

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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Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 6:00 p.m..

(June & July)

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What's Happening—

MEMORIES

This picture was from the Ladies' Retreat in 2016, and what a great memory! Ladies, plan to be present for the 2023 Ladies' Retreat September 29 to October 1. We are going back to Palm Island to create new memories! We have a guest speaker, Kim Kirby, who wrote the book, *All Things*. Our theme is "CONNECTION," and we will enjoy sweet fellowship of growing closer together.



JESUS AND ME IN 2023



ROCKIN' BOBBINS—The sewing group will meet on Saturday, July 15, at 10 a.m.

ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK CANCELLED—The Monday, July 10, volunteer date has been cancelled.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—

Hebrews

Sunday Worship

Wednesday—Classes will resume online in August

Upcoming Events—

7/10—Cancelled—All Faiths Food Bank 1 p.m.

7/12—Wednesday Night Meal & Class 6 p.m.

7/15—Rockin' Bobbins 10 a.m.

7/20-23—EQUIP in Orlando

9/29-10/1—Ladies' Retreat

SERMON OUTLINE

“THE GOSPEL OF GRACE”

Text: Galatians 2:1-21

- “Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.”
- Elmer Davis wrote, “This will remain the land of the free, only so long as it is the home of the brave.” (Book by Davis — *But We Were Born Free*)
- Paul’s fight for the gospel is to keep it in purity and simplicity, not security or popularity.

1. The gospel of grace is worth d_____. (Galatians 2:1-10)

Why did Paul go to Jerusalem? Controversy over circumcision. (Ac. 15)

Circumcision is not just physical, but s_____. (Deut. 10:16, Romans 2:28-29, Colossians 2:11-12)

Who were the “spies”? What is at stake in 2:4?

2. The gospel of grace is worth d_____. (2:11-15)

Paul r_____ Peter. (2:11-13) Why?
“F_____ threatens freedom.”

Paul corrected Peter for his i_____.
Principle — Any practice or teaching that violates scripture and s_____ brethren is a breach of unity of the body of Christ. (Deut. 12:32, 1 Cor. 4:6, Rev. 22:18-19, Romans 14 & 15)

3. The gospel of grace is worth d_____. (2:16-21)

J_____ means declared righteous, and is a legal term.
An act of a judge can pardon, but leaves a criminal record.

F_____ of Christ (2:16, 20) is compared to Romans 1:5, 16:26.
Christians must decide identity is in C_____. (2 Cor. 5:17, Romans 6:3-4)

C_____ with Christ. (2:20-21) Do you belong to Christ?

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

From France - As a result of Bible still studying with several from the church correspondence courses, we’ve had a few in Belgium. The Strasbourg congregation visitors at worship. Please pray for these is going through Genesis, Matthew, and 1 ongoing Bible studies. There is a lack of Peter. Tammy teaches the children’s preachers in the French world, so I’m class, who recently went to a petting zoo often contacted to help fill the gaps. I’ve for their study on creation. The members been asked to preach once a month in here pray for you. Thank you for sacrificing Paris and just took over the follow up for this work. correspondence students in Paris, while In Him, Daniel and Tammy Frerot

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL - TREATMENT

Donna Johnson, home, on meds.
Jill Plopa (Burchett’s daughter) reaction from meds.
Roy LaBard, shoulder recovering.
Nick Hertel, back recovering.
Dan McCartney, healing.
Dianne Binkoski, foot recovering.
Lois Gleason, hospice at Bay Vue.
Caroline Hellmer (Linda Vernon’s granddaughter) treatments.
Eric Ipe (Mark & Robin’s son)

HOME -

Carolyn LaBard, back pain.
Lon Schindler (former preacher at 53rd Ave.) infection.
Candy Martinez, pregnancy.
Victoria Steele, heart medication.
Patrick & Marianne Owens
Patricia Hawk
Mary Merritt

OUT OF TOWN -

Jay Young, heart attack.
Max Keesecker (Bob’s grandson) struggling with pacemaker/defib.
Leonel Santos (TX, Ricc Lopez’s father) hospice.
Carter Miller (Jim & Shelia’s grandson) type 1 diabetes.
Karen Lund (MN) assisting mother following heart procedures/tests.
Mark Hughes, cross country bike trip.
Heather & Nigel Phang (Lakeland, Thomas’ daughter & husband) health.
Joe Arnold (KY, Vanessa’s father) hospice.
Richard & Elaine Hertel (MN, Mike’s parents) heart/dementia.
Hunter (deployment till Nov.) & Briana (pregnancy) Mangrum
David Doederlein (CA, Ron’s son) chemo/radiation treatments.
John Caldclough (TX, J. Cook’s son-in-law) chemo finished, next round in July.

MISSION TRIP—

Doug Tackett, India, 6/27-July

FAMILY LIFE COLUMN

We recently celebrated Independence Day here in America. We are so fortunate to live here and have the freedom that we so enjoy. Jesus was so merciful to do the same thing for us when it comes to sin. Jesus Christ taught lessons of love, forgiveness, and salvation. While the concept of independence may not be directly associated with Jesus in the traditional sense, His teachings and actions laid the foundation for a profound sense of spiritual and personal freedom for members of Christ's family. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus granted humanity a unique kind of independence. (John 8:31-36)

Jesus provided independence from sin and its consequences. According to the scriptures, all humans commit sin and are separated from God. However, Jesus offered redemption and forgiveness to those who believed in Him, freeing them from the bondage of sin and granting them independence from its eternal consequences. Through His sacrificial death on the cross, He paid the price for humanity's sins, allowing individuals to be reconciled with God and experience true freedom.

