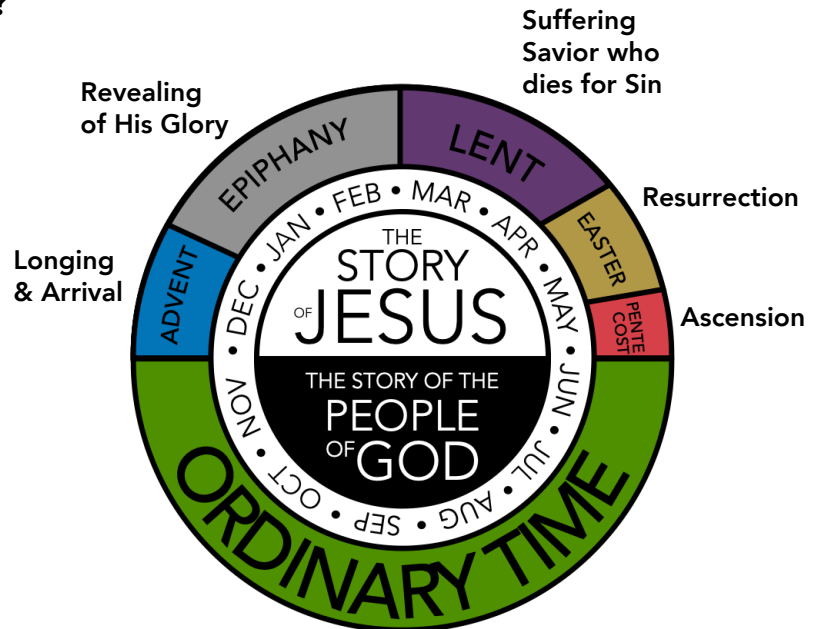

DAILY READING PLAN

PART 1

WHAT IS THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR?

The Church calendar, a nearly 1600 year-old resource, reflects the storyline of the Gospel. Beginning in Advent, the flow of the Church Year tells the story of Jesus. The seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany take us through the experience of longing for a Rescuer, His arrival, and the revealing of His glory to us. Lent and Easter help us experience the reality of our own sin, and our need for a suffering Savior who dies and rises from the dead to free us from our sin and give us new life. The Day of Pentecost (marked in red) and the season of Ordinary Time help us see the part we play in God's Story as we embrace our role as missionaries of Christ now ascended to the Father who has poured out His Holy Spirit on the Church, sending us with the Gospel to our neighbors and to the nations as we await His return. The CFEb readings and message series seek to align with these high points during the Church Year, even reflecting the colors of the Church calendar. Therefore, through the readings the books of the Bible are not read in order, but in light of their doctrinal focus and alignment with the rhythm of the Church year.



WHY READ THE BIBLE?

The Bible is crucial for developing an intimate relationship with God. It's God's Word to us. In it God shows us who He is, it shows His plan for saving the world from sin, and as we grow in our relationship with Him, it shows His expectation of who we are supposed to be. It is the primary means for knowing God. Thus, this plan is created to assist us in the regular reading of the Bible. In it there are a few unique features:

UNIQUE FEATURES OF THIS PLAN

TWO-YEAR CYCLE

The two-year plan takes the pressure off of trying to read through the entire Bible in one year.

USE OF REPETITION

By reading New Testament passages multiple days in a row, you will strengthen your comprehension of the Bible.

SENSIVITY TO THE CHURCH CALENDAR

The Church calendar reflects the storyline of the Gospel as does the selection and order of the books in the reading plan.

INCLUSION OF A DAILY PSALM OR PROVERB

Each day a reading from the Psalms or Proverbs is included to serve as an aid for morning and evening prayer.

DAYS OF REFLECTION AND MAKE-UP

Every seven days is a day to catch up and reflect on what you have been reading.

PRACTICAL INSTRUCTIONS

SCHEDULE A DAILY TIME AND PLACE

The best way to continue reading is to form a ritualized habit. This might seem disingenuous, but not all habits are bad. Just think of simple ones like daily hygiene habits or even meals. These help bring wholeness even if they are repetitive.

