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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: Ezek 18-19	9: Ezek 40-41	17: Daniel 10-12	25: Ezra 7-10
2: Ezek 20-21	10: Ezek 42-43	18: Ezra 1-3	26: Neh 1-5
3: Ezek 22-23	11: Ezek 44-45	19: Ezra 4-6; Ps 137	27: Neh 6-7
4: Ezek 24-27	12: Ezek 46-48	20: Haggai	28: Neh 8-10
5: Ezek 28-31	13: Joel	21: Zech 1-7	29: Neh 11-13; Ps 126
6: Ezek 32-34	14: Daniel 1-3	22: Zech 8-14	30: Malachi
7: Ezek 35-37	15: Daniel 4-6	23: Esther 1-5	
8: Ezek 38-39	16: Daniel 7-9	24: Esther 6-10	



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....

Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the word of God is **living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword**, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and **able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**" The Bible, God's word is characterized in a number of ways in this verse. First...



It is **living** – That means it has a vital power in itself and it can exert this power in our lives. The Bible is not just words on paper, it is inspired by God and is alive. It can live in our hearts and be lived out in our lives.

It is **active** – That means it is operative and it functions in order to have effect upon our lives. The Bible is supposed to convict us and speak directly to us today.

It is **sharp** and **piercing** - That means it is very sharp as if it can cut something with one blow instead of with repeated blows. And it can penetrate, cut right down to our soul and spirit. The Bible can and will pierce our hearts to the very core of our being. The Bible can cut deep—to the heart-level. It can cut through everything in our lives, even through our soul and our spirit, as with a knife that cuts through joints and even into the marrow of bone - spiritually speaking.

It is a **judge** – That means the word of God is able to discern, perceive or recognize and make right judgments about our thoughts and intentions. When the Bible cuts deep it has the capacity to judge not just our thoughts but also our very motives, attitudes, and intentions.

The Word of God can do a lot of things in our lives. Yet I have noticed that when I have become spiritually complacent and find myself drifting then **the Word of God has fallen flat in my life.** When God's Word no longer feeds us it is because we've moved. God's Word is living and active. The Spirit of God speaks through it to move us and transform us into the image of Jesus. When it no longer has that affect, we have drifted from God's instruction. We no longer hunger and thirst for God and His righteousness (**Matthew 5:6**)

I realize some people don't want any authority speaking to them, even if it's God and His word. They just want to be their own authority. I realize some people don't want an eternal word; they want a "god" of their own making. I realize some people don't want something gospel-focused because then they'd have to admit they need salvation.

On the other hand some people like those things about God's Word, even if it pierces a little. That means God helps them, encourages them, gives grace to them, and invites them to live under the Kingdom reign of Jesus. They know the word of God builds them up and sends them out.

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Please don't allow God's word to fall flat in your life. God's Word is not just about behavior modification, it is about conviction, embracing sacrifice, and being willing to submit. It is about allowing God's Word to break us down in order to build us up again more and more in Jesus' image. It is about forgiveness and life change.

In September small groups and Sunday School and Bible studies begin again. These are places where God's word can do its needed work in our lives. I pray that if you are not a part of any of these groups you would consider joining. I pray our lives are all submitting regularly and even daily to the Word of God that is, "...**living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword... able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**" May our lives ever more be conformed to Christ's image through the Word of God.

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

Pastor Howard

## Ladies' Bible Study

Ladies! Join us for our Fall Bible Study, Thursdays, September 15, 2022 – November 10, 2022 here at Hunters Ridge Community Church at Noon and 7:00 PM each Thursday. Contact the church office if you would like to join the study.

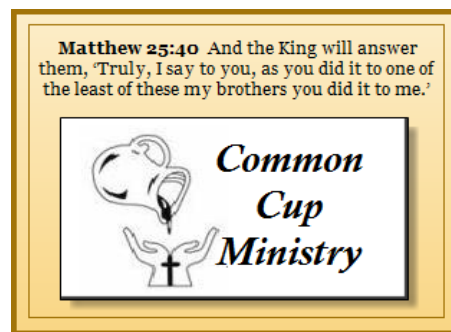
## Scrap & Craft

Crafters its time do dust off those knitting needles, get out those PHD's (Projects Half Done), start a Scrapbook or make some cards. Whatever project you chose to work on, its sure to be more fun to work on with other ladies at our Scrap and Craft weekend Friday, Sept 23rd, 4 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Sept 24th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Friday evening meal is on your own, some ladies bring their own brown bag meal, while others order out. Saturday noon will be a potluck so bring a dish to share. Remember to invite your friends and let Becky Anderson know you plan to attend this month so we know how many tables to set up.