Furthermore, Jesus taught principles that empowered people to break free from societal norms and

constraints. Moreover, Jesus provided spiritual independence by offering a direct connection with God. In the Old Testament, people relied on intermediaries to communicate with God. However, Jesus proclaimed that through Him, individuals could have a personal relationship with the heavenly Father. (John 14:6) He encouraged people to pray directly to God, teaching them the Lord's prayer as a model for intimate communion with the Creator. This access to God gave the obedient a profound sense of independence and assurance, knowing that they could approach the Divine without any intermediaries.

Jesus Christ bestowed independence upon humanity in a profound and spiritual sense. Through His sacrifice, teachings, and divine connection, He granted freedom from the bondage of sin, societal constraints, and spiritual separation. (John 10:10) The independence offered by Jesus is not merely political or temporal but encompasses the freedom of the soul, enabling individuals to experience true liberation and find purpose, peace, and eternal life in Him. Craig Embry

The youth are on lesson 2 this week.

Deacons—

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Jason Wohnhas
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TRAIL MIX—Carole Jones was in Orlando for a granddaughter's wedding, April Jones, on July 3rd. April is also the granddaughter of Chuck and Judy Jones. The Rivards were here this past week, and also attended the wedding. The Bess family is in Missouri for Mike's niece's wedding. Jean Cook is in Texas visiting family. The Gleasons are vacationing in Orlando. The Blomeleys are in Michigan visiting family. Jeff and Tricia Mangrum were back last Sunday after their trip to Alaska. Willie and Linda Gramley were here to celebrate Martha Culp's birthday. Martha and Linda are twins, if you could not guess!

ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK—July's service at the Food Bank was cancelled, and the next date for service will be August 15th. Please sign up as there is a limit of 10 people.

LADIES' RETREAT—Save the dates of September 29-October 1 for our Ladies' Retreat at Palm Island Resort. The guest speaker will be Kim Kirby, author of *All Things*. Room reservations are \$150 and may be turned in to Marsha Blomeley by August 6, and Mary Hughes will take roommate requests. This will be a special, spiritual weekend. Plan to make memories!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS & CLASS—This month Wednesday night class will meet in the fellowship hall. A meal will be available after 6:00 p.m. followed by an open discussion. This week, Ed Hunnicutt will be discussing "PRIDE." If you missed last week, you missed a discussion of "Transgenderism." So if you miss, you may wish you knew what was discussed.

Worship Assembly 7/9/23

Song "To God Be the Glory" #4
Welcome/Song Leader Caleb Betts

Song "His Name Is Wonderful" #163
Song "Be Still and Know" #31
Song "In Need" Screen Only

Prayer David Thompson

Song "Anywhere with Jesus" #414
Song "Low in the Grave He Lay" #344

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside—Jason Wohnhas

Song "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" #463
Song "Blessed Assurance" #480

Scripture Galatians 2:1-10 Mason Embry
Sermon "The Gospel of Grace" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "Amazing Grace" #129
Shepherd's Prayer/Announcements Ed Hunnicutt

Sound Room/Projection—Justin Seymour
Communion Assist—Bob Sutton

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.

7/2/23

Attendance Sunday AM — 157

Budget	\$10,228	Contribution	\$9,702
YTD Budget	\$276,156	YTD Contribution	\$306,288

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:

Margaret Cadogan (Miralyne's friend) cancer.
Beverly McNeil (Miralyne's friend) loss of husband.
Ashlynn (Melissa Dill's coworker) tumor.
Gordon Thompson (Miralyne's friend) cancer.
Nancy Seger (Carolyn K.'s cousin) health.
Kaitlyn Arnold (Bashara's friend) cancer diagnosis.
Doug King (Embry's friend) cancer, cat scan.
Susie Kennedy (Tara Jackson's mother) chemo treatments.
Jeanie Evans (Miralyne's sister) maintenance.
Dot Ann Erickson (Deb M.'s friend) health, financial, family issues.

OUT OF TOWN:

Jill Gravenites (IL, Dianne B.'s sister) health issues.
Patty Miller (Mary Ann's cousin)
Jeannie Vilamah (IN, Miralyne's friend) hospice.
Connie Vallion (OK, former member) upcoming surgery for cyst on brain.
Billy Earl (Cape Coral, Blomeleys friend) upcoming intestinal surgery.
Bethany Stolinsky (TN, Couch's friend) new Christian, challenges.
Kathy Gurtin (TN, Deb M.'s friend) declining health.
Barry Foster (MI, Crystal's brother) recovering from leg bypass surgery.
Neil 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 McMahon (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.
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) rehab.
Bob Boswell (IN, Cathy F.'s cousin) on liver transplant list.
Pam Alcorn (Linda Hunnicutt's sister, TN) chemo.
Sandra Curtis (Linda Hunnicutt's friend, TN) chemo.

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Cameron Dunn (FGCU); Avery Boyette (Germana); Tayven Clark (FAU); 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 & caregiver Joe Austin. 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 Reserve); 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) 7/9/23