

"... pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart"  
2 Timothy 2:22

## January 2, 2022 - Keys to a Successful Scroll-Eating Plan

I could call it a Bible reading plan, but in honor of our Revelation studies, I'll call it a scroll-eating plan. John was given a scroll (their form of book back then) with the instructions: "Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey." Only after John ate the scroll was he prepared to share God's word with the church (Revelation 10:9-11).



With the new year, we're probably focused on all the things we're *not* going to eat. That's understandable, but the Bible describes God's Word as sweet, nutritious food. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4). "I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food." (Job 23:12)

Do you have a plan for eating God's word in 2022? There are tons to choose from! If you Google "Bible reading plans," you'll find 5-day-a-week plans, 7-day-a-week-plans, Bible-in-90 day plans, Bible-in-6-months plans, Bible-in-a-year-plans, New Testament-in-a-year-plans, etc. This year, I'm going to try Mark Robert's 5 Day Bible Reading Schedule with Readers' Companion. You can find it at [www.fivedaybiblereading.com](http://www.fivedaybiblereading.com). It's about 5 chapters a day, with a mix of Old and New Testament, and the reader's companion puts the reading in context and gives clarity to difficult verses. It's only \$3.00.

Whichever plan you choose, here are some keys to a successful scroll-eating plan:

**1) It's not a Heavenly homework assignment.** These scroll eating plans are from man, not God. If you think God assigned you 5 chapters a day, and you miss a day, you'll feel like you've sinned! You'll start pressuring yourself to "get your grades up" so you don't miss Heaven! Yikes! That makes Bible reading a yoke neither we nor our fathers could bear (Acts 15:10 - salvation by works). If you fall behind or miss a couple days, instead of pressuring yourself to read 20 chapters Monday to catch up, why not just skip those chapters and start fresh? That's not a sin.

**2) Pick a good time.** If you're like me, I can't read much before bed. My brain is toast and I just stare at the page. First thing in the morning is best for me. For you, maybe it's during lunch, maybe it's anytime the kids are down for their naps, maybe it's after you take a nap. Find a good time.

**3) Pick a realistic plan.** I would love to do the "90-day Bible reading plan" 4 times a year! But 16 chapters a day, 7 days a week, on top of all the other reading I do in my preaching work, is just too intense and I can't handle it. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. Be honest with yourself.

**4) Quality beats quantity.** Have you ever driven home, and you pull into the driveway but have no idea how you got there? It's because you know the route so well you don't have to think. You can shut your brain off and still get home! Sometimes Bible reading is like that; I read 4 or 5 chapters and think, "I have no idea what I just read." Either I shut my brain off because I thought, "I already know this stuff" or *I was more concerned with getting it done than getting it in my heart*. Even if you only read 10 verses, but you ponder it, chew on it (food metaphor again), and really eat it by enjoying it's sweetness and allowing the bitter parts to confront you, that's time well spent! Ideally, you want quality AND quantity, but if you have to choose, go with quality. "Make me understand the way of Your precepts, so I will meditate on Your wonders." (Psalm 119:27)

**5) Use a Bible you enjoy reading.** I realize this is a little shallow and it *shouldn't* matter, but we're human and it does. If your Bible is in the ancient King James in size 2 font with pages that are all wilted and torn, that's not an enjoyable experience. With a more modern translation, bright white pages, readable font, gold or silver gilding, and a sweet leather binding, you'll be more excited to pick up your Bible and read it. If digital or audio Bibles work better for you, use those!

**6) Use it to know God.** Again, it's not a homework assignment. It's a time of communion with your God and Savior. What does this text teach me about God's character? His love for me? My failure to be like Him? My hope to be forgiven and made more like my Father? "Let him who boasts boast of this, *that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,*' declares the LORD." (Jeremiah 9:24)

**7) Use it to change your life.** God's Word is life-changing only if we take responsibility to change. If we eat God's scroll and don't act on what we read, we might as well spit it out. In contrast, Jesus said, "Everyone who hears these words of Mine and *acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.*" (Matt. 7:24). Let's read it — and then go do it. - B.M.

**Sunday Worship Services**  
9 a.m. Lord's Supper Service  
9:45 a.m. Bible Class  
10:45 a.m. Praise & Preaching

**Elders**  
Herb Hinely 407-339-4805  
Jeff Hunt 407-739-5266  
Joe Rimmer 407-414-7393  
Dave Weaver 407-782-1112  
Tim Welsh 407-670-8279

**Deacons**  
Matt Hinely, Terry Petty  
Erik Quist, Rory Salimbene  
Emory VanCleaf

**Evangelists**  
Brian Messerli 407-300-2517  
Dwayne Gandy 214-724-5375

**Wednesday Bible Classes** 7:30 p.m.

## Word Scramble for Jesus Raised Lazarus From the Dead

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

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BOTM



EVIL



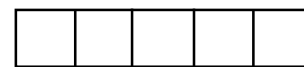
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To be useful to God, we must be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

