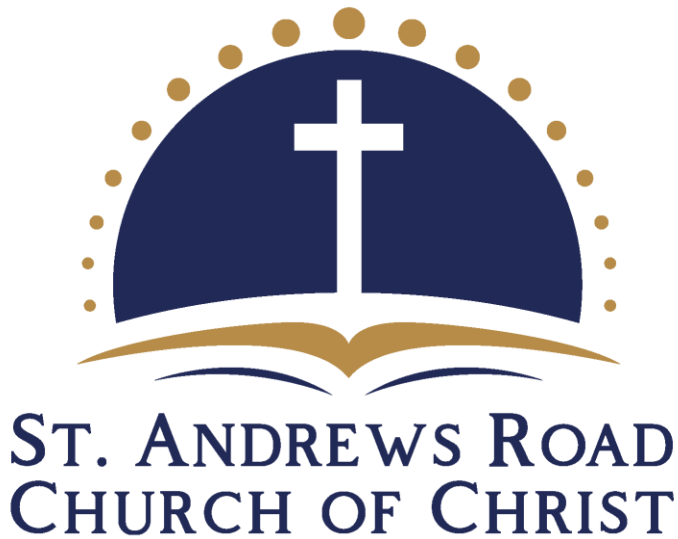


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Worship Services & Bible Study

SUNDAYS	10:00 AM	Bible Class
SUNDAYS	11:00 AM	Worship
SUNDAYS	6:00 PM	Worship
WEDNESDAYS	7:00 PM	Bible Study

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Check Out the Library

Did you know that St. Andrews Road has a library? It's true! In the library there is an abundance of books, magazines, CDs, and DVDs that are available to you. Are you looking for help with a verse or chapter in 1 Corinthians? You might find it with one of our commentaries. Or would you like to read from a Freed-Hardeman University lectureship books which contain topics from the seventies all the way up to today? Or would you like to hear lessons and sermons on a CD/DVD, such as "Where Do We Go When We Die?" Love a good debate? We have several books that recorded them about certain doctrinal issues such as premillennialism. Would you like some books that your children can read? These are available to check-out at your convenience.

Our library is located down the hall among the classrooms across from the elders' office. I hope you will take advantage of having access to such quality materials and use them to aid in your spiritual growth. One that I like to read from time to time is entitled, "Christ - Centered Sermons" by Raymond C. Kelcy. It's an old book, and it is an asset to our library. Each chapter is only about four pages or so, but the material is so rich! "The greatest fact of the Old Testament is that man was made in the image of God, and the greatest fact of the New Testament is that God was made in the likeness of man." (Excerpt from Kelcy's book).

The apostle Paul wrote by divine inspiration to Timothy, saying, **Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine (1 Timothy 4:13)**. May we also give attention to these things, with the Bible comprising the majority of our study time, and with these resources, supporting in part, the rest. There is a story of a certain rich man who desired a certain painting. He searched high and low for it for all of his life but could never find it. After his death, his family was cleaning up the basement of his house, and there they found the painting of which he had been searching. He had it, but he didn't know he had it! The treasure that he had been searching for all this time was in his possession. We, likewise, have a treasure in our possession. Our library contains a treasury of knowledge from those in the brotherhood who have gone before us. What a pity it would be if we failed to take advantage of it. So, I encourage you to check out the library. If you have any questions about the library, please let me or one of the elders know.

**Brotherly,
Jamie**

THE GIFT OF TIME

A Jot from John,

The gift of time is given to every man by God. Some day man shall stand before God and give an account of the way time has been used on earth. At Judgment each will give a report of his stewardship of this valuable commodity.

Time, indeed, is a sacred gift, and each day is a little life. Benjamin Franklin (gospel preacher) once said, "*Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.*"

No man can kill time without injuring eternity, for time is the highway on which man takes his journey to eternity. The tendency to waste or kill time is so universal as to deserve man's best efforts to correct.

Greatness springs from the wise use of time. The value of time is truly judged in quality instead of quantity. "*All the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years,*" yet the only other thing said about him is, "*and he died*" (Gen. 5:27). Christ lived less than thirty-four years, and his life changed the entire world.

Time cannot be bought, borrowed, stored up or relived. It must be used as it is received. Paul impressed the Ephesians with the wise use of time when he wrote, "*See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time. . . .*" (Eph. 5:15-16). Oliver Wendell Homes was asked, on his ninetieth birthday, how he would spend his life if he had it to live over. He replied, "*One day at a time.*"

To ensure sharing eternity with others one must share time with them in this life on behalf on Christ. The presentation of a gospel tract, a personal invitation extended to others to hear God's word, and the willingness to share Christ with the lost, is indeed a Christian's response to God for the valuable gift of time. How will you spend your time regarding our upcoming gospel meeting?

**Onward Rejoicing,
John B. Daniels, Associate Minister**

SUMMER SERIES

The **FUNDAMENTALS** of the Doctrines of Christ

Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM

August 30
"Hell"

Markus Martin,
Kingsbury Road COC

PICTURE DAY

We invite all members to have a photo made for our membership directory as you leave after morning worship. Photos will be taken outside under the drive-throughs, at both entrances of the building. We ask that all members stop briefly to have an updated photo made. Thank you.

Leaders Planning Meeting

Today @ 4:00 PM

GOSPEL MEETING

at St. Andrews Road Church of Christ

September 17 - 20

**"How To Live
The Abundant Life—Here and Hereafter**

Speaker: BJ Clarke
Director of the Memphis School of Preaching

PROSPECT LIST INSTRUCTIONS

Please pick up a Prospect List on Sunday and list 5 to 10 people with whom you have a relationship (friends, neighbors, coworkers, relatives, classmates, etc.), that are outside the body of Christ, which you can invite to the gospel meeting.

Then please turn the list in to the elders or designated members, and we will make a copy and give you back the original.

Later, we will provide to you a form letter for you to write (not typewritten) and send to your contact inviting them to the meeting. These letters will go out August 30th. Another letter will be sent a few days later by the church also inviting them to the meeting. Finally, a couple of days before the meeting, we ask that you personally call all your contacts by phone and invite them to the meeting.

This system has yielded some good results in other meetings, as many visitors came. Never underestimate the power of an invitation, and the power of your influence with your contacts. To God be the glory!

**Brotherly,
Jamie Byrom**

Senior Bible Study
Tuesday, September 12
10:00 AM