

THE WAYPOINT



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

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

South Trail Church of Christ

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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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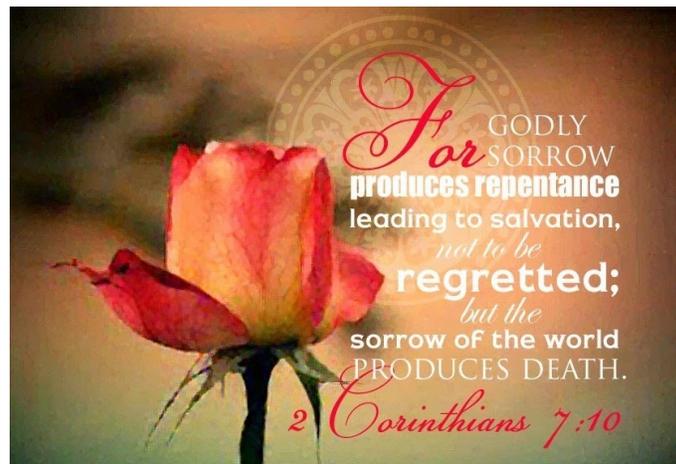
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What's Happening—

POTLUCK—A congregational potluck will be held on Sunday, October 2, following the morning worship. Set up is on Saturday, October 1, at 9 a.m.

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS—The new season begins on Thursday, September 22, at 10 a.m. The theme is *Blessed Assurance—Beyond a Shadow of a Doubt*. We will be studying evidences that God is real, alive, and active in our lives. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST—A Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 8, at 8 a.m. Ron Doelerlein will be the speaker.



TIME TO RENEW IN 2022!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT—

Thank you to Richard Whitesell who spoke on "Prophecies Hidden in Plain Sight" last week. This week we will resume our regular class with 2 Samuel.

SEASON—Opportunities abound this season as we enter the fall and winter months. Where will you be useful? See our deacons and ministry leaders to help them as all ministries ramp up to full speed.

YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible class—Luke
Sunday Worship
Wednesday Night—2 Samuel

Upcoming Events—

- 9/24—Rockin' Bobbins 10 a.m.
- 10/2—Congregational Potluck
- 10/3—OWLS 10 a.m.
- 10/8—Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 a.m.
- 10/8—Deacon/Ministry Leader Meeting 9 a.m.
- 11/5—Congregational Picnic
- 12/10—Holiday Party

SERMON OUTLINE

HAVE YOU PROVED YOURSELVES?

Text: 2 Corinthians 7:8-11

- Have you ever heard of a heart transplant changing a life? Ezekiel 36:26
- Why is admitting guilt so difficult? Examples in the Bible:
 1. Pharaoh — Exodus 9:27-28. Change of heart? Look in 9:34-35
 2. Achan — Joshua 7:20-21
 3. King Saul in 1 Samuel 15:14-23
 4. David — 2 Samuel 12:1-13

What repentance is not...

- R _____ — Judas in Matt. 27:3-5; Agrippa II in Acts 26:28
- F _____ — Felix in Acts 24:25
- S _____ — Corinthian Christians in 2 Corinthians 7:8-9
- P _____ — Paul in Acts 9:9-11

What genuine repentance is...

Definition of *repentance* is “a change of mind that produces a change of life.”

1. Change of m _____ — Luke 13:1-5, Acts 17:30-31
Involves a t _____ from self to God. (Gal. 2:20, 1 Thess. 1:9-10)
2. Change of c _____ — Acts 2:14-41, 8:13-24, Luke 15:17-18
Involves f _____ of repentance (Luke 3:7-18)
3. Change of a _____ — Luke 9:23-24, Acts 19:18-20, 26:20
Involves r _____ if possible. (Luke 19:8-10)

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!! Due to rising fuel and food costs, in lieu of their annual food drive, Mount Dora Children's Home is making a special plea for Walmart gift cards to help lower the amount of money the home must pay for food. As you can imagine,

MDCH is a very large family to feed, and this is your opportunity to help defray these rising expenses. So, if you can help in any way, please get your checks or gifts cards to Bob Sutton or Marsha Blomeley by October 12, or see them should you have any questions.

PRAYER LIST

LOCAL – TREATMENT

Betty McCracken (Mickey L.'s mother) cancer treatment.
Lois Gleason, hospice at Bay Vue.
John Cowley, hand injury.
Doug DeFusco, recovering.
Kenny Adams, spider bite.
John Chain
Paul Gerber, rehab.
Carson Miller (M. Adam's son) tests.
Mary Jo Hughes
Jill Plopa (Burchett's daughter) tests.
Linda Turner, 9/14 knee surgery.
Roy LaBard, awaiting test results.
Sheryl Belair, pain.
Sandra Ransom, recovering.
Caroline Hellmer (Linda Vernon's granddaughter) treatments.
John Bolotin, chemo, radiation.
Eric Ipe (Mark & Robin's son)

HOME –

Brenda Sawyer & Family
Jim & Shelia Thompson
James & Gerry Thomas
Betty Gerber
Mary Harris, weak.
Patricia Hawk
Patrick Owens, cancer diagnosis.
Marianne Owens
Joe Jones
Tim Story, defibrillator replacement surgery soon.
Mary Merritt
Mary Ann Gardner

OUT OF TOWN –

Don Lackey Sr. (AL) respiratory treatment.
Maeson Sutton (Bob's great grandson) treatments.
Heather Mervine (Lakeland, Thomas' daughter) long term effects.
Kristy Rheaume (MI, Roger's daughter) bleeding on brain.
Joe Arnold (TN, Vanessa's father) recovering lung cancer surgery.
Mary Walker (Linda V.'s mother)
Sharon Weaver, complications from migraine procedure.
Carl McCormick (Jordan F.'s grandfather) chemo treatments.

