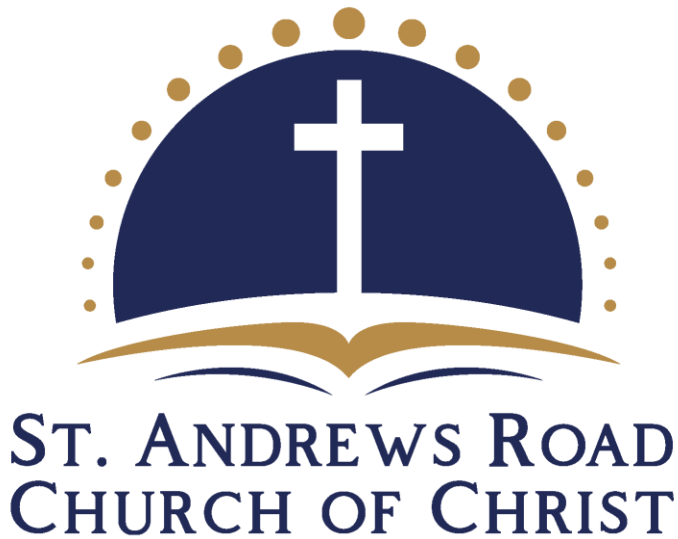


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Worship Services & Bible Study

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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A Salute to Soldiers of the Cross

At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day in the eleventh month of 1918, World War One officially came to an end. It is on this day each year that our nation honors its military veterans. The Bible tells us to render honor to whom honor is due (Romans 13:7), so it is fitting that we honor these men and women who served us in our nation's armed forces. Did you know that the Bible uses soldierly words when speaking of faithful Christians? Paul would refer to some of his brothers in Christ as **fellow soldiers (Philippians 2:25; Philemon 2 NKJV)**. He charged Timothy to **wage the good warfare (1 Tim. 1:18)**, as well as to **fight the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12)**. The apostle Peter commanded his readers to **arm yourselves (1 Pet. 4:1)**, because of the **fiery trial which is to try you (v. 12)**. Yes, Christians are to **Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (Ephesians 6:11)**. It is a fight in which we must never give in to the enemy, as Jesus said, **And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved (Matthew 10:22)**.

So, I would like to honor those who are doing just that: To the babe in Christ who is resisting the pressure to return to his old ways; to the mature Christian who is constantly studying her Bible; to the husband and wife that work on strengthening their marriage daily (from newlyweds to those married sixty years); to the teenager who confesses Christ every day in a world that is under the sway of the devil; to the aged person whose health has declined but whose spirit has not; to parents who do not surrender their responsibility of raising their children to a postmodern world; to the employee who continues to work hard in an unappreciated job; and to the employer who treats his employees the way he would want to be treated. Thank you for your service to Christ, and for your good example to all of us. We must remember that we are all in this fight. Our Lord had his enemies when He walked this earth. Why? Because His life condemned theirs. Jesus said, **"And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God" (John 3:19-21)**. When we heed His gracious call and deny ourselves to become His disciples, we will also have enemies because our lives should mirror the Lord's. Our biggest enemy is the devil. **Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8)**. The devil plays for keeps. Hence the warning of staying sober and vigilant. Again, the Lord is our model in this. We can stay sober and vigilant if we meditate daily in the word of God. Jesus answered every temptation the devil threw at Him with God's word. Unlike David, He truly hid God's word in his heart that He might not sin against Him (Psalm 119:11; cf. 2 Samuel 11).

General Douglas MacArthur said in his farewell speech, "Old soldiers never die. They just fade away." We can rest assured, that when we die, our soldier's reward will not fade away. **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you (1 Peter 1:3-4)**. Therefore, soldier on.



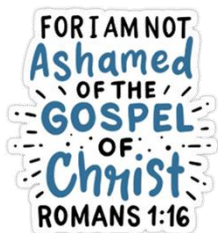
Brotherly,
Jamie

SC BIBLE BOWL

February 17, 2024

Book of Romans

NEW KING JAMES VERSION



Sign-up on the bulletin board if you want to be on a team.

Senior Bible Study

Tuesday, November 14

10:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

Men's & Preachers Meeting

Tuesday, November 21

“Training Men to Lead”

Joshua: Leading with Courage

10:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

Holiday Party

Saturday, December 4

5:00 PM

Catered meal by Farm Boys barbeque.

\$11/adult \$6/child

widows/widowers are free

Please sign-up and pay by

November 26.

See Nathan or Michelle Moorey to pay.



Ugly sweater contest, games, & family fun!



SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER

Warm the hearts of someone special this holiday season.

Holiday Baskets

for our widows/widowers & shut-ins

This Holiday Season we have

**15 Holiday Totes,
7 smaller Holiday Baskets,
and 1 basket of Holiday Cards**
all to fill by **December 13.**

For some ideas, see the sign above the totes & baskets.

If you can help deliver, please see Diane Hutcherson.

Southeastern Children's Home Holiday Adoption

We have once again adopted two children from the children's home to make their Holiday wishes come true. A 5-year-old boy and a 12-year-old girl. If you can help financially, please give your donation to Sarah Cole or Pat Yenny.

Youth Caroling Day

Saturday, December 16

For youth of ages

They will go caroling and visiting to a few shut-ins that day.

Practices

In fellowship hall for 15 minutes
after morning services

November 19 & 26

December 3 & 10

