

THE WAYPOINT



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

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Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m..

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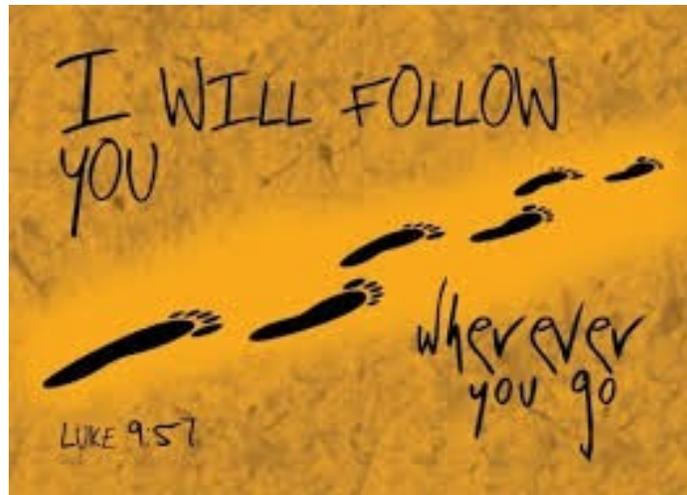
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What's Happening—

THANK YOU—Thank you to Bill Johnson who will be teaching Bible class this morning in Terry's absence, continuing in Luke 11. Thanks also to Craig Embry who will preach the sermon today. We are richly blessed to have such a deep pool of talent from which to draw here at South Trail Church of Christ. Thanks to all for your participation and contributions.



TIME TO RENEW IN 2022!



SUMMER SERIES ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT—

Thank you to song leaders Mark Bassett, Caleb Betts, and Jason Wohnhas for a great night of singing and learning new songs last week. Next week Scott Blomeley will speak on Jonah. Come out and participate in our mid-week Bible study as it is a great way to grow spiritually, and encourage your brothers and sisters.

Opportunities on YouTube—

SUNDAY WORSHIP—Our Sunday worship is live streamed and posted on YouTube.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Our auditorium classes are posted on YouTube weekly. We intend to provide these for encouragement. On Sunday we will be studying from **Luke** in 2022, and Wednesday is **Great People of the Bible** as a summer series for the months of July and August. We assume you may have Biblical or spiritual questions, so please contact Craig or Terry, so we can answer them for you to keep growing.

** Please **"Like"**, **Subscribe**, and **Share** our videos to help promote others to see them. Thank you for your dedication to our mission of saving souls & the growth of every member.

PREACHER'S COLUMN

"CAN I STAY IN THE STANDS?"

As a new football season approaches, one story is particularly interesting in our area. After the 2021 NFL season, on March 3, 2022, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' quarterback, Tom Brady, retired at the age of 44 years old. He had played 22 seasons and announced he was going to move into a new chapter of his life. After only 40 days of retirement, Tom Brady changed his mind. Listen to what Brady said in his "un-retirement" statement, "I've realized my place is still on the field and not in the stands. That time will come, but it's not now." Could this have an application to Christians?

Christians cannot sit in the stands when it comes to personal devotional time with God. Every friendship involves communication. For the Christian, God talks to us when we read His word in the Bible. Prayer is the conversation from our hearts to God. Reading the Bible is not just history but lessons in how faith is tested, and helps lives rise above the struggles. God is faithful and always provides a way to escape temptation and remain holy in purpose and example. The Bible records accurately the real life experiences of faithful and faithless people. We are still on the field of life, so we cannot pretend to sit in the stands. We are growing or declining.

Christians cannot sit in the stands when it comes to being the church of Christ. The church is the body of Christ, and therefore, it is His voice, hands, feet, etc. Every good work is done in the name of Christ. Jesus said, "And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward." (Matthew 10:42) Good works are necessary to let Christ be seen in us. Paul reminded Titus, "And let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful." (Titus 3:14)

Christians cannot sit in the stands when it comes to meeting together. Worship is a command, and meeting together is a command too. The book of Hebrews is written to encourage some Christians who were discouraged, and ready to quit. So the writer gives them purpose to continue, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:23-25) Worship is directed toward our God, but as our hearts are drawn closer to Him, we also are connected to those of like precious faith. What we share is so special in a world of unrighteousness and sinfulness.

