their children's lives from birth to maturity, or independence as an adult. The success of rearing a child is based on both the father and mother working as a team. A mother by herself is handicapped. A father by himself is severely handicapped. Our world is unfriendly to parents but working in tandem with God, parenting can be done successfully. At South Trail, the goal is to work with parents to build strong families. The Bible classes and other activities are always to supplement godly parents to bless their efforts to train up their children. Today is a day to remember motherhood is honorable. May God bless our mothers. Remember to pray for them constantly.

Terry Chapman

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

**From Nicaragua**—Bible studies last month were about "The Traditions that have affected the Spiritual growth of the Christian," based on 1 Corinthians 8. The school of preachers had an extraordinary meeting to improve the new biblical school program by updating information on commentaries, authors of books and important studies, and reinforcing the teaching and learning standards. My wife, Nora, continues teaching children on the important personalities that influenced man's transformation, especially the redemptive work of Christ. Children continue

receiving breakfast and we make new contacts by inviting their families to study, including young people like Roberto, Caleb, and Lisseth, daughter of sister Carmen, who suffered a fall and fractured her pelvis. Lisseth is Roberto's mother. We help sister Carmen by bringing her pampers, alcohol, napkins and other hygiene items after suffering her accident. Please continue praying for my recovery, and for Maria Danelia, who is improving her fight against cancer, recovering from her 2nd breast surgery.

In Him, Brother Guillermo

### PRAYER LIST

#### LOCAL - TREATMENT

Mason Embry, broken hand.  
Susie Jackson, herniated disc.  
Roy LaBard, shoulder surgery 5/19.  
Nick Hertel, recovering from back surgery.  
Sandra Harrelson, recovering from cataract surgery.  
Dan McCartney, chemo/radiation.  
Sheryl Belair, infected tooth/gums.  
Martha Culp, recovering from cataract surgery.  
Charlotte Haznedar, Life Care rehab.  
Dianne Binkoski, recovering from foot surgery.  
Lois Gleason, hospice at Bay Vue.  
Caroline Hellmer (Linda Vernon's granddaughter) treatments.  
Eric Ipe (Mark & Robin's son)

#### HOME -

Mark & Robin Ipe, sick at home.  
John Chain, pain.  
Gerry Thomas, reaction to meds.  
Chuck Richardson, physical therapy.  
Shelia Thompson, pain, blood clots.  
Jim Thompson, weekly injections.  
Rosie Rogers, bronchitis.  
Victoria Steele, heart medication.  
Cathy Faust, legal matter.  
Patrick & Marianne Owens  
Patricia Hawk  
Mary Merritt

#### OUT OF TOWN -

Levi & Sarah Ross (Italy, Ross' son & wife) studying abroad.  
Joe Arnold (TN, Vanessa's father) cancer.  
Richard & Elaine Hertel (MN, Mike's parents) heart/dementia.  
Hunter & Briana Mangrum  
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 grand-son) bone marrow transplant is working, slowly improving.

## FAMILY LIFE COLUMN

Having a mother is so important to all of us. The skill of being a mother is passed down by example from one generation to the next. Moms are so special, not only to us, but to God's plan. We see as children in Exodus 20:12 we have direct instructions to honor both father and mother. We see that again in Ephesians 6:1-3.

From my perspective, mothers seem to have special skills almost akin to a superhero. A mother is one who will nourish, love, and care for all her children. A mother is a night watchman as she keeps an ear out for her child's cry at night only to jump up from a dead sleep to the rescue. We all know dads can magically sleep their way through this. A mother is both doctor and nurse to her family. Nothing can make a booboo feel better than a mother's kiss or spanking of the offending object. A mother is one who can somehow change a stinky diaper with a smile (I can do this too but it's only to keep from throwing

up). A mother is a personal assistant to her kids by keeping up with times, dates, events. She is also an unpaid, on call taxi driver to each of those activities. She is a short order cook, as she knows what her kids enjoy eating. She counsels her children in difficult times and becomes a referee and settles disputes amongst her children. A mother is a great encourager who provides what her children often need to succeed. She often hurts when her children hurt. She is overworked and underpaid, rarely complains, and will always come to the rescue no matter what the cause.

To my mother, my wife, my grandmothers, and all the other mothers in my life a big thank you for help making me who I am today.