**Christ Is \_\_\_\_\_ With Casual Christianity (Rev. 3:14-17)**

- ▶ “Spit” = “\_\_\_\_\_”
- ▶ Lukewarm = \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ believers appear to be lukewarm
- ▶ Casual worship has never \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord (Isa. 1; Mal. 1)

**In This Context, “Cold” And “Hot” Refer To Something \_\_\_\_\_**

- ▶ They’re both \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ Christ wants us to be \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_
- ▶ Not a zeal \_\_\_\_\_

**How To Be Useful To The Lord (Rev. 3:18-19)**

1. Change your \_\_\_\_\_
2. Get \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the facts
4. Be \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Jesus Longs For \_\_\_\_\_ With Us (Rev. 3:20-21)**

- ▶ The Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ us
- ▶ We have to hear Him and \_\_\_\_\_ the door

# Announcements

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Please email all new announcements to [announcements@psd.church](mailto:announcements@psd.church).

**MEMBER HEALTH ISSUES:**

- **Alexa McClenny** was able to have a successful Cesarean Section delivery. **Elora Lynne McClenny** was born Friday, Dec. 31 at 3:00 pm. Elora was 6 lbs 12 oz. and 20 inches long. Elora is having some respiratory issues due to fluid in her lungs that is making her breathe too fast. They hope it will absorb naturally. If it doesn't there is a concern of Elora getting pneumonia. Elora is in the NICU at Advent Health Orlando. Alexa is getting attention for low blood pressure and hopes to go home on Sunday or Monday.
- **Patsy Holt** is at Advent Health Orlando Hospital suffering with Covid and bronchiectasis. They are working on getting her antibiotics for use at home. That will take some time. She is hoping to go home on Monday or Tuesday. She is unable to have visitors at this time..
- **Will and Sarah Roberts and their children** are at home in quarantine and recovering from Covid. All 6 of them have had some form of it. Will, Sarah, Sally and Emmie are doing better. Kate and Fair are suffering the most right now. They haven't been tested but feel certain it is Covid.
- **Terry & Veronica and Jessica Petty** are suffering with Covid symptoms at home. Veronica and Jessica appear to be recovering somewhat. Terry is still struggling with cough, fatigue, and headache. These symptoms seem to rise and ebb, and Terry is frustrated.
- **Mike, Ann, and Jacob Allen** have all been suffering with Covid. Mike has recovered but Ann and Jacob are still having symptoms.
- **Cindy VanLandingham** is staying home today since her cold has returned and she is congested and coughing.
- **Cheri Feist** tested negative on Covid but is suffering with bad upper respiratory cough, fever, and sore throat. She will remain at home.
- **Anne Welsh and Emory & Angie VanCleeef** are staying home today with cold and allergy symptoms.
- **Kerianne Park** came down with fever, chills, and general cold symptoms today. **Ryan** is home with her this morning.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF PSD:**

- **Denise Price, sister of Dwayne Gandy**, and her husband, Mark Price and son Mavric Price and wife, Abi, and kids, Maddox and Emersyn area all suffering with Covid. Also, Denise's 7-month-old grandson, Griffin, is suffering with Covid and has been in the hospital for a few days. He should be getting out of the hospital soon. The Price family lives in Northern Indiana and have not been spending time with the Gandy family.
- **Retha Tucker, sister of Patsy Holt**, and her husband, Wayne, and two daughters and one granddaughter, 6-year-old Paisleigh Niccum, and Paisleigh's mother, Stephanie, are all suffering with Covid. Paisleigh has really been suffering the most. Please pray for all of them, especially Paisleigh.

**TRAVELING:**

- **Jeff and Julia Hunt** are in Bowling Green, KY until Thursday, Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, with Matt & Joanna Finley, helping them move into a rental house, since their home was heavily damaged by tornadoes in Kentucky. Matt & Joanna have a **PayPal** account if you can help: [finley.joanna@gmail.com](mailto:finley.joanna@gmail.com).

**Special Announcements:**

- The first month of the Adult Class Syllabus for Our Spiritual Growth is available this morning. More to come later.

**SHUT-IN:**

- **Anne Dickson, Geny Harrison, Peggy Hunt, Lynna Davis, Patsy Holt, and Pat Steele**

**DATES TO NOTE:**

DATE	EVENT
2022	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Today	New Quarter Begins, with New Teachers and New Curriculum
Sunday, January 16, 2022	H2H: Training Session for Leaders & Hosts, 2:30 PM
Sunday, January 23, 2022	Shepherd's Annual Review & Budget Review
Sunday, January 23, 2022	H2H New Session Begins, Jan. 23rd-March 5th, 6 Weeks
Sunday, March 6, 2022	Deacons, Preachers, Shepherds meeting.

