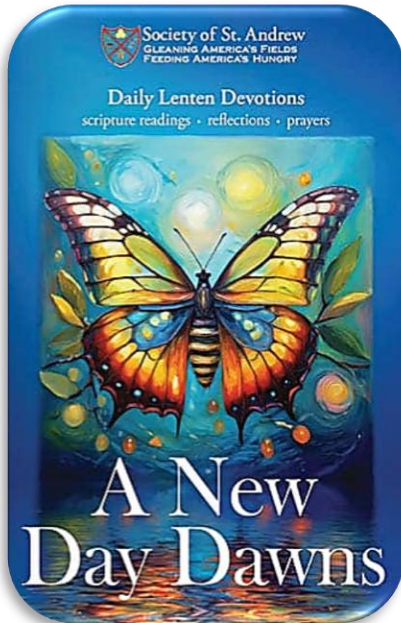


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WALKING THROUGH OUR STRUGGLES

SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 43:1-2

Wouldn't it be fantastic if every day when we awakened, we'd jump out of bed and joyfully proclaim, "This is the day the Lord has made! Woo hoo! Let's go!" But what about those days when even the prospect of getting out of bed is daunting, engulfing us with fear, dread, or sorrow? When we open our eyes first thing in the morning and feel utterly alone. Abandoned. Not having the energy to lift the covers, put our feet on the floor, and start our day. Not knowing how we're going to be able to face whatever problem or person or peril is causing us to feel overwhelmed and defeated before we even leave our bedroom.

Struggles either can consume us ... or they can force us to grow stronger and the roots of our faith to sink deeper. That's not saying losses, setbacks, reversals, challenges, disappointments, and betrayals (the list goes on and on) are endured easily. They're painful, often unbearably so. But we are not alone: As Isaiah wrote, the Lord our God, who knows us by name, has promised He will see us "through" whatever struggles we're experiencing: through the waters of grief or despair, through the rivers of nonstop problems, and through the fires of trials and tribulations.

Claim it. Cling to it. Believe it!

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for your promise that you are with us always, through every moment of every day, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

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Giving in Review

As of February 28, 2025

Income Received YTD	\$62,197.49
Actual Expenses YTD	\$51,383.02
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$59,074.60

Sunday, March 16 ~ Service Attendance

In Person: 61 Live Online: 24
Social Media Hits: 74

Sunday, March 23 ~ Service Information

Luke 13:1-9

"A man had a fig tree..."

Sunday School @ 9:30 ~ Fellowship Time @ 10:30

Services @ 8:30 & 11:00

FRIENDSHIP FEAST MINISTRY SPAGHETTI DINNER



Friday, April 11, 2025

4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at:

First Christian Church

Spaghetti-Sauce-Salad-Bread

Dessert-Drink

Adults in advance \$10

Adults at the door \$12

(Take Out Available)