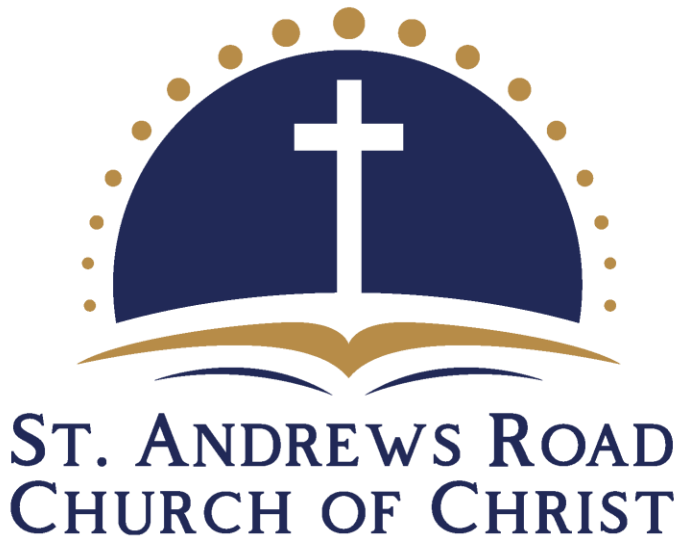


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### Worship Services & Bible Study

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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### The Voice of Thanksgiving

If you reverse the order of the compound word, thanksgiving, you have its definition: giving thanks. When you give thanks, you are giving something to someone that is intangible, unlike giving a gift that can be seen. So how do you give something to someone that they cannot touch?

The Bible says that we can do this by our words with which we communicate; specifically, when we thank God. **Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name (Hebrews 13:15 NKJV).** You can do this through prayer to God. **Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God (Philippians 4:6).** You can also do this by singing hymns to God. **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord (Colossians 3:16).** Grace in this verse means thankfulness. In fact, everything we do, when done in humble obedience to God, should reflect an attitude of thanksgiving. **And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him (Colossians 3:17).**

We should express our feelings of thanksgiving to God often. By doing so, we are admitting that all good things we have are from Him, and thus our love and devotion for Him grows with each passing day. **Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning (James 1:17).** To admit this is to have the proper view toward our material possessions. Only a humble person can do this. One may protest that he has worked hard for his wealth. Hard work is commendable and commanded. **For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat (2 Thessalonians 3:10).** But everyone must remember that it is because of God we have what we have, and not of ourselves. **The LORD makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up (1 Samuel 2:7).** Therefore, we should give thanks to our God for all with which He has blessed us. This thankful attitude will align us with our actual roles on this earth, for we are stewards and not owners. God is the owner, as He says in the Psalms: **If I were hungry I would not tell you, For the world is Mine, and all it contains (Psalm 50:12 NASB).** A thankful heart is a good and humble heart.

On the other hand, to be unthankful is to walk the path of foolishness and eternal darkness. **For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools (Romans 1:20-22 NKJV).** Sin and apostasy take root in an unthankful heart. The rest of chapter one of Romans lists the abominable sins these people practiced, such as homosexuality (vv. 26-27), murder (v. 29), being disobedient to parents (v. 30), and being unmerciful (v. 31). These resulted because they were not thankful (v. 21).

May our mindset be like Jonah's when he prayed to God from the belly of a great fish, in which he prayed **with the voice of thanksgiving (Jonah 2:9).** It is difficult to sin when you are thanking God. Rather, it pleases Him when you offer thanks. **Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).**

Brotherly,  
Jamie

## Men's & Preachers Meeting

Tuesday, November 21

"Training Men to Lead"

*Joshua: Leading with Courage*

10:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

## Holiday Party

Saturday, December 2

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!

### YOU ARE RICHER . . .

You are richer today than you were yesterday if you have laughed often, given something, forgiven even more, made a new friend, or made stepping stones of stumbling blocks.

You are richer today than you were yesterday if you have thought more in terms of others than of self or if you have managed to be cheerful even if you were weary.

You are richer tonight than you were this morning if you have taken time to trace the handiwork of God in the commonplace things of life, or if you have learned to leave out things that really don't count, or if you have been a little blinder to the faults of friend or foe.

You are richer if a little child has smiled at you, or a stray dog has licked your hands, or if you have looked for the best in others and have given others the best in you!

**"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving." —Colossians 2:6-7**

-House to House Heart to Heart



## 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,  
8 smaller Holiday Baskets,**  
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.

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### 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.

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### 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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Say “Thank You”</b> Psalm 100</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Forget Not All His Benefits</b> Psalm 103:1-5</p>

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise.  
 Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name. For the LORD *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting,  
 And His truth *endures* to all generations.  
 Psalm 100:4-5