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Read Through the Bible

Join us as we read through the Bible together again in 2022. This year we will be doing a Chronological Reading Plan. This Bible reading plan will take you through the entire Bible in an historical linear timeline order with the first events first to the last. You may pick up a copy of the plan on the table in the foyer at the church. The readings for each week will be in the bulletin and for the month in the newsletter.

1: Luke 1; John 1:1-14	9: Matt 12:1-21; Mark 3; Luke 6	17: Matt 14; Mark 6; Luke 9:1-17	25: Luke 10-11; John 10:22-42
2: Matt 1; Luke 2:1-38	10: Matt 5-7	18: John 6	26: Luke 12-13
3: Matt 2; Luke 2:39-52	11: Matt 8:1-13; Luke 7	19: Matt 15; Mark 7	27: Luke 14-15
4: Matt 3; Mark 1; Luke 3	12: Matt 11	20: Matt 16; Mark 8; Luke 9:18-27	28: Luke 16-17:10
5: Matt 4; Luke 4-5; John 1:15-51	13: Matt 12:22-50; Luke 11	21: Matt 17; Mark 9; Luke 9:28-62	29: John 11
6: John 2-4	14: Matt 13; Luke 8	22: Matt 18	30: Luke 17:11-18:14
7: Mark 2	15: Matt 8:14-34; Mark 4-5	23: John 7-8	31: Matt 19; Mark 10
8: John 5	16: Matt 9-10	24: John 9:1-10:21	



Our Mission:
 To relate to
 God more
 intimately,
 to evidence the
 fruit of the
 Spirit, and to
 bring Jesus
 into all our
 relationships.

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HRCC News

From the Pastor's Pen....

Psalm 16:8 says, **“I have set the Lord continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.”** One of the great sources of insecurity in our lives has to do with the future. The future is utterly unknown to us. We cannot control it, we cannot predict it, and we cannot avoid it. Many people can easily live in the fear of an unknown tomorrow. They try to build stability into their lives by having a good and stable job and making good money. They try to build stability emotionally as they diet, exercise, eat the right things and get help if there is an emotional issue going on. They plan, work, and strive to anticipate what's coming. The truth is no matter how much we plan, we just don't know what tomorrow will bring.



The author of this Psalm, David, seems to face tomorrow unafraid. He says, **“I will not be shaken.”** How does he maintain this kind of confidence in the face of uncertainty? He says, **“I have set the Lord continually before me...”**

That is a beautiful phrase I want to dwell on for a moment with you. The late Dr. Dallas Willard wrote, “The ultimate freedom we have as human beings is the power to select what we will allow or require our minds to dwell upon.” (Dallas Willard, *Renovation of the Heart*, pg. 98). What do you allow your mind to dwell on? Today it is easy for our minds to dwell on all that is wrong in our world. We dwell upon the catastrophes that hit parts of our world (war, famine, earthquakes, diseases, etc.) We dwell upon the political news of the day (as we spend much time listening to the news). We see how our world has seemed to lose its moral compass (violence and crime, etc.). Our minds can feed so much on that which seems to offer little hope.

The writer of this Psalm, David, seems to focus on keeping, **“...the Lord continually before me...”** What is it like to, **“...keep the Lord continually before me?”** It involves...

1. Great reverence toward God and His Son Jesus – In heaven there are myriads of angels, **saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.” And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, “To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.”** Just as the angels worshipped this glorious God in Christ, the focus of our hearts and minds can focus more on God rather than ourselves. It also involves...
2. A willingness to allow God's word to be at the forefront of our minds.

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Psalm 19:7-8 says, The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.” Psalm 119:11 says, Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You.” Psalm 119:127-128 says, Therefore I love Your commandments above gold, yes, above fine gold. Therefore I esteem right all Your precepts concerning everything, I hate every false way. And Psalm 119:165 says, “Those who love Your law have great peace, and nothing causes them to stumble.” When God’s word is at the forefront of our minds we allow His word to influence us and our thinking more than all the noise that goes on around us.

When we set the Lord more and more before us, before our minds and in our hearts, we can have great peace, or as David writes, “I will not be shaken.” The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 4:8, “Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.” One of the fundamental ways we set our minds at peace is when we fill our minds with His word. May we not be shaken!