PICK A BIBLE

We recommend the NIV as a balanced approach to translation of the original text and the meaning, but find a Bible that is easy for you to understand.

READ PRAYERFULLY

Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help give you understanding, help you enjoy your reading, and help in applying what it says.

LOOK FOR JESUS

Look for Jesus and for Gospel patterns in the text that you might love Christ more.

READ WITH A FRIEND

Join others in using the plan and share with them what God is showing you. Use the weekly Facebook post to share what God is teaching you.

DON'T GIVE UP

If you get behind, start again at the assigned reading for the day and move forward.

FOUR STEP BIBLE STUDY

The following four steps will help you understand the Bible more clearly. Be sure to grab a bookmark from the church lobby of the Four Step Bible Study Process.

OBSERVATION

What does the text say?

Ask the important questions of the text you are reading:

-Who is the author?

Is this an apostle? Is it a friend? Is it a pastor?

-Who is the audience?

Who's receiving this passage? Who is it intended for? Is it a group of people? Is it an individual?

-What is the approach?

What style of writing is this? Is the author writing a poem to communicate? Is it a letter? Is it a historical record?

INTERPRETATION

What does the text mean?

What's the main idea the author is trying to communicate to his readers or listeners? Why is this passage important?

APPLICATION

How should the truth of this text change me?

As you've thought about what this meant originally to the audience, what is a truth you need to put into practice or a command you need to follow? What is the Holy Spirit asking you to do? Remember, our heart should be to align our lives with the Bible and not the other way around.

PRAYER

What should I ask God to do in and through me?

Ask God to help you understand what you're reading and ask Him to help you be obedient to what it says.

DEC

1	GEN 1	PS 1	1TH 1-3
2	GEN 2	PS 2	1TH 1-3
3	GEN 3	PS 3	1TH 1-3
4	GEN 4	PS 4	1TH 4-5
5	GEN 5	PS 5	1TH 4-5
6	GEN 6-7	PS 6:1-3	1TH 4-5
7	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		
8	GEN 8:1-9:17	PS 6:4-10	2 TH 1-3
9	GEN 9:18-29	PS 7	2 TH 1-3
10	GEN 10	PS 8	2 TH 1-3
11	GEN 11	PS 9:1-8	MK 1-3
12	GEN 12-13	PS 9:9-20	MK 1-3
13	GEN 14-15	PS 10:1-11	MK 1-3
14	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		
15	GEN 16	PS 10:12-18	MK 4-6
16	GEN 17	PS 11	MK 4-6
17	GEN 18	PS 12	MK 4-6
18	GEN 19	PS 13	MK 7-9
19	GEN 20	PS 14	MK 7-9
20	GEN 21	PS 15	MK 7-9
21	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		
22	GEN 22-23	PS 16	MK 10-12
23	GEN 24:1-28	PS 17	MK 10-12
24	GEN 24:29-67	PS 18:1-5	MK 10-12
25	GEN 25	PS 18:6-12	MK 13-14
26	GEN 26	PS 18:13-19	MK 13-14
27	GEN 27	PS 18:20-30	MK 13-14
28	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		
29	GEN 28	PS 18:31-42	MK 15-16
30	GEN 29	PS 18:43-50	MK 15-16
31	GEN 30	PS 19:1-6	MK 15-16

