

# THE WAYPOINT



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

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

**South Trail Church of Christ**

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*Worship—*

*Sunday 10:30 a.m.*

*Bible Classes —*

*Sunday 9:30 a.m.*

*Wednesday 7:00 p.m..*

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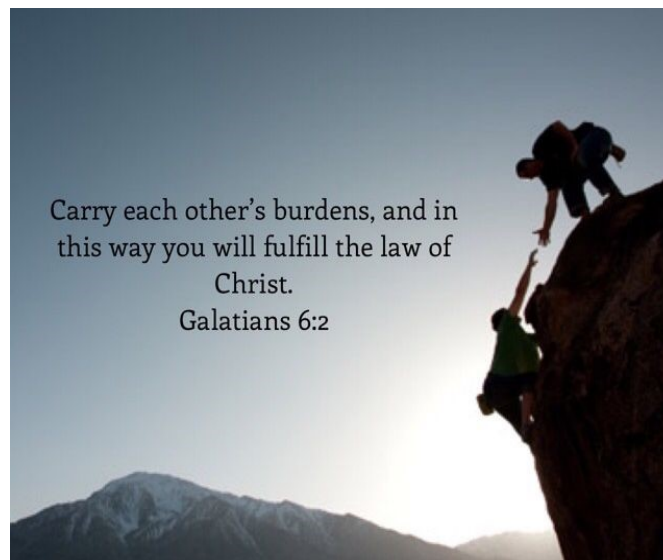
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## What's Happening—

### WELCOME

We are thankful for every person present on this holiday weekend. Every Lord's Day is an opportunity to offer "the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name." (Hebrews 13:15) While America is resting on Labor Day, let us rest in the power, presence, and peace of God. Let's worship a great God!

### JESUS AND ME IN 2023



### LADIES' BIBLE CLASS—

Ladies' Bible Class will resume on Thursday, October 5, at 10 a.m. The topic will be "Is the Bible Really God's Word?" The format will be a jury trial, skeptic vs. believer.

### YOUTUBE SCHEDULE

Sunday Bible Class—

1 John

Sunday Worship

## Upcoming Events—

9/9— Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 a.m.

9/10—Youth Devo 6:30 p.m.

9/23—Rockin' Bobbins 10 a.m.

9/26—All Faiths Food Bank 1 p.m.

9/28—Benefit Dinner for Church of Christ Prison Ministry

9/29-10/1—Ladies' Retreat

## SERMON OUTLINE

### “THE THREE BEARS”

Text: Galatians 6:1-18

- How do you handle burdens? Where do you turn for help?
- Do you view your burden bearing as evidence of your faith?

Paul concludes the letter with more on the Christian Walk —

1. Bear one a \_\_\_\_\_ burdens. (6:1-4) How can we share the load?

Burden of r \_\_\_\_\_ (6:1) How do we do it like Jesus?

Burden of e \_\_\_\_\_ (6:3-4) (1 Corinthians 11:28, 2 Cor. 13:5)

2. Bear your o \_\_\_\_\_ burdens. (6:5-10)

Sowing and reaping is either to flesh or S \_\_\_\_\_ (6:7-8)

Doing good is r \_\_\_\_\_. (6:6, 9-10)

O \_\_\_\_\_ to all, but especially to fellow Christians. (6:10)

3. Bear in your body the m \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus. (6:11-18)

B \_\_\_\_\_ in the cross of Christ. (6:11-15)

Our mark is a s \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ. (6:16-18)

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

**DIGITAL MINISTRIES**—We have many great ministries here at South Trail, some in digital form. We have our **One Call Now** which can send out calls or text alerts from South Trail. To allow text alerts from this ministry, text **ALERT** to **22300**.

We also have our online member directory which is a powerful tool. There is an app for both android and iPhone users. Just search ‘**ONLINE MEMBER DIRECTORY**’ in your app store or google play store. The icon should have a blue cloud in it. Download the app. When opened it will ask you for a mobile code which is

**southtrailcoc**. Then choose South Trail Church of Christ. It will then prompt you for your username and password which is your **first and last name** all lower case. You can then change any of your personal information, pictures, and password. If you have an issue, see Craig or text him at 270-702-0832 with your name for assistance. You will also find the directory in a drop-down menu on our website, **southtrailchurchofchrist.com**.

Also if you are new, search for South Trail’s private Facebook group and public YouTube channel.