Our all-church picnic will be held after church on Sunday, September 11 at Rotary Park in Hutchinson. (760 School Road NW) Each family is asked to bring a main dish. Families with last names beginning with A-H are asked to also bring a dessert. Families with last names beginning with I-Z are asked to also bring a side dish. Singles may bring an item of their choice. Pop and ice cream will be provided for floats. Tableware, serving utensils, lemonade and water will also be provided.

Feel free to bring an outdoor game. Lawn chairs, sunscreen and bug spray are also recommended. Please note that there tend to be a lot of bees around at this time of the year.



Thank you to all who participated by purchasing school supplies to help students in need in McLeod County. As a church we exceeded the goals that Common Cup challenged us to. Any extra supplies will be used for those who come into the office to request school supplies throughout the year. Thank you again, your generosity is truly a blessing to the kids.

## Sunday School Begins Sept 11

Join us for Sunday School Beginning Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 8:45 AM – 9:30 AM  
Hunters Ridge Community Church  
850 School Road SW  
Everyone is welcome! We have classes for ages 2 through adult

## Camp Report

It is always a pleasure to have the young people who went to camp share their experience with us.



Bodie Thoene is an American author who with her husband has written more than 75 works of historical fiction. We are featuring her work in our library this month. Learn more about the struggles of the Jewish people after World War 2 in The Zion Chronicles.

## Save the Date



Please mark October 8 in your calendar for our All Church Cleaning. Watch the bulletin for more details. We need all hands on deck as we do a deep cleaning of the church.

## Memory Challenge

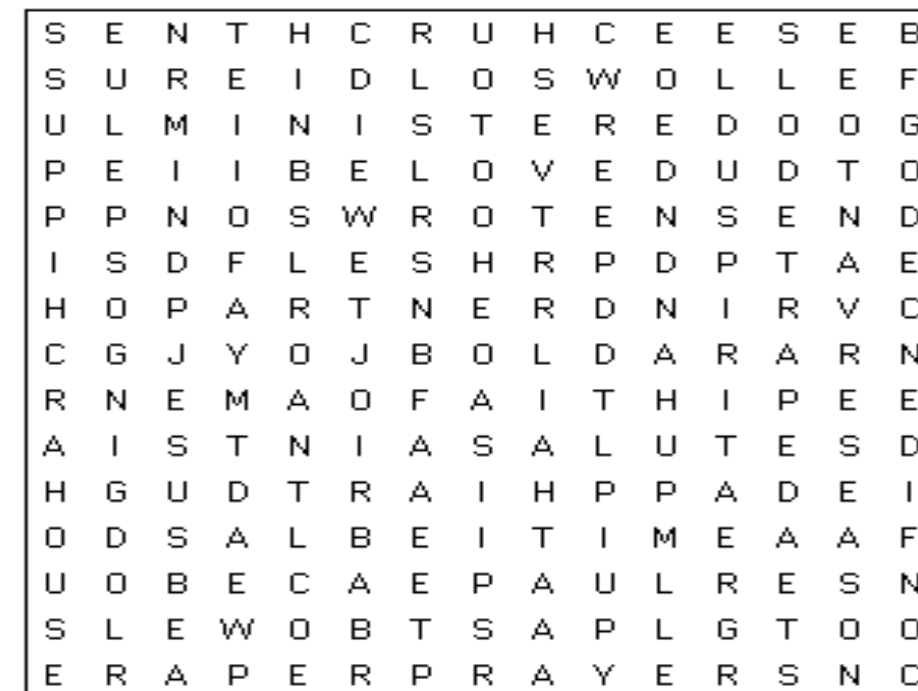
*Rejoice* always,  
*Pray* without ceasing,  
In everything *Give Thanks*;  
For this is the will of  
*God in Christ Jesus*  
for you.  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

## Operation Christmas Child



Operation Christmas Child is just around the corner! As you finish up your back to school shopping, don't forget to collect a few items for your box. It's never too early to shop for Operation Christmas Child! Watch for upcoming details and display for Operation Christmas Child coming soon.

## Philemon



ALBEIT	DEPARTED	LODGING	REPAY
AMEN	FAITH	LORD	SAINTS
APPHIA	FELLOWSOLDIER	MIND	SALUTE
ARCHIPPUS	FLESH	MINISTERED	SEASON
BELOVED	GOD	ONESIMUS	SENT
BESEECH	GOOD	PARTNER	SERVANT
BOLD	GO SPEL	PAST	SON
BONDS	GREAT	PAUL	SPIRIT
BOWELS	HAND	PEACE	STEAD
CHURCH	HOUSE	PRAYERS	TIME
CONFIDENCE	JESUS	PREPARE	UNPROFITABLE
DEARLY	JOY		WROTE

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## Celebrating Our Brides

We celebrated 2 upcoming weddings with bridal showers last month.



Sarah Farrell



Sarah Slater