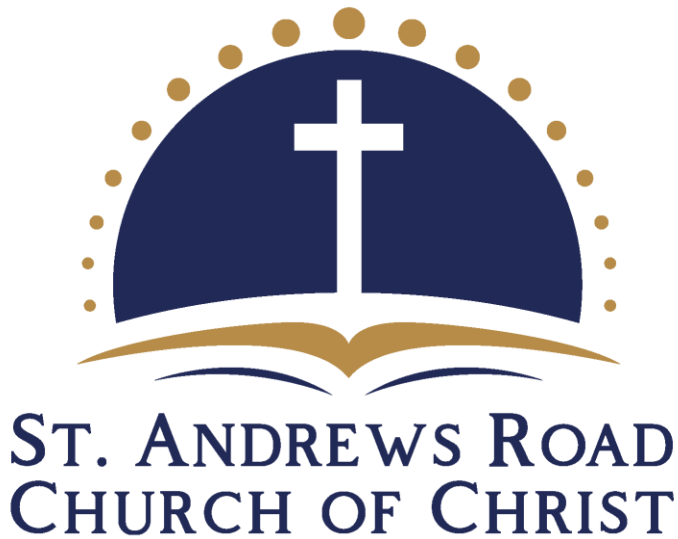


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Worship Services & Bible Study

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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To Fathers

Father's Day is coming up this month, Lord willing, so I would like to wish all fathers a happy Father's Day. Fathers are so important to their families, to the Lord's church, and to the heavenly Father. Dads, you have a weighty responsibility, and we salute you for doing your best.

It's been said, "children do not come with an instruction manual." The intent of that statement is that being a parent means you learn as you go. While it may feel that way sometimes, there is indeed an instruction manual. It's called the Holy Bible! In it are divine instructions to fathers for their children. **And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4 NKJV).** God exhorts fathers in the Old Testament to be the spiritual leaders of their homes. **My son, keep your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother. Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck. When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And when you awake, they will speak with you. For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life (Proverbs 6:20-23).** Fathers will give an account to God in how they handled their responsibility as the shepherd leader of their home.

All fathers will make mistakes saying or doing the wrong thing. But do not grow weary in trying to be a good father! Instead of relying upon your own strength, rely upon the Lord's. If you are a man of the Book, as well as a man of prayer, God can make you into the father your family needs you to be. I'm reminded of a father who brought his son to Jesus as the son was seized by an unclean spirit. But the father's faith was not what it should have been. He asked Jesus "if" He could heal the boy. Jesus seized on the word, "if," and **said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes" (Mark 9:23).** The next verse tells us that the father did not take offense at Jesus' comment, but **Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"** Here is a father who had fallen short but falls at the feet of Jesus in tears begging for help. Fathers, have you ever prayed to God like that, knowing your own shortcomings, but also knowing that God has none? And that His help is what you need? Luke's account adds that after Jesus healed the boy, the Lord **gave him back to his father (Luke 9:42).** Men, trust in the Lord with all your heart, and when the Lord gives you another chance to correct your mistakes with your children, you will be in the best position to guide them henceforth.

The psalmist wrote, **Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward (Psalm 127:3).** Since children come from God, fathers should go to God to know how to be a good and godly father. You should not rely upon the wisdom of the world, for look at the condition of the world. You don't want to look back on this time with regret, wishing you would have done things differently. May God bless you fathers! You matter to your family, community, church, and to God. Fathers, you should thank God that He has blessed you with this joyful station in life and use that position to glorify Him in heaven.

Brotherly,
Jamie

Quarterly Planning Meeting

Will be rescheduled.

Father's Day Dinner



Saturday, June 17
5:00 PM

Please sign-up on the bulletin board by June 11 so that we may have an accurate count for dinner.

Senior Bible Study

Tuesday, June 13
10:00 AM

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Fruit cups,
ravioli or pasta canned meat

SUMMER NEEDS

Juice boxes, water, canned drinks,
individual bags of chips, Debbie cakes
For Children's Bible Times & Vacation Bible School
If you can help, please place items in the kitchen.

June 4 –
July 19



Our Youth will be collecting school supplies for the community again this year. Their goal is 96 student backpacks and 10 teacher backpacks. To be distributed on July 29.

See full list of supplies needed on the bulletin board.

SUMMER SERIES

The

FUNDAMENTALS

of the

THE DOCTRINE OF
Christ

June 7 – August 30

Wednesdays
7:00 PM

June 7

“The Concept of Creation”

Michael Grooms
Boiling Springs COC

Children's Bible Times

Thursdays

10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

June 15 & 29
July 13 & 20

2 years old – 5th grade
Lunch Provided



Vacation Bible School

July 23 – 26

Sunday – Wednesday

