

## *Bible Reading Plan for the Book of Psalms*

The consumption of God's word is essential for any believer who wishes to grow in godliness. If you fail to shape your life by God's inspired word, spiritual growth is impossible. If you are currently regularly reading the Bible, keep up the great work! If you struggle to read the Bible each day, we want to help by providing the following reading plan. It's a simple 30-day plan that will cover 30 different topics all in the book of Psalms. We want to encourage you to read all 30 days starting today! If you miss a day, that's okay...just catch up the next day.

There are many benefits to following a reading plan. To start out with, it provides built in accountability. The plan lets you know where you should be each day. Bible reading plans also track your process. Once you get started on a plan, you will be surprised at how much scripture you are actually reading. Reading plans also help diversify your Bible reading. Instead of just picking up the Bible and reading it from start to finish, you can encounter God's word in a meaningful, applicable way that speaks truth into your life.

This reading plan for the book of Psalms lines up specific topics with specific verses. As you read each day, watch for the daily theme throughout the reading and pray about how the scripture applies to you.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Passage in Psalms</u>
1	Blessing	67, 72, 84, 128
2	Calling to God	4, 5, 22
3	Confidence	27, 36, 71, 125
4	Deeds of God	9, 18, 118
5	Doubt	42, 73, 77
6	Faithfulness of God	105, 119, 137-144, 146
7	Fear	37, 49, 91
8	Glory of God	19, 24, 29
9	God is a Helper	54, 115, 119:169-176
10	Identity	8, 139
11	Justice of God	7, 26, 82
12	Meditation	119:9-16, 41-48
13	Mercy	13, 28, 86
14	Music	6, 149, 150
15	Nature	50, 104, 147, 148
16	Peace	23, 133, 119:161-168
17	Power of God	68, 93, 135
18	Praise	65, 98, 138
19	Prayer	17, 20, 102
20	Protection	59, 62, 124
21	Safety in God	11, 16, 142, 46
22	Rejoicing	30, 47, 97
23	Righteousness	1, 15, 112
24	Salvation	3, 14, 121
25	Sin and Repentance	25, 32, 38, 51
26	Thanksgiving	75, 106, 136
27	Trust	31, 40, 56
28	Victory	21, 76, 144
29	Wisdom	90, 107, 111
30	Worship	33, 34, 145

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ May 8 - Ladies Banquet
- ◆ May 9 - Chapel
- ◆ May 17 - Mission Team Fundraiser Dinner
- ◆ May 18-20 Voyage to the Valley
- ◆ May 27 - Who Would Jesus Feed?
- ◆ June 9 - The Morning Still
- ◆ June 24 - Shoe Drive
- ◆ June 24 - Who Would Jesus Feed?

Visit the calendar at [www.clcchurch.com](http://www.clcchurch.com) for a complete listing of events.

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## *The Morning Still*

How do we be alone with God? What do we do during “quiet time?” How long does it have to last? All these questions and many more stifle followers of Jesus from becoming aware of God’s presence in their life. Without a clear picture of what alone time with God could be we continue to cover up our spiritual fatigue with more busyness. One irrefutable fact is that we cannot continue to endure life anchored in peace, joy, and faith without the continual help of God. Brother Lawrence in his classic entitled, *The Practice of the Presence of God*, writes,

*Let us, then, pray to Him for continual help. How can we pray to Him without being with Him? How can we be with Him but in thinking of Him often? And how can we often think of Him but by a holy habit which we should form of it? It is true, for this is the best and easiest method I know; and as I use no other, I advise all the world to do it. We must know before we can love. In order to know God, we must often think of Him; and when we come to love Him, we shall also think of Him often, for our heart will be with our treasure. This is an argument which well deserves your consideration.*

Join Kyle for *The Morning Still*, a Saturday

morning retreat in June. Whether you find “quiet time” to be a struggle because you have a hard time making time for it, or you are unsure of what to do during the time, or if you are seasoned at this, you will learn and be encouraged as Kyle resources and guides you through this retreat. Make plans to commit a Saturday morning for this experience on June 9th. We will leave the church at 7:30 am and return by 11:30am. Be on the lookout for signups beginning May 13.

“Comfort yourself, then, with Him, and give thanks for all.”

