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Our mission at The Bible Chapel is  
*to develop followers of Jesus Christ.*

In 2012, it's time to get back to the basics.



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## Read Four Spiritual Classics

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*2012 Quarterly Reading Schedule*

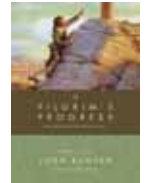
1st Quarter: *January – March:*

*Knowing God* by J.I. Packer



2nd Quarter: *April – June:*

*Pilgrims Progress* by John Bunyan



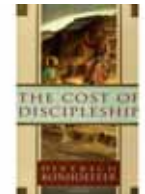
3rd Quarter: *July – September*

*Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis



4th Quarter: *October – December*

*The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer



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## Read Four Spiritual Classics

*Why* — Mark Twain defines a “classic” as, “something that everybody wants to have read and nobody wants to read.” Like classes in English, there are many Spiritual books that are often talked about, but rarely read. We think that should change. We want to encourage you have first-hand exposure to some of these Spiritual classics.

*What* — Commit to reading four Spiritual classics.

*How* — We have selected four Spiritual classics to read in 2012. We recommend you read one book per quarter and look for ways to discuss your reading with others.

Do you come to church, feel inspired in your spiritual life, and have a desire to grow? Then you walk out the door, and the rest of the week happens. You wish that you could take that spiritual high into your daily life, but don't know where to begin. As a result, you proceed through the week, losing your spiritual momentum, until the next church service.

Our mission at The Bible Chapel is to develop followers of Jesus Christ. We often say, “Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, we want to help you take one step closer to a relationship with Christ or one step further in your relationship with Christ.”

At the end of 2011, we committed to “do Christmas differently.” We want that same freshness and spiritual vitality to pervade our entire lives. To that end, we've selected 12 foundational practices that provide a framework for discipleship. This commitment will not be for everyone. No one is forced to comply, and no one will receive public accolades for completing these actions. You may choose to include your family, friends, or Life Group, but at the end of the day, this commitment is between you and God.

For the year 2012, we believe it's time to get back to the basics of following Jesus.

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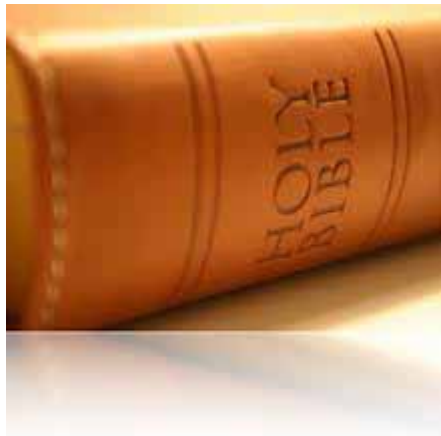
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## Read the Bible in a Year

*Why* — Statistics say that the single biggest activity you can do to grow as a follower of Christ is to read your Bible every day.

*What* — Commit to read through the entire Bible this year, or to reading through the New Testament.

*How* — Before reading your Scripture for the day, ask God to open your heart and mind to what he wants to teach you that day. As you read, record any thoughts or questions that come to your mind. At the end of your Bible reading, ask God to show you how this passage relates to your life and any action steps he has for you. You can record these items in your prayer journal.



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## Memorize Foundational Passages

*Tools* — Foundational passages to memorize:

January	Christ the Center	
	2 Corinthians 5:17	Galatians 2:20
February	Obedience to Christ	
	Romans 12:1	John 14:21
March	The Word	
	2 Timothy 3:16	Joshua 1:8
April	Prayer	
	John 15:7	Philippians 4:6,7
May	Fellowship	
	Matthew 18:20	Hebrews 10:24,25
June	Witnessing	
	Matthew 4:19	Romans 1:16
July	All Have Sinned	
	Romans 3:23	Isaiah 53:6
August	Sin's Penalty	
	Romans 6:23	Hebrews 9:27
September	Christ Paid the Penalty	
	Romans 5:8	1 Peter 3:18
October	Salvation is not by Works	
	Ephesians 2:8,9	Titus 3:5
November	Must Receive Christ	
	John 1:12	Revelation 3:20
December	Assurance of Salvation	
	1 John 5:13	John 5:24

## Memorize Foundational Passages

*Why* — The psalmist said, “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” It’s one thing to read scripture; it’s another thing to meditate on God’s Word and internalize it in your heart and mind. Scripture memory allows you to always have God’s Word at your disposal, whenever you need it.

*What* — Commit to scripture memorizing at least 24 foundational passages of scripture.

