

A Good Habit to Make

Some people make and break (mostly break) resolutions each year, but for those who do not keep a regular habit of Bible reading ... 2019 marks a good year to start!

Several Bible reading programs exist. You can find one online or follow the Bible reading schedule printed in our bulletins. If new to Bible reading, focus on the New Testament readings to develop your habit. The Old Testament, while incredibly valuable, does take some understanding of its context to put all of its pieces together. As your pastor, I admit that I continue to work on that process.

For my Bible reading, I use a book that focuses on the New Testament while incorporating concepts from the Old Testament that fit passages I read for that day. It also offers a selection from the Psalms, a short explanation of each passage, and a prayer that centers on the readings for the day.

Whatever you do, just starting can make a difference in your view of God's grace and how grace affects your daily life.

Don't fret or stress out if you miss a day ... or two ... or three. We can always take time to catch up. Don't make your reading a burden, but view it as one way to connect with God through His Word as God continues to speak to us through the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16).

It always fascinates me how much I learn in my readings. While I have read through the Bible many times and continue to study it, I often wonder "how did I miss that?" The Word of God remains "sharper than any two-edged sword" (Hebrews 4:12).

If you currently enjoy regular Bible readings ... continue! If not ... why not start in 2019?

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JANUARY 2019

Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 - Katz Young
4 - Theresa Walter
7 - Tony McKee, Ashley Stewart
9 - Samuel Scheffer
13 - Curtis Wallace, Shirley Hunt
17 - Mark Walter, Michelle Seiler
18 - Adam Keener
20 - Steve Scheffer
21 - Joan Sandels
26 - Doris Morgan

Calendar

Sunday - January 6, 13, 20, 27

+ Life Groups (9:45 a.m.)
+ Praise and Worship (11:00 a.m.)

Tuesday - January 8

+ Prayer Night (7:00 p.m.)

Tuesday - January 15

+ Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.) and Elders' Meeting (8:30 p.m.)

Wednesday - January 9, 16, 23, 30

+ Life Group (7:00 p.m.)
+ Worship Team Practice (8:00 p.m.)
+ AA (9:30 p.m.)

Thursday - January 3, 10, 17, 24, 30

+ AA (8:00 p.m.)

Sunday, January 20: Preacher Pat Hartson from NOAH (Northeast Ohio Association of Helpers) will share the mission of NOAH. Following the Worship Service, we will hold our first Lunch Bunch for those who want to join us for food and fellowship. NOAH helps church plants and church renewal efforts.