JAN

1	GEN 31:1-22	PS 19:7-14	JN 1-3
2	GEN 31:23-55	PS 20	JN 1-3
3	GEN 32	PS 21	JN 1-3
4	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		
5	GEN 33	PS 22:1-8	JN 4-5
6	GEN 34	PS 22:9-18	JN 4-5
7	GEN 35	PS 22:19-31	JN 4-5
8	GEN 36	PS 23	JN 6-8
9	GEN 37	PS 24	JN 6-8
10	GEN 38	PS 25:1-7	JN 6-8
11	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		
12	GEN 39	PS 25:8-22	JN 9-10
13	GEN 40	PS 26:1-5	JN 9-10
14	GEN 41:1-36	PS 26:6-12	JN 9-10
15	GEN 41:37-57	PS 27	JN 11-12
16	GEN 42	PS 28	JN 11-12
17	GEN 43	PS 29:1-4	JN 11-12
18	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		
19	GEN 44	PS 29:5-11	JN 13-15
20	GEN 45	PS 30	JN 13-15
21	GEN 46	PS 31:1-5	JN 13-15
22	GEN 47	PS 31:6-13	JN 16-17
23	GEN 48 - 49	PS 31:14-24	JN 16-17
24	GEN 50	PS 32	JN 16-17
25	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		
26	HAB 1-2	PS 33:1-9	JN 18-19
27	HAB 3	PS 33:10-22	JN 18-19
28	DEUT 1	PS 34:1-10	JN 18-19
29	DEUT 2	PS 34:11-22	JN 20-21
30	DEUT 3	PS 35:1-3	JN 20-21
31	DEUT 4	PS 35:4-10	JN 20-21

FEB

1	REFLECTION/MAKE UP		
2	DEUT 5	PS 35:11-18	JUDE, 1JN 1-2
3	DEUT 6	PS 35:19-28	JUDE, 1JN 1-2
4	DEUT 7	PS 36	JUDE, 1JN 1-2
5	DEUT 8	PS 37:1-6	1JN 3-5
6	DEUT 9-10	PS 37:7-17	1JN 3-5
7	DEUT 11	PS 37:18-29	1JN 3-5
8	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		
9	DEUT 12	PS 37:30-40	HEB 1-3
10	DEUT 13	PS 38:1-8	HEB 1-3
11	DEUT 14	PS 38:9-22	HEB 1-3
12	DEUT 15:1-16:8	PS 39:1-6	HEB 4-6
13	DEUT 16:9-18:8	PS 39:7-13	HEB 4-6
14	DEUT 18:9-19:21	PS 40:1-8	HEB 4-6
15	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		
16	DEUT 20:1-21:9	PS 40:9-17	HEB 7-9
17	DEUT 21:10-22:12	PS 41:1-7	HEB 7-9
18	DEUT 22:13-23:14	PS 41:8-13	HEB 7-9
19	DEUT 23:15-25:4	PS 42	HEB 10-11
20	DEUT 25:5-26:19	PS 43	HEB 10-11
21	DEUT 27	PS 44:1-8	HEB 10-11
22	REFLECTION/MAKE UP		
23	DEUT 28:1-14	PS 44:9-26	HEB 12-13
24	DEUT 28:15-68	PS 45:1-9	HEB 12-13
25	DEUT 29	PS 45:10-17	HEB 12-13
26	DEUT 30	PS 46	MT 1-3
27	DEUT 31	PS 47	MT 1-3
28	DEUT 32	PS 48:1-8	MT 1-3

MAR

1	REFLECTION/MAKE UP		
2	DEUT 33	PS 48:9-14	MT 4-6
3	DEUT 34	PS 49:1-12	MT 4-6
4	LAM 1	PS 49:13-20	MT 4-6
5	LAM 2	PS 50:1-11	MT 7-9
6	LAM 3:1-27	PS 50:12-23	MT 7-9
7	LAM 3:28-66	PS 51:1-6	MT 7-9
8	REFLECTION/MAKE UP		
9	LAM 4-5	PS 51:7-19	MT 10-12
10	JER 1	PS 52	MT 10-12
11	JER 2	PS 53	MT 10-12
12	JER 3	PS 54	MT 13-15
13	JER 4	PS 55:1-11	MT 13-15
14	JER 5	PS 55:12-23	MT 13-15
15	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		
16	JER 6	PS 56	MT 16-18
17	JER 7	PS 57:1-5	MT 16-18
18	JER 8	PS 57:6-11	MT 16-18
19	JER 9	PS 58	MT 19-21
20	JER 10-11	PS 59:1-7	MT 19-21
21	JER 12:1-13:11	PS 59:8-17	MT 19-21
22	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		
23	JER 13:12-14:22	PS 60	MT 22-24
24	JER 15-16	PS 61	MT 22-24
25	JER 17	PS 62	MT 22-24
26	JER 18-19	PS 63:1-4	MT 25-26
27	JER 20-21	PS 63:5-11	MT 25-26
28	JER 22	PS 64	MT 25-26
29	REFLECTION/MAKE UP		
30	HOS 1-2	PS 65:1-8	MT 27-28
31	HOS 3-5	PS 65:9-13	MT 27-28