*How* — We have selected twenty-four Bible verses that are foundational for Christian discipleship. These twenty-four verses each have a topic and are divided up into two verses per month. Take these verses and put them somewhere you can see them on a regular basis and be reminded to rehearse them. The verses we have selected are part of the sixty-verse *The Navigators Topical Memory System*. You can purchase printed memory card packets in the Chapter 2 Bookstore, located in The Bible Chapel, South Hills campus. And guess what? There’s an App for that! The Navigators has also created an App for the iPhone and iPad called VerseMinder. It costs \$2.99 and has these twenty-four foundational verses plus the additional 36 if you want to memorize more of God’s Word.

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## Read the Bible in a Year

*Tools* — We are providing two options for daily Bible reading

- *Through the Bible in a Year*
- *Through the New Testament in a Year*

Both of these reading schedules can be found online

[www.biblechapel.org/bible-reading-plans/](http://www.biblechapel.org/bible-reading-plans/)

In order to assist you with reading the entire Bible in a year, you can also sign up to receive an email with our daily devotional blog written by our Senior Pastor, Ron Moore. Sign up for the daily devotional by visiting [www.biblechapel.org](http://www.biblechapel.org) and clicking the *Sign Up for Our Newsletters!* link in the bottom right-hand corner.

*The Daily Walk Bible* is available for purchase in the Chapter 2 Bookstore, located in The Bible Chapel, South Hills campus.

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## Keep a Prayer Journal

*Why* — Hearing daily from God's Word is essential, and so is responding to him in prayer. Writing out your prayer conversations with God helps you to respond in practical ways and record God's answers to your prayers.

*What* — Commit to using a prayer journal.



*How* — Begin by selecting a notebook (paper or electronic). After recording your thoughts from your daily Bible reading, begin a time of prayer. Prayer is simply a conversation with God. In order to guide your conversation with God, you may want to consider using the ACTS acronym as you write it out.

- **A** doration—begin by praising God for who he is (faithful, loving, just, etc.)
- **C** onfession—admit your own sin (be specific)
- **T** hanks giving—thank God for the many blessings in your life (be specific)
- **S** upplication—present your requests to God (be specific)



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## Minister to a Person or Family in Need

*Tools* —

*Helping Hands* — Our Helping Hands team includes everyone from electricians, plumbers and carpenters to people who are just handy. The team responds to those in financial need of the sick/elderly who just don't have the physical capability to make minor household repairs. Contact Joe Weise for additional information, [joeandginger@verizon.net](mailto:joeandginger@verizon.net).

*Someone Cares* — Consider providing a meal for a family in need. Our Someone Cares team prepares and delivers meals to people who are experiencing an illness or birth of a child. If you're not a cook, gift cards are also welcome. Contact Margo Kessler for more information, [margokessler@hotmail.com](mailto:margokessler@hotmail.com).

*Heart N Hand* — Our Heart N Hand ministry conducts a short program once a month at three area Senior Care Centers. The program includes music and a short devotion. After the program, the team visits and prays with residents. If this interests you, contact Sara Pozonsky: [s.pozonsky@comcast.net](mailto:s.pozonsky@comcast.net) in Upper St. Clair  
Nancy Brutt: [mrbrutt@fullservicenetwork.net](mailto:mrbrutt@fullservicenetwork.net) in North Strabane  
Naomi Alexander: [boynom@comcast.net](mailto:boynom@comcast.net) in Venetia

*Visitation Team* — If you have a good bedside manner, you may want to consider participating in our Visitation Team. We visit people in area hospitals, nursing homes and sometimes make home visits to those who can't get out. Contact Laura Ankrom, [lankrom@biblechapel.org](mailto:lankrom@biblechapel.org).

*Bereavement Meal Team* — At The Bible Chapel, we have a team of men and women who make sure that family and friends have the opportunity to gather for a meal after the funeral of their loved one. The Bible Chapel provides the meal and volunteers set-up, serve and clean-up. Contact Laura Ankrom, [lankrom@biblechapel.org](mailto:lankrom@biblechapel.org).

## Minister to a Person or Family in Need

*Why* — In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus makes the point that we should look out for the needs of those whom God puts in our path. Unfortunately, we are too often like the religious leaders in that story; in too much of a hurry to stop and pay attention to the needs of others.

*What* — Commit to minister to a person or family in need.

*How* — Ask God to open your eyes to the needs of others right around you. When you come across someone in need, find out what they need most and ask God if and how he wants to meet that need through you. If you are married, let these compassions become opportunities to bring you closer together as a couple, as you pray and discern the Lord's Will together. Please contact our Director of Care Giving, Laura Ankrom, 724-941-8990 or [lankrom@biblechapel.org](mailto:lankrom@biblechapel.org).



## Keep a Prayer Journal

*Tools* — Blank journals are available for purchase in the Chapter 2 Bookstore. Apps are also available online if you'd like to keep an electronic version.



