

*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may . . . glorify your Father in heaven."*

Matthew 5:16

# *The Coastal Light*

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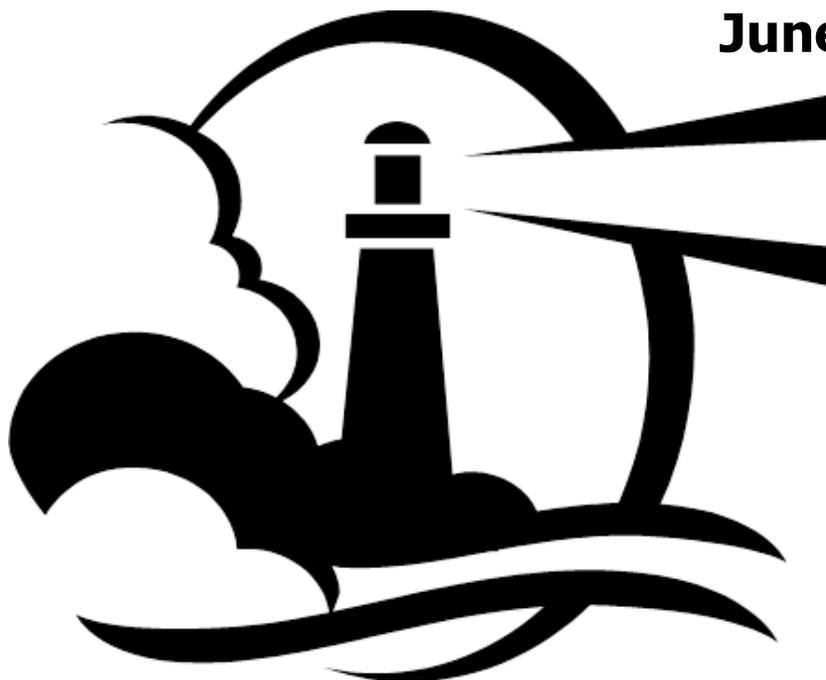
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**June 19, 2022**

Evangelize

"Go therefore and, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Mt. 28:19-20  
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***"The churches of Christ salute you"***

Romans 16:16

## **Sunday Services**

*10:00am service*

*11:00am Worship*

*6:00 pm Worship*

## **Wednesday Service**

7:00pm

## **Welcome Visitors**

**You are our honored guest.  
Thank you for coming to visit with us.**

**Please complete a Visitor's Card and put it in the collection plate or give it to one of the men and please sign the register in the foyer so we can have a permanent record.**

**You are encouraged to take any DVDs or tracts you find in the foyer and enjoy some Visitors Bread in the basket beside the door as you exit.**

**Past sermons can be found on our website at:  
[www.churchofchriststm.org](http://www.churchofchriststm.org).**

**If you have any questions about anything you have heard or seen, please feel free to ask.**

**In respect of the worship service, please turn off or place your cell phone on silent during worship.**



**THANK YOU**

# PRAYER REQUEST FRIENDS & FAMILY

**Walter King – Requesting prayers and encouragement.**

**Donald Hudson & Family – Prayers**

**Willis family – Jason Willis lost his mom**

**Jan Christensen – Is in ICU with sepsis  
(Bill & Tammy's sister-in-law)**

## Today's Sermon

**AM: God as Our Father**

**PM: Understanding The  
Goodness & Severity of God**

*Art Wilson*

## Announcements

Cards are available in the fellowship hall. For the card ministry

Live streaming of the **10 AM & 11 AM Sunday morning** service and **Wednesday's 7 PM** bible study can be watched on the St Mary's church of Christ Facebook page.

## What Must I Do To Be Saved?

**Hear the Word**

Romans 10:17

**Believe the Word**

Hebrews 11:6

**Repent of Your Sins**

Luke 13: 3, 5

**Confess Jesus Christ as the Son of the Living God**

Mathew 10:32

**Be Baptized for the Remission of Your Sins**

Acts 2:38

**Remain Faithful unto Death**

Revelation 2:10

## Father's Day

As Americans everywhere pause to honor their fathers, on Father's Day, it is good to remind ourselves of its beginning.

The most widely accepted story on the origin of Father's Day comes from Spokane, Washington. Sonora Smart Dodd, who grew up without a mother, was looking for a way to publicly **recognize, thank and honor** her father who had raised six children single-handedly. She brought the idea to her minister and church members who embraced the idea and held the first Father's Day celebration on June 19, 1909.

The day as it was established was well meaning, but it is impossible to improve on Scripture. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. *"Honor your father and mother,"* which is the first commandment with promise: *"that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."* ([Ephesians 6:1-3](#))

Because there is a link between honoring our parents and honoring God, we need to be aware of the unintended consequences of establishing one day to honor parents; people tend to forget the history that led to the establishment of this day of honor and begin to act as if it is the only day that they should or need to honor their parents.

We can also see how the law of unintended consequences can impact our relationship with God. For instance, if we are not careful, the term "Lord's Day" can come to mean Sunday is the only day that belongs to God and, therefore, is the only time we pause to worship, praise and honor Him. Left uncorrected, this concept can take root and lead one to falsely believe that God is pleased if we only pause once a week for an hour or two to honor Him.

When we were growing up my mom and dad were never big on mother's or father's days. They taught us that if we lived our lives as Christians we would naturally bring honor to them every day. Conversely, we were taught if we rejected our Christian faith, giving them cards, flowers or other presents to honor them on one specific day once a year, amounted to a hollow gesture.

Again, I believe this has application in our relationship with God; if we only pause once a week to honor him, our Sunday assembly can become a hollow gesture. As a community of faith we understand that we are created to honor God through lives of daily service. So, what does it mean to honor Him daily?

We honor God daily when we engage the culture: *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* ([Matthew 5:13-16](#))

We honor God daily by loving Him and obeying His word: Jesus said, *"If you love me, keep my commandments."* ([John 14:15](#))

We honor God daily by trusting Him: *Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. 24...Of how much more value are you than the birds?"* ([Luke 12:22-24](#))

We honor God daily by making His priorities our top priorities: *"Seek FIRST God's Kingdom and His righteousness."* ([Matthew 6:33](#))

We honor God daily by treating others with the grace he has shown us: *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."* ([Matthew 5:43-48](#))

Finally, we honor God daily by sharing the story of His salvation with others: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."* ([John 3:16](#))

While we are thankful that America pauses on this day to recognize the blessings of fathers for those of us who have become God's children, every day is Father's Day, a day that we joyfully recognize, thank, and honor God as our spiritual Father!

In service to our Lord,  
-Rod Ellison