## PRAYER LIST

### LOCAL - TREATMENT

Linda Turner, knee replacement 9/5.  
Doug Defusco, recovering from hip surgery.  
Elizabeth Besterman (TJ & Ryan’s mom) recovering from thyroid surgery.  
Jill Plopa (Burchett’s daughter)  
Roy LaBard, physical therapy.  
Caroline Hellmer (Linda Vernon’s granddaughter) treatments.

### HOME -

Carolyn LaBard, pain meds.  
Gwen Chapman, upcoming tests.  
Shelia Thompson, home.  
Sue Fredenburg, home.  
Kristy Gleason, searching.  
Dan McCartney, improving.  
Martinez family  
Victoria Steele, heart medication.  
Sheryl Belair, pain.  
Patrick & Marianne Owens  
Patricia Hawk  
Eric Ipe (Mark & Robin’s son)

### OUT OF TOWN -

Pam Alcorn (Linda Hunnicutt’s sister, TN) new chemo treatments.  
Steve Hunnicutt (TN) recovering from elbow surgery.  
Suzanne, Bob, Janice Perry (TN)  
Cleta Freie (OK) broken elbow.  
Dean Hodges (TN) recovering from shoulder surgery.  
Troy Bess (MO)  
Connie Vallion (AR) bladder tumor, waiting on brain surgery.  
Max Keesecker (Bob’s grandson) struggling with pacemaker/defib.  
Leonel Santos (TX, Ricc Lopez’s father) hospice.  
Hunter (deployment till Nov.) & Briana (pregnancy) Mangrum  
David Doederlein (CA, Ron’s son) rehab and meds for seizures.  
John Caldcleugh (TX, J. Cook’s son-in-law)

## FAMILY LIFE COLUMN

Part 2 of 2—How to be a light in the world today.

**5. Serve Others:** Following Jesus' example of service, actively look for opportunities to help those in need. Volunteer at local charities, assist your neighbors, and contribute to your community's well-being. Matthew 20:26-28

**6. Pray:** Dedicate time to prayer and spiritual reflection. Praying for others and seeking guidance from God can help you develop a deeper connection with Him and strengthen your faith. Philippians 4:6

**7. Forgive:** Forgiveness is a central point of Christianity. Let go of grudges and resentments, and extend forgiveness to those who have wronged you. Colossians. 3:13

**8. Promote Peace and Unity:** Strive to bring people together rather than causing division. Work towards reconciliation and understanding, both within your community and in the larger world. I Corinthians 1:10

**9. Show Empathy:** Listen actively and show empathy towards others. Understand their struggles, joys, and concerns, and offer your support and encouragement. I Peter 3:8

**10. Engage in Discipleship:** Help others grow in their faith by offering

mentorship, guidance, and support. Share your knowledge of the Bible and help others deepen their understanding of God's word.

**11. Practice Generosity:** Be generous with your time, resources, and talents. Giving to those in need demonstrates God's love in action. Hebrews 13:16

**12. Resist Negative Influences:** Stand up against behaviors and attitudes that go against Christian principles, such as dishonesty, cruelty, and selfishness. I John 2:15-17

**13. Stay Grounded in Scripture:** Regularly study the Bible to gain a deeper understanding of Christian teachings and to keep your faith strong.

**14. Be Open to Learning:** Christianity is a lifelong journey of growth and learning. Be open to new insights and seek to continually develop a closer relationship with God.

Remember, being a Christian "light" is about embodying Christ's love in your actions, words, and attitudes. It's an ongoing process that requires dedication and commitment to living out the values of your faith.

Craig Embry

*\*\* Work day at Florida Bible Camp to clean up from Idalia on Sat., 9/23.*

***The youth are on lesson 10 this week.***

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**TRAIL MIX**—John Walters is in Indiana visiting family. Ricc Lopez is in Texas helping with his parents.

**RESPONSE**—Kim Maschino came forward last Sunday simply stating, "It is time to come home." We welcome Kim back home, as her family goes back to the early 70's here at South Trail. Kim is a caregiver for her husband, as Johnny is struggling with dementia at home. Keep Kim and family in your prayers. Her son, Colin, was also back with her. Great to see him, too.

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**—On Saturday, September 9, at 8 a.m., the men will have a prayer breakfast in the fellowship room. Please sign up and plan on being present for this fellowship and prayer opportunity.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**—The memorial service for Mary Merritt has been rescheduled. It will be held on Saturday, September 16, at 11 a.m. with a meal to follow.