Craig Embry

***Please consider volunteering for VBS! See the signup sheet in the short hallway or contact Tracee Chapman.***

**The youth are on lesson 7 this week.**

Deacons—

Bruce Cook  
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Dan McCartney  
703-401-3662 (Grounds)

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

Jason Wohnhas  
614.519.0195 (Young Families)



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**TRAIL MIX**—Crystal Kroll is back in Sarasota with her mother and daughter. Carole Jones is visiting her son, Tim and family, in Orlando. The Hertels are visiting family in Minnesota, then will take an Alaskan cruise. The Ravesloots head back to Indiana tomorrow, with a detour to Hawaii. Bert Bolin is in Ohio for the summer. Andrew Miller left for England to do his clinical rotations for 10 months. Keep Andrew in your prayers in his path and perseverance to becoming a physician.

**SYMPATHY**—Sympathy is extended to the family of Lucille Hunnicutt, Ed's mother, who passed away on May 6 in Tennessee at the age of 100. Keep Ed and Linda in your prayers.

**CONGRATULATIONS**— We are happy to announce that Hillard and Alma Story, Tim's parents, will celebrate their 73rd anniversary on May 16th. We admire their faithfulness and hope we can all learn to emulate the faith and godly example of the Storys.

**VBS**—VBS will be held June 2-3 with the theme "The Price to Follow." Flyers are available to invite friends and family. See Tracee Chapman to get involved.

**ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK**—The next date to volunteer is Tuesday, May 16, at 1 p.m. Please sign up as there is a limit of 10 people.

**FBC CABIN 8**—The final work day for cabin 8 is May 20. See Jason Wohnhas if you would like to help. Many man hours have gone into this project, and it is nearing the finishline. Keep this good work in your prayers, too.

**GHANA MISSION TRIP**—Francie Holder is requesting prayers for her mission trip to Ghana May 28-June 24.

**EQUIP**—EQUIP Conference is July 20-23 in Orlando. The theme is "Arise" and a complete schedule can be found online. For more information and registration, go to [equiporlando.org](http://equiporlando.org).

## Worship Assembly 5/14/23

Song "How Sweet, How Heavenly" #709  
Welcome/Song Leader Caleb Betts

Song "When Upon Life's Billows" #742  
Song "Fairest Lord Jesus" #288  
Song "In Need" Screen Only

Prayer David Seymour

Song "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #57  
Song "Holy, Holy, Holy" #47

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

Preside—Bill Johnson

Song "I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger" #979  
Song "This Is My Father's World" #991

Scripture Proverbs 31:10-12, 25-31 Ethan Embry  
Sermon "God is an Artist" (2) Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "There's a Fountain Free" #909  
Shepherd's Prayer/Announcements Ed Hunnicutt

Sound Room/Projection—Justin Seymour/Caleb Betts  
Communion Assist—Bob Sutton & Troy Bess  
Wednesday Night Sound Room—Miralyn Gleason (5/17)

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.

5/7/23  
Attendance Sunday AM — 190

Budget	\$10,228	Contribution	\$9,134
YTD Budget	\$194,332	YTD Contribution	\$251,649

## 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:**

Gail Williams (Miralyne's friend) home.  
Bud Hughes (Bob's brother) upcoming back surgery.  
Nancy Seger (Carolyn K.'s cousin) health.  
Kaitlyn Arnold (Bashara's friend) cancer diagnosis.  
Doug King (Embry's friend) cancer, cat scan.  
Judi Dunaway (Dave Holmes' sister) lung biopsy.  
Dale Ex (Bruce's brother-in-law) rehab.  
Susie Kennedy (Tara Jackson's mother) chemo treatments.  
Jeanie Evans (Miralyne's sister) treatments, ultrasound.  
Dot Ann Erickson (Deb M.'s friend) health, financial, family issues.

### **OUT OF TOWN:**

Kathy Gurtin (TN, Deb M.'s friend) declining health.  
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.  
Rick McMahan (MI, Carole J.'s nephew) multiple myeloma.  
Barbara Burns (TN, Mary R.'s cousin) tests.  
Sandra Williams (TN, Miralyne's friend)  
Jim Kelley (TX, Couch's friend) gall bladder surgery complications, dementia.  
Chuck Jordan (KY, Miralyne's friend) recovering from 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, Miralyne'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, Miralyne'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) 5/14/23