APR

1	HOS 6-7	PS 66:1-7	MT 27-28
2	HOS 8-10	PS 66:8-20	1CO 1-3
3	HOS 11-12	PS 67	1CO 1-3
4	HOS 13-14	PS 68:1-6	1CO 1-3
5	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		
6	NAH 1-2	PS 68:7-14	1CO 4-6
7	NAH 3	PS 68:15-23	1CO 4-6
8	ZECH 1	PS 68:24-35	1CO 4-6
9	ZECH 2-4	PS 69:1-12	1CO 7-9
10	ZECH 5-6	PS 69:13-18	1CO 7-9
11	ZECH 7-8	PS 69:19-28	1CO 7-9
12	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		
13	ZECH 9-10	PS 69:29-36	1CO 10-12
14	ZECH 11-12	PS 70	1CO 10-12
15	ZECH 13-14	PS 71:1-11	1CO 10-12
16	1SAM 1	PS 71:12-24	1CO 13-16
17	1SAM 2	PS 72:1-7	1CO 13-16
18	1SAM 3	PS 72:8-20	1CO 13-16
19	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		
20	1SAM 4	PR 1	1PT 1-3
21	1SAM 5-6	PR 2	1PT 1-3
22	1SAM 7-8	PR 3	1PT 1-3
23	1SAM 9	PR 4	1PT 4-5
24	1SAM 10	PR 5	1PT 4-5
25	1SAM 11-12	PR 6	1PT 4-5
26	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		
27	1SAM 13	PR 7	2PT 1-3
28	1SAM 14:1-46	PR 8	2PT 1-3
29	1SAM 14:47-15:35	PR 9	2PT 1-3
30	1SAM 16	PR 10	LK 1-3

MAY

1	1SAM 17:1-23	PR 11	LK 1-3
2	1SAM 17:24-58	PR 12	LK 1-3
3	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		
4	1SAM 18	PR 13	LK 4-6
5	1SAM 19	PR 14	LK 4-6
6	1SAM 20	PR 15	LK 4-6
7	1SAM 21-22	PR 16	LK 7-9
8	1SAM 23	PR 17	LK 7-9
9	1SAM 24	PR 18	LK 7-9
10	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		
11	1SAM 25	PR 19	LK 10-12
12	1SAM 26	PR 20	LK 10-12
13	1SAM 27-28	PR 21	LK 10-12
14	1SAM 29	PR 22	LK 13-15
15	1SAM 30-31	PR 23	LK 13-15
16	2SAM 1	PR 24	LK 13-15
17	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		
18	2SAM 2	PR 25	LK 16-18
19	2SAM 3	PR 26	LK 16-18
20	2SAM 4-5	PR 27	LK 16-18
21	2SAM 6	PR 28	LK 19-21
22	2SAM 7	PR 29	LK 19-21
23	2SAM 8-9	PR 30	LK 19-21
24	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		
25	2SAM 10-11	PR 31	LK 22-24
26	2SAM 12	PS 73:1-15	LK 22-24
27	2SAM 13	PS 73:16-22	LK 22-24
28	2SAM 14	PS 73:23-28	AC 1-3
29	2SAM 15	PS 74:1-8	AC 1-3
30	2SAM 16	PS 74:9-19	AC 1-3
31	REFLECTION/MAKE-UP		