**SYMPATHIES**—Sympathy is extended to the family of Richard Burling, Jennifer Thurman's father, who passed away August 26 at the age of 99.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Mike Elledge, former preacher at Midway Church of Christ, who passed away on August 27 at the age of 63.

Keep these families in your prayers.

**BENEFIT DINNER**—The Church of Christ Prison Ministry will have a benefit dinner on Thursday, September 28, in Gainesville. See the bulletin board for more information and to RSVP.

**LADIES' RETREAT**—The Ladies' Retreat will be September 29-October 1 at Palm Island Resort. The guest speaker will be Kim Kirby, author of *All Things*. Mary Hughes will take roommate requests. This will be a special, spiritual weekend. Plan to make memories!

## Worship Assembly 9/3/23

Song "How Sweet, How Heavenly" #709  
Welcome/Song Leader Mark Bassett

Song "Lord, Take Control" #790  
Prayer Bill Johnson

Song "Love One Another" #719  
Song "When Upon Life's Billows" #742  
Song "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #315

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

Preside—Joe Jamison

Song "The Battle Belongs to the Lord" #749  
Song Fellowship Medley #703-705

Scripture Galatians 6:1-10 Tim Story  
Sermon "The Three Bears" Terry Chapman

Invitation Song "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #711  
Closing Prayer/Announcements Ed Hunnicutt

Sound Room/Projection—Justin Seymour/Caleb Betts  
Communion Assist—Bob Sutton / Aiden Baker

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 2025)

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.

8/27/23  
Attendance Sunday AM — 182

Budget	\$10,228	Contribution	\$11,351
YTD Budget	\$357,980	YTD Contribution	\$385,286

## 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:**

Ashlynn Edwards (Melissa's co-worker) chemo.  
Dan Robinson (S. Hillsborough preacher) awaiting PET scan results.  
Family of Jordan Zahniser (Tracee C.'s friend) grieving.  
Kristi Rench (Cowley's friend) mass on kidney.  
Corene, Annabelle, Dajia (Diane A.'s friends)  
Margaret Cadogan (Miralyn's friend) cancer.  
Beverly McNeil (Miralyn's friend) loss of husband.  
Gordon Thompson (Miralyn's friend) cancer.  
Kaitlyn Arnold (Bashara's friend) cancer diagnosis.  
Susie Kennedy (Tara Jackson's mother) chemo treatments.  
Jeanie Evans (Miralyn's sister) upcoming surgery.

### **OUT OF TOWN:**

Candice Clemens (Cowley's granddaughter-in-law) cancer diagnosis.  
Venia Jean Jordan (KY, Miralyn's friend) health issues.  
Melissa Pierce (KY, Embry's friend)  
Kathy Gilbert (St. Pete, LaBard's friend) recovering from thyroid cancer surgery.  
Jill Gravenites (IL, Dianne B.'s sister) health issues.  
Patty Miller (Mary Ann's cousin)  
Jeannie Vilamah (IN, Miralyn's friend) hospice.  
Bethany Stolinsky (TN, Couch's friend) new Christian, challenges.  
Kathy Gurtin (TN, Deb M.'s friend) declining health.  
Neil Bennett (TN preacher) throat cancer.  
Tina Rogers (Roger's daughter-in-law) cancer.  
Michael Monroe (IN, Dayna's cousin) lung cancer.  
Rick McMahon (MI, Carole J.'s nephew) multiple myeloma.  
Sandra Williams (TN, Miralyn's friend)  
Brenda Herman (IN, Dayna's cousin) dialysis, transplant list.  
Sandra Curtis (Linda Hunnicutt's friend, TN) chemo.

**OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Abigail Lillibridge (FL Southern); Cameron Dunn (FGCU); Avery Boyette (Germana); Tayven Clark (FAU); Keira Jackson (UH); Andrew Miller; Ashley Bess (UF); Emma Harting (FGCU)

**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), Jim Lewis, Sue Fredenburg, Lois Gleason, Paul & Betty Gerber, Paul Miller, Margaret Earls.

**OUR MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS:** Hunter Mangrum (Navy); Nick Hertel (Navy Reserve); Kiana Kirkland (Air Force); Mari-ah 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) 9/3/23