Christians cannot sit in the stands when it comes to telling the good news of the gospel. We are commissioned to spread the message of Jesus, and His saving power. (Mark 16:15-16) We cannot do that in retirement mode. As long as there are people who need to know the truth, we must be faithful to show and tell the story of Jesus. How many people do you know who are lost? How many people do you meet who may be lost? We must get to know them, and love them, and doors to share the gospel will open. Do not "retire" but love the Lord with all your being. Terry Chapman

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL - TREATMENT

Sheryl Belair, pain.
Sandra Ransom, eye specialist appt.
Sandra Harrelson, torn ligament.
Marie Crocker, recovering from stroke.
Donna Johnson, tissue damage in ankle.
Tim Scott, recovering from back surgery.
James Thomas, food poisoning, recovering from kidney removal.
Caroline Hellmer (Linda Vernon's grand daughter) treatments.
John Bolotin, chemo, radiation.
Eric Ipe (Mark & Robin's son)

HOME -

Mary Harris, weak.
Patrick Owens, cancer diagnosis.
Marianne Owens
Sue Fredenburg
Jean Cook
Anthony Poignard
Roy LaBard
Donna Coleman
Joe Jones
Bob Hardy (new brother in Christ)
Brenda Sawyer, pain.
Carolyn LaBard, vision problems.
Tim Story
Mary Merritt
Mary Ann Gardner

OUT OF TOWN -

Lucille Hunnicutt (TN, Ed's mother) recovering from stent procedure.
Bary Foster (MI, Crystal's brother) recovering from heart bypass surgery.
Joe Arnold (TN, Vanessa's father) lung biopsy.
Mary Walker (Linda V.'s mother) lung disease.
Cheryl Snapp (OH, Rick's mother)
Sharon Weaver, migraine procedure 8/9.
Maeson Sutton, (NC, Bob's great grandson)
Carl McCormick (Jordan F.'s grandfather) chemo treatments.
Tim Tramel, safety working overseas.
Josh Walters (John's son) hospice.

FAMILY LIFE COLUMN

This week we had the cable company do a little work for us at the church building. I casually conversed with him, and I mentioned that I needed to write an article for the bulletin. He asked me what I was writing about this week. I gave him a puzzled look because I wasn't quite sure yet. I mentioned that I was thinking about writing about a Christian's everyday problems. He jokingly said to me, "There are so many of them, where are you going to start?" He was correct in his statement. There are so many problems today, how do we narrow them down? Not only that, but there are also people with more problems than I can even conceive at the moment. In the past we have discussed different problems such as friends or sin in general.

Today we will cover a topic that is an issue I see in a few of my own children. I see it in many adults too. It's the problem of being a follower. This is a whole sermon within itself. I have watched members of my own family be led away from God by following the wrong people or wrong ideology. Kids, DO NOT BE FOLLOWERS. Don't be a follower. I would warn kids when I was driving a school bus about being a follower. They would mimic what they would see some disobedient older kid doing only to

end up in trouble. You must learn to be a leader. The world needs strong leaders today, in schools, in the workplace, in the home, and Christ needs strong leaders in his church.

Take time to talk to your kids about leadership qualities. Make sure they know what being a leader looks like. Kids don't understand that if they are always getting in trouble with a particular group of friends, then FIND ANOTHER GROUP OF FRIENDS! The same goes for adults. If you are not getting closer to Christ, then you are a follower of someone or something else. If you find yourself somewhere else on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, then you are following something else. A leader is usually someone capable of making decisions that are not always popular at work, school, or even at home. We may find our kids or spouses away from Christ, but be a leader and show them that you are going to follow Christ. Kids, it's okay to be different. Your friends may vape, smoke, drink, do drugs, or have elicited sexual behaviors. Be a leader and make your own path to do what is right. You will inevitably have others follow you. Paul was so confident he told others to follow him, and he would get them to Christ. Are you that confident?

Craig Embry

The youth are on lesson 5 this week.

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TRAIL MIX—The Couches are bringing their granddaughters home to Tennessee, then spending some time in Indiana. Terry Crocker is visiting family in Mississippi.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES—School supply lists will be placed on the bulletin board in the short hallway. Each sheet will contain one child's list. If you take a sheet and adopt the child, buy the supplies on the list. The supplies will need to be purchased quickly so the parent knows the need is met. Give the supplies to the parent or child when complete. A couple of people may want to adopt the same child, that's okay, just shop together or work out what to get. Look for new lists each week as not all kids will get theirs right away, and some will get them right before school starts.

GRIEF SHARE—This program is for anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one. It will begin on Sunday, August 7, from 5-7 p.m. in Room 11. It will run for 14 weeks, 13 weeks of the regular program and a final week of "How to Handle Holidays." Please sign up if you plan to attend. See Bob Sutton for more information.

ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK—The next opportunity to volunteer will be Tuesday, August 9, at 1 p.m. There is a limit of 10 people, so please sign up to reserve your spot.

Worship Assembly 7/31/22

Song "Standing on the Promises" #452
Welcome/Song Leader Caleb Betts

Song "Oh, to Be Like Thee" #429
Song "Does Jesus Care?" #507
Prayer Mike Chivleatto

Song "The Great Physician" #291
Song "A Hill Called Mount Calvary" #373

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside—Bill Johnson

Song "A Common Love" #705
Song "Follow Me" #395

Scripture Luke 9:57-62 Ethan Embry
Sermon "Me First Mentality" Craig Embry

Invitation Song "None of Self and All of Thee" #695
Shepherd's Prayer/Announcements Scott Blomeley

Sound Room—Justin Seymour
Projection—Mike Chivleatto
Attendance Cards—Place in trays as you leave today.
Wednesday Night Song Leader—TBA (8/3)
Wednesday Night Sound Room—Miralyn Gleason (8/3)

Youth Programs
Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes
Florida Bible Camp
Vacation Bible School

Ladies' Projects
Rockin' Bobbins Sewing Group
Ladies' Mystery Night
Ladies' Bible Class

Seniors
OWLS (Older Wiser Loving Servants)

Edification
Equip (Orlando July 2023)

Benevolence Ministries
Mt. Dora Children's Home
Churches of Christ Disaster Relief, Nashville

Mission Works
Italy, Ukraine
Nicaragua
Upper Valley, Vermont
India
France
In Search of the Lord's Way, WGN & WTOG Sun a.m.

7/24/21
Attendance Sunday AM — 147

Budget	\$9,580	Contribution	\$28,255
YTD Budget	\$287,420	YTD Contribution	\$363,465

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:

Patricia, Brittany, McKenzie, & Trenton Bollinger (Brenda's friend)
Cole Lehman (Hertel's nephew) ICU, ruptured spleen.
Bernadette Clark (Betty Herman's friend) recovering from surgery.
Jeanie Evans (Miralyne's sister) completed treatments.
Charlie Bass (Bob Hughes' friend)
Jennifer Prime (Bob Hughes' friend)
Dan Watnem (Reams' friend) colon cancer diagnosis.
Dot Anne Erickson (Deb Magner's friend) heart issues.
Dana and Krissy Smith (J&M Seymour's neighbors) Krissy on chemo treatments.
Lon Schindler (member at 53rd Ave.) waiting for second liver transplant.

OUT OF TOWN:

Evelyn Moses (NJ, Miralyne's cousin) recovery.
Phyllis Chester (Clearwater, Miralyne's friend) cancer treatments.
Laurel Gilbert (Riverview, LaBard's friend) pain.
Staci Wyatt (AR, Embry's friend) lung cancer diagnosis.
Mark & Barb Ruleffson (KS, D&L Thompson's friends) Barb in end stages of pancreatic cancer.
Helen Austin (Joe A.'s sister-in-law) melanoma has spread internally.
Chuck Jordan (KY, Miralyne's friend) mass on colon.
Roy Conner (SC, former member) memory issues.
Ed Troutman (AK, Bonnie L.'s brother-in-law) cancer.
Brenda Herman (IN, Dayna's cousin) dialysis.
Ken Shumard (GA, Bob's brother) recovering from cancer treatments.
Sharon Adams (AR, former seasonal member) treatments.
Karen Hipp (Orlando) treatments.
Amy Hill & Family (TN, Couch's friend) treatments.
Aline Wineland (TN, Mary R.'s cousin) treatments.
Jay & Piera Young (VA)
Lynda Bailey (VA, former member) leukemia.
Hillard & Alma Story (MO)
Dave Doederlein (CA)

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Amanda Sawyer (UNH); Hannah Holder (SCF); Presley Blunkall (USF); Keira Jackson (UH); Andrew Miller; Ashley Bess (Santa Fe)

OUR FAMILY AT HOME OR ASSISTED LIVING: 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); Malcolm McEntyre (Marines); Aaron Boyette (Coast Guard); Tim Tramel (National Guard & Fire Dept.); Scott Bickel (Air Force); Brandon Hughes (Air Force); Kyle Zinsner (Marines); Michael Jackson (Sheriff Dept.); David Dunn (Sheriff Dept.); Cody Linderman (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) 7/31/22