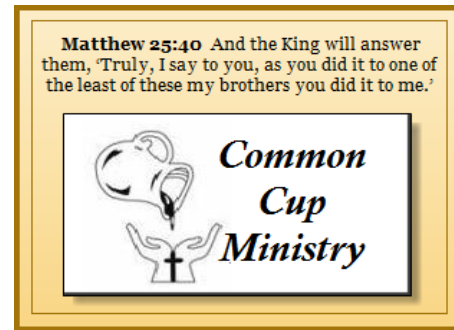
Please know that I love you and desire that we all become more like Jesus.


Pastor Howard

Scrap & Craft

 Fall breezes and Autumn leaves - oh the beauty of Fall! Come to Scrap and Craft this month and get a taste of fall that is sure to awaken your senses. Join us Friday, October 14, 4:00-10:00, and Saturday, October 15 9:00-4:00. Friday evening the meal is on your own. Please bring something to share for our potluck meal on Saturday. Remember to invite a friend or two to join us. Please let Becky Anderson or Dawn Vandenberg know if you plan to attend so they can plan accordingly for tables.

Scenes From the Church Picnic



 We could really use your help by continuing to bring in those pudding cups for the Weekend Backpack feeding program for Pre-K through 8th Grade. Common Cup packs approximately 275 bags each week. What a great way for us to be involved in making sure McLeod County students have something to eat over the weekends.

I have put together a crew from HRCC to help with packing bags for the Weekend Backpack Feeding program. If you are interested in helping us with this please contact Dawn Vandenberg to be added to our church volunteer list. I will give you the dates as I know them.

Operation Christmas Child



Now is a good time to start shopping for your Operation Christmas Child boxes. Pick up your boxes beginning Sunday, Oct 9th and check out the display table in the foyer. We are encouraging families to participate in this wonderful program and will be collecting boxes until the Box Dedication on Sunday, November 13th. Contact Dawn Vandenberg for any questions!!



If you have not explored our library for awhile, November is a good time to do so. We are featuring newly donated books this month. Come check them out, and perhaps discover a new favorite!

Small Groups

We have 3 Small Groups to choose from. Please sign up on the table in the foyer.

Gary VanDeSteege will be leading a small group beginning on Monday, September 26th at 6:30PM. They will meet every other Monday. They will be studying 1 Timothy with a study guide called, “Excellence in Ministry” by Church Swindoll.

Pastor Howard will be leading a study on “Following King Jesus.” This study is a continuation from last year, but you are welcome to join! This small group will meet on Sunday evenings at 6:00PM. They will meet again on October 9th.

Ben Stritesky will be leading a small group at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 4th. Based on group availability, we will work out the day and time that works best for all to meet.

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| BELOVED | ENDURED | I WILL NOT FEAR | PURGED OUR SINS |
| BLOOD OF CHRIST | ERR | LAWS | REFUGE |
| BODY OF CHRIST | ETERNAL | MAJESTY | REMISSION |
| BULLS | FIRE | MELCHISEDEC | RIGHT HAND |
| BY FAITH | FLESH | MERCY | SACRIFICE |
| CALVES | GLORY | MY SON | SALVATION |
| CROSS | GOATS | MY WAYS | SLOTHFUL |
| CRUCIFY | GOOD WORK | OBEY | THE DEVIL |
| DEAD WORKS | GRACE OF GOD | ONCE FOR ALL | THRONE OF GRACE |
| DIED | HEIRS | PERISH | WHAT IS MAN |

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Church Cleaning – Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 8th! Come and help us spruce up the church. We will begin at 8:30 AM and take a break at noon for lunch. Please bring your own lunch. Coffee, water and snacks will be provided. Sign up sheets will be available for jobs that need to be done. You may also come in the next week to work on cleaning if you are not available on that day.

Looking for ways to minister to others? We provide freezer meals for people in need when moving, sick or after surgery. We are running a little low on our supply of frozen dinners. If you would like to prepare a meal and bring it to the church freezer, we will use it when a need arises. If you are in need of a meal, please contact the church office.