FAMILY LIFE COLUMN

On a recent church conference trip with one of our young dads we heard statistics involving youth groups. We were alarmed to hear numbers involving youth groups over the last 20 years. We were then faced with how the church as a whole sees their youth groups, which is a big part of the problem today. We are seeing declines in the youth groups in the church today for many reasons, but we see the lack of effectiveness in youth groups firsthand. We then heard recent numbers thrown at us as low as 15% of youth in these youth groups remain regular attendees and participants in the Lord's church into adulthood. But why is this?

The reasons this happens are vast. It varies according to each congregation's diversity, to how the youth groups are integrated into the church, along with many other factors. A quick google search will give you dozens and dozens of opinions on youth groups and some major reasons why we must change our perception and focus of our youth. The main issue is that we tend to separate our youth away from the main church body. We are all one church, 1 Corinthians 12:20. Our youth need to integrate with the whole church, not sending them off to be separate. As we

read in 1 Corinthians 12:21 the eye is part of the whole body and cannot work on its own. What does this mean for the church? This means we must be patient. Youth are not always quiet and motionless in worship. Their reading is not always spot on, they can be nervous in front of crowds and their singing or song leading is not polished.

As a church we need to desire our youth to be a part of every area. When our youth do not stay in the church as adults, we are losing valuable assets to the Lord's army. The church's viability is dependent on long-term retention, not short-term entertainment. Many of the church's members understand and embrace the youth. I applaud those that remember their own youthfulness. The church has members that lack patience and understanding and will not hesitate to verbalize their frustrations with youth. This may be because of distractions in worship, or the lack of their polished ability to lead. A noisy congregation is alive, a quiet one is soon dead.

Next week we will follow up with other issues facing traditional youth groups and solutions. Craig Embry

The youth are on lesson 11 this week.

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TRAIL MIX—It's great to have the Ravesloots with us for a couple weeks. Bonnie Tramel is in Tennessee for a high school reunion. Tim Tramel is visiting family in Virginia and Tennessee.

CONGRATULATIONS—Congratulations to Darrel and Trudy Ashby on the birth of a grandson, Noah Martin Ashby, born September 3 to Daniel and Bianca. Noah was 8 pounds 10 ounces and 21 inches long.

SYMPATHY—Sympathy is extended to the family of Mina Collins who passed away on August 15. A service will be held at 53rd Avenue church of Christ on Sunday, September 18, at 4:30 p.m. Keep Vic and family in prayer.

ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK—Volunteers will meet at the food bank on Tuesday, September 27 at 1 p.m. Please sign up to help as there is a limit of ten people.

DEACON/MINISTRY LEADER MEETING—A Deacon/Ministry Leader Meeting will be held at 9 a.m. following the Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, October 8.

ROCKIN' BOBBINS—The sewing group will meet on Saturday, September 24, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE—February 5, 2023, will be a Homecoming for South Trail in our 55th year. We will use this opportunity to celebrate the 25 years that Terry has been serving as minister and preacher also. Mark the date and share it with friends and former members too.

BENEFIT DINNER—Join Florida Prison Ministry for an evening of fun, inspiration, fellowship, and food at their Benefit Dinner, Thursday, September 22, at the University City Church of Christ Family Life Center in Gainesville. The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. Supporting this ministry helps free those behind bars from Satan's bondage and equips them with biblical life skills. Dinner is free, but please RSVP! See Scott or Marsha Blomeley.

GRIEF SHARE—Meets on Sundays from 5-7 p.m. in Room 11. Bob Sutton is leading this growing group which can bless you in many ways if you have experienced the loss of a loved one. Come join us as we walk together from "Mourning to Joy."

Worship Assembly 9/11/22

Welcome/Song Leader John Cowley

Song "We Praise Thee, O God" #2

Song "On Bended Knee" #791

Prayer Anthony Poignard

Song "Faith Is the Victory" #469

Song "When My Love to Christ Grows Weak" #350

Lord's Supper & Contribution

Preside—John Walters

Song "Sing Hallelujah to the Lord" #242

Song "In the Desert of Sorrow and Sin" #596

Song "Victory in Jesus" #470

Scripture 2 Corinthians 7:8-11 Mike Allison

Sermon "Have You Proved Yourselves?" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "O Heart Bowed Down with Sorrow" #932

Shepherd's Prayer/Announcements Scott Blomeley

Sound Room—Justin Seymour

Projection—Mike Chivleatto

Communion Assist—Bob Sutton

Wednesday Night Song Leader—TBA (9/14)

Wednesday Night Sound Room—Miralyn Gleason (9/14)

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.

9/4/22

Attendance Sunday AM — 175

Budget	\$9,580	Contribution	\$9,905
YTD Budget	\$345,170	YTD Contribution	\$426,898

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:

Linda Clayton (Bassett's friend) recovering from surgery.
Perry Houston (C&T Chapman's neighbor) recovering from heart attack.
Ashley Geiger (Susie J.'s cousin) broken legs.
Barbara Thompson (Linda V.'s relative) Doctors Hospital, tests.
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) chemo treatments.
Charlie Bass (Bob Hughes' friend)
Jennifer Prime (Bob Hughes' friend)
Dan Watnem (Reams' friend) colon cancer diagnosis.
Dana and Krissy Smith (J&M Seymour's neighbors) Krissy on chemo treatments.
Lon Schindler (member at 53rd Ave.) ICU, recovering from second liver transplant.

OUT OF TOWN:

Liz Baines (Joe A.'s sister) passing of husband, Roy.
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.
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: Cameron Dunn (FGCU); Avery Boyette (Germana); Tayven Clark (FAU); 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) 9/11/22