

Read the Bible with us in 2020

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Our church family is taking a two-year journey through the Bible.

God invites us to delight endlessly in his Word of Life (Ps 119:16), to meditate on his Word day and night (Ps 1:2), and to build our lives upon it (Matt 7:24-27). How will you saturate your heart with Scripture in the new year?

We invite you to join with our church family in one of the Bible reading plans below:

M'Cheyne's Classic Bible Reading Plan

Over this past year, OBC began a two-year journey through the Bible using an extended version of [Robert Murray M'Cheyne's classic Bible reading plan](#). At two chapters a day, this extended plan takes the reader through the Old Testament once, and the New Testament and Psalms twice.

- In 2019, we have read Genesis-2 Chronicles, Psalms, and the New Testament.
- In 2020, we will read Ezra-Malachi, Psalms, and the New Testament. If you didn't read with us over this past year, we invite you to jump in with Ezra (it's okay to do that!) and enjoy traveling in the Bible together with our church family.

Here's where to get started:

1 [Read our introduction to this Bible reading plan.](#)

2 [Consider these nine recommendations and priorities for our Bible reading.](#)

Each week's reading schedule is provided in Sunday's print bulletin and the [OBC App](#).

The *Via Emmaus* Bible Reading Plan

If you want to read longer sections of Scripture, or would prefer an alternate to M'Cheyne's plan, we invite you to read your Bible with our new *Via Emmaus* Bible Reading Plan.

The pace of this plan is set by you, with the aim of allowing for more

repeated readings and memorization by focusing on book(s) of the Bible for each month. There's no daily schedule. Instead, read, listen, study, memorize, meditate as much as you can. Live your life in the book(s) of the month. The goal is saturation, which includes repeated reading, responsive praying, rigorous study, ongoing meditation, personal discussion, and frequent sharing. Here's an overview of the Via Emmaus track:

	Track 1: OT 1	Track 2: OT 2	Track 3: NT
Jan	Genesis	Isaiah	Matthew
Feb	Exodus	Jeremiah	Mark
Mar	Leviticus	Ezekiel	Luke
Apr	Numbers	The Twelve	John + Psalms
May	Deuteronomy + Prov	Psalms	Acts
Jun	John	Proverbs	Romans
Jul	Joshua / Judges	Job	1–2 Corinthians
Aug	1–2 Samuel	The Five Scrolls	Galatians–2 Thess
Sep	1–2 Kings	Daniel	Pastorals + Prov
Oct	Ezra-Nehemiah	1–2 Chron	Hebrews
Nov	Psalms	Mark	General Epistles
Dec	Matthew	Luke	Revelation

Read in Community

As we journey through the Bible during the year, we invite you to begin a year-long conversation through the Bible. Find a time and place to discuss your reading with your family and/or church family on a regular basis. If you are reading along with the Via Emmaus plan, you are invited to participate in a monthly discussion during the Sunday school hour on the last Sunday of each month.

Reading Resources

If you are following along in the M'Cheyne plan, we invite you to read D. A. Carson's "For the Love of God." [This devotional follow along with M'Cheyne's plan and is available for free online as a daily newsletter or podcast from the Gospel Coalition.](#)

In addition, the Via Emmaus podcast will resume on a monthly basis in conjunction with the Via Emmaus Bible reading plan, with

accompanying monthly blog posts. The Via Emmaus podcast is created to encourage and equip you as you read the Bible. If you have questions from your Bible reading, email us at viaemmaus@obc.org, and you might hear a response in one of the next episodes.

For the sake of your joy, we invite you to join with your brothers and sisters and feast on the Word of God together in 2020.