

THE WAYPOINT



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

MAY 7, 2023

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Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m..

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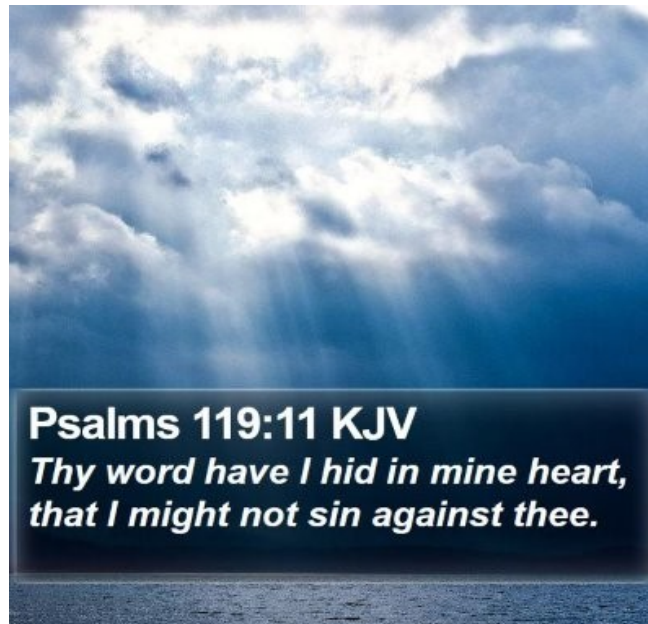
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What's Happening—

POTLUCK MEAL—Today there is a potluck meal following the worship service. Hospitality Groups 1 & 4 are in charge of clean up. Plan to stay and enjoy the fellowship.

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.



JESUS AND ME IN 2023



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

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

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

Upcoming Events—

- 5/7—Potluck—11:45 a.m.
- 5/8—OWLS—10 a.m.
- 5/11—Ladies' Bible Class—10 a.m.
- 5/13—Rockin' Bobbins—10 a.m.
- 5/16—All Faiths Food Bank—1 p.m.
- 5/20—VBS Work Day—10 a.m.

SERMON OUTLINE

“GOD IS AN ARTIST”

Psalm 119:9-16

- ◆ God puts His majesty on display in creation. How much do you appreciate it? This is called God’s g_____ revelation.
- ◆ God has displayed His knowledge and wisdom in another form of artistry. This is referred to as God’s s_____ revelation.
- ◆ God refers to His word using metaphors. Metaphors are comparisons of two things for the purpose of connecting ideas, and vivid three dimensional pictures.

Let’s consider some descriptive metaphors for the Bible.

1. Daily benefits derived from studying the Bible.

- D_____ – to remove hardness of heart (Romans 1:16)
- M_____ – to see ourselves clearly (James 1:23, Hebrews 4:12)
- L_____ – to find the way home (Psalm 119:105, 130, John 3:19-21)
- H_____ – to break or build us lives solidly (Jeremiah 23:29)
- S_____ – to cut open and remove (Hebrews 4:12, Ephesians 6:17)

2. Daily needs supplied from studying the Bible.

- B_____ – to nourish spiritually (Matthew 4:4)
- M_____ – to help us grow to maturity (1 Peter 2:2, 1 Cor. 3:1-3)
- H_____ – to sweeten our lives (Psalm 119:103, 19:10)
- M_____ – to heal us from wounds (Psalm 107:20, Jeremiah 8:22)
- T_____ – to show us what is most valuable (Ps. 19:10, 119:72)

3. Daily protection and boundaries to differentiate our priorities.

- P_____ – to follow Him closely (Psalm 119:32, Jeremiah 6:16)
- L_____ – to give us limits (Psalm 19:7, 119:72, John 12:48)
- C_____ – to help us understand (Psalm 119:24, Proverbs 1:1-7)
- G_____ – to move us toward the goal (Ecclesiastes 12:11)

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL – TREATMENT

Nick Hertel, back surgery 5/10.
Sandra Harrelson, second cataract surgery 5/11.
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.
Chuck Richardson, good report.
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, weekly injections.
Donna Johnson, recovering from fall.
Roy LaBard, appt 5/4.
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

Having strong Christian role models is crucial for the development and growth of young people, especially in today's society. Young people face many challenges and pressures that can lead to negative behaviors and attitudes. They need guidance and support from positive role models who can inspire and encourage them to live a purposeful life grounded in faith and values.