“THE PROSPECT OF  
THE RIGHTEOUS IS  
JOY, BUT THE HOPES  
OF THE WICKED  
COME TO NOTHING.”  
PROVERBS 10:28

## *Should You Consider Becoming a Foster Parent?*

With the staggering number of children in foster care in our communities, there is always a need for more foster families. Many people consider foster parenting, but often, fear the unknowns of it. The thoughts of “What if we get too attached?” or “What if the child goes back to a bad situation?” seem to steer people away from jumping headfirst into foster parenting.

Of course, there are reasons why one should *not* be a foster parent, and every person needs to decide if foster care is the right thing to do. However, when considering the reasons not to do foster care, perhaps, one should consider the reasons to become a foster parent.

Here are just a few to think about:

1. **Foster care really is a mission field.** There are ample opportunities for you to reach the “least of these” in your own backyard. Foster parenting is a powerful way to lift up the heads of children and youth, and show them that there is hope for the future.
2. **Foster parenting changes generations.** The difference you can make as a foster parent, and adoptive parent, does not just change the one or two children you are fostering. It has the ability to change generations.
3. **There are not enough homes for older**

**children and sibling groups.** This is one of the most heart-breaking struggles in finding homes for children and youth in care.

4. **The children need you.** Let’s face it. There are far too many children in the United State foster care system. We live in a great nation with tremendous opportunity; yet, around each corner in our communities are children and youth who may never taste the sweetness of a life lived without fear, confusion, and chaos.

For more information about foster care, adoption or respite care, contact Tracy Sutliff.



Donate your gently worn (or new) shoes during our shoe drive held during the week of June 18-24.

*If you would like to help us keep our costs down and start receiving The Voice as a pdf via email, please send an email to:*

*tracy@clcchurch.com*

*Volunteer Spotlight - Kyle McClain*



To show our appreciation for his hard work, we want to feature Kyle McClain in our volunteer spotlight. Kyle is in charge of our security team. He helps ensure that all of our security policies and procedures are in place and

maintains the security team schedule. Kyle's follow up and communication skills are what make him the perfect person for the job. We want to thank Kyle for all of his hard work toward keeping our congregation safe. Thanks Kyle!

*Voyage to the Valley*

Springtime and warm weather can only mean one thing...it's time for our annual Voyage to the Valley trip. This exciting trip is for all students in grades 2 through 5. We will be heading to Wonder Valley Christian Camp in Salem, Indiana on Friday, May 18th and returning on Sunday, May 20th.

This free retreat is a great time for kids to dig a little deeper into their faith, have a fun time outdoors enjoying the beautiful terrane

of Southern Indiana and getting to know other kids from Cross Lane a little better. This is an event that the kids look forward to each year, and it's a great opportunity for them (and the parents) to get away for a few days.

The plan is to leave at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and return around 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. All of the information and permission slips can be found at the Welcome Center or by contacting Ryan at ryan@clcchurch.com.



“DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERY SITUATION, BY PRAYER AND PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING, PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

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BRINGING PEOPLE TO  
JESUS SO THAT THEY  
CAN GET CLOSE TO  
GOD, MAKE FRIENDS  
WITH ONE ANOTHER,  
AND INFLUENCE NON-  
BELIEVERS.

## *Meet Jimmy McAfee - Our New Children's Pastor*



My name is Jimmy McAfee, and I am married to Katie McAfee. I grew up in Franklin, Ohio where I attended church off and on with my family throughout my childhood. During high school, I became more interested in following God and being saved. I made that commitment and was saved and baptized when I was 17. I served at Southwest Church in Springboro, Ohio for multiple years assisting youth ministers and working with children. It was at Southwest

Church when I was around the age of 18 that I felt the call to minister to children/youth full-time; however, it took some time for me to commit to doing ministry full-time.

In my mid-20s, I left the security of my job at UPS where I had worked for eight years. I moved to Knoxville, Tennessee to start school at Johnson University where I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Preaching and Youth Ministry with a double major in Bible and Theology. I enjoy playing guitar/bass, movie editing, running, hiking, and anything associated with amusement parks and roller coasters.

During the summer of 2015, I worked at a bible camp outside of Seattle, WA. Little did I know I would

meet the love of my life there. Katie (a native Texan) was serving as the minister to female counselors. We got married December 31, 2015 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Since then she has begun pursuing a Master of Art in Christian Ministry with a minor in Spiritual Guidance.

Our dream was to find a church where we could serve families and children/youth together. Working in ministry is already a privilege, but to be able to work with your best friend is amazing. It's one of the reasons that I fell in love with her when we first met at camp in Seattle.

Office Hours:  
Monday-Friday  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.