



Through the Bible in a year

2017 Scripture Challenge for First Christian Church

How often have you thought, as a Christian, I really should read the Bible more intentionally but time gets away, good intentions fade and the Bible remains on the shelf with Tom Clancy and Danielle Steele. Reading the Word of God regularly is an act of discipleship that leads to spiritual growth in God's people and we all intend to do so, but rarely do we find the time or the will to do so.

Thus this challenge for 2017 for our congregation: To commit to reading through the entire Bible in one year with the help and support of the Spiritual Life Committee. To participate we want as many of the church family to:

- 📖 Voluntary sign a "Through the Bible in a Year" commitment card so that we can stay in touch with our Bible readers and provide you with resources to help you follow through with this task.
- 📖 Choose one of the six different 'One-Year Reading Plans' provided by the Spiritual Life Committee (PDF copies available on the church's website wilmingtondisciples.com or on the display table in the Narthex).
- 📖 Set aside a small block of time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.
- 📖 Begin your Reading Plan on New Year's Day—January 1, 2017.
- 📖 Join us in worship on January 8, 2017 for the "Kick-off Event" to include a message on the value of reading God's Word and its effect on our faith.
- 📖 As you are able, participate in one or more of the Deeper Faith Bible Studies offered mid-week throughout 2017.
- 📖 Kids can participate too by reading (or having someone read) and memorize a Monthly Memory Verse which we will share once a month in worship.
- 📖 Join us at the end of 2017 for a celebration event for all who commit to the program.
- 📖 Even if you're not going to read daily, please do so as often as possible throughout the year.
- 📖 Pray that the Lord will use our encounter with the 2017 Bible experience in great ways.

"Through the Bible in a Year" Commitment Card

I, _____, voluntarily commit myself to encountering God's Word throughout 2017, and to the best of my ability, I will (*check all that apply*):

- Read through the entire Bible as I follow the Daily Reading Plan and PRAY.
- Read the Bible regularly as I am able and PRAY.
- Attend as I am able, the mid-week Deeper Faith Studies and PRAY.
- Help my children/grandchildren participate in the Memory Verse program and PRAY.

Cut and Place in the Offering Tray or Turn into the Church Office. DATE: _____