Christian role models can provide a sense of direction and purpose to youth. They offer a moral compass that helps young people navigate the complexities of life. By modeling the teachings of Jesus Christ, these role models can help young people develop a strong sense of ethics and integrity. This is particularly important in a society where moral relativism and moral decay are on the rise.

Christian role models can provide a sense of community and belonging for young people. They can offer a safe space where young people can share their struggles, fears, and hopes. This sense of belonging can be particularly important for youth who come from broken homes or who feel disconnected from their families or communities.

Furthermore, Christian role models can serve as mentors, helping young people to develop important life skills and character traits. They can model healthy relationships, teach conflict resolution skills, and provide guidance on important life decisions. These skills and traits can help young people to thrive and become successful in all areas of their lives.

Christian role models can inspire young people to live a life of service and compassion. By modeling Christ's example of selflessness and love, they can help young people to develop a heart for others and a desire to make a positive impact on the world.

Strong Christian role models are vital for the development and growth of young people. They provide guidance, support, and inspiration that can help young people navigate the challenges of life and become successful, purposeful, and compassionate individuals.

Become a role model today here at STCOC by teaching, volunteering for VBS, or working at Florida Bible Camp.
Craig Embry

The youth are on lesson 6 this week.

Deacons—

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Dan McCartney
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Justin Seymour
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Jason Wohnhas
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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

From Nicaragua—I am undergoing treatment for injured cartilage from an accident, but am glad for the surprise visit from brothers Doug and Craig. I hope this helps us to be closer. An organization in the U.S. every year collects toys for children throughout Central America, including our congregation in Nicaragua. A brigade from the Ministry of Health in Nicaragua gave ophthalmology consultations in our congregation and gave out glasses. Children continue to attend the breakfast program and invite families to

worship services and to study the gospel, focusing on restoring the number of brothers lost to Covid, the political and economic situation in Nicaragua, and migration. We make some basic food packages for children of the congregation who stand out in Bible classes, are faithful in attendance, and try to make their parents and families know the Lord. Please pray for my recovery, Sister Carmen's fractured pelvis, and Sister Maria, who continues to fight cancer.
In Him, Brother Guillermo

TRAIL MIX—The Krolls leave today for Michigan. Chuck and Judy Jones are in Michigan this month visiting family. The Cowleys are in Indiana for a grandson's graduation.

FBC CABIN 8—The final work day for cabin 8 is May 20. See Jason Wohnhas if you would like to help.

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.

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

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.

EQUIP—EQUIP Conference is July 20-23 in Orlando. The theme is "Arise" and there are classes for all ages on many topics. For more information and registration, go to equiporlando.org.

Worship Assembly 5/7/23

Song "Thy Word" #449
Welcome/Song Leader Mark Bassett

Song "More Love to Thee, O Christ" #700
Prayer Paul Primacio

Song "Give Me the Bible" #450
Song "Break Thou the Bread of Life" #431
Song "The Lord's Supper" Screen Only

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside—Chuck Faust

Song "I Love to Tell the Story" #659
Song "How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?" #432

Scripture Psalm 119:9-16 Larry Binkoski
Sermon "God is an Artist" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "Wonderful Words of Life" #543
Shepherd's Prayer/Announcements Scott Blomeley

Sound Room/Projection—Justin Seymour/Caleb Betts
Communion Assist—Bob Sutton & Troy Bess
Wednesday Night Sound Room—Dan McCartney (5/10)

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.

4/30/23

Attendance Sunday AM — 173

Budget	\$10,228	Contribution	\$8,766
YTD Budget	\$184,104	YTD Contribution	\$242,515

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) Doctors Hospital.
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.
Susan (Dayna & Bert's friend) home.
Dale Ex (Bruce's brother-in-law) rehab.
Susie Kennedy (Tara Jackson's mother) chemo treatments.
Jeanie Evans (Miralyne's sister) treatments, ultrasound 5/8.
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.
Nancy Seidler (OR, Jennifer's cousin) recovering from kidney transplant.
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, scan.
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) 5/7/23