*“To sum it all up, if you want that splendid power in prayer, you must remain in loving, living, lasting, conscious, practical, abiding union with the Lord Jesus Christ... So be filled with God's Word. Study what Jesus has said, what the Holy Ghost has left on record in this divinely inspired book, and in proportion as you feed on, retain, and obey the Word in your life, you will be a master in the art of prayer.”*

- Charles Spurgeon

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## Get Connected

*Why* — A follower of Jesus Christ needs companions for the spiritual journey. Developing and nurturing Christian relationships is another essential discipline.

*What* — Commit to connecting with other believers.

*How* — We have a variety of groups and mentoring opportunities to choose from. The important thing is to pick one and get connected! Beginning new relationships can be a challenge, but it is very rewarding to have a network of support and encouragement in your Christian walk. Be committed to the relationships, while maintaining reasonable expectations of yourself and those you will be getting to know.

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## Engage in Cross-Cultural Experience

*Tools* — You can find more information about volunteering in any of these areas on our website [www.biblechapel.org/missions](http://www.biblechapel.org/missions) or at the Missions Ministry Table at your campus.

You can also contact Alison Mish: 724-941-8990 or [amish@biblechapel.org](mailto:amish@biblechapel.org)

Bible Chapel Outreach Partners include:

LIGHT of LIFE  
rescue mission  
[www.lightoflife.org](http://www.lightoflife.org)



P.R.I.S.M.  
(Pittsburgh Region  
International Student Ministry)  
[www.prismpgh.org](http://www.prismpgh.org)

City  Mission  
[www.citymission.org](http://www.citymission.org)

  
pregnancy resource center  
OF THE SOUTH HILLS  
[www.prcsh.org](http://www.prcsh.org)



[www.pregnancychoice.org](http://www.pregnancychoice.org)

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## Engage in Cross-Cultural Experience

*Why* — Growth happens when we are stretched. There is nothing more stretching than a cross-cultural experience. Being obedient to God's call to share Christ with the entire world reminds us that Christ is the answer for all people. Through a cross-cultural experience you will see God at work in your life and in the lives of others like never before!

*What* — Commit to engage in a cross-cultural experience.

*How* — There are several ways you can engage in a cross-cultural experience. There are over 12 short-term mission trips being sent from The Bible Chapel in 2012. These one-week trips are not vacations, they are opportunities for you to see God's world-wide work!

You don't need to travel across the ocean to engage in a cross-cultural trip. You can cross a bridge to Oakland and serve at Pittsburgh Regional International Student Ministry (P.R.I.S.M.). These international students are interested in American culture and 70% never get to see the inside of an American's home. By becoming a Friendship Partner or Holiday Host, you can invite a student into your home. We also have great partnerships in the community with the City Mission (Washington), Light of Life Rescue Mission (North Side), Pregnancy Resource Center (South Hills), and Choices Pregnancy Center (Robinson).

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## Get Connected

*Tools* — To get connected, contact Bob Mason, Pastor of Life Groups

- [bmason@biblechapel.org](mailto:bmason@biblechapel.org)
- 724-731-2013
- Sign up at the Life Group Ministry Table at your Bible Chapel campus.

*A message from Bob Mason*

"Hi, I'm Bob Mason, Pastor of Life Groups here at The Bible Chapel. Life Groups are places where individuals grow in their spiritual walk, care for others and receive care. They are about doing life together as believers. My desire is to help you connect into a Life Group, where you will grow closer to God and each other.

No matter where you are in life, there is a group that is right for you. I want you to know that I will personally do everything I can to help you find a group where you will be comfortable, be challenged and be supported as you seek to grow in your love for God and people."

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## Discover Your Spiritual Gift

*Why* — Scripture says that WE are the body of Christ and every believer is a part of it. God not only calls us to connect with each other, he wants us to serve one another in the way he has uniquely gifted each of us.

*What* — Commit to discovering your spiritual gift and serving others.

*How* — Complete the free spiritual gift assessment under the *Resource* tab on our website [www.biblechapel.org/assessments/](http://www.biblechapel.org/assessments/).

After completing the assessment, a volunteer coordinator will be in touch to provide service opportunity suggestions that are in line with your spiritual gifts.

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## Take Part in Quarterly Night of Worship

*Tools* —

*2012 Quarterly Night of Worship Schedule*

Sunday, February 19

Sunday, May 20

Sunday, August 19

Sunday, October 28

*All dates are scheduled for 7 p.m. at the South Hills campus.*



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## Take Part in Quarterly Night of Worship

*Why* — Worship is the proper response to God for who he is and what he has done in our lives. When we take time to set our hearts and mind on God, the other issues and concerns of life are put into proper perspective. You will find great joy as you experience God's presence in worship!

*What* — Commit to take part in a Quarterly Night of Worship.

*How* — These evenings are set aside for special times of worship. Mark the dates on your calendar for 2012 and plan to attend.

Childcare is provided for children 5 years old and under. To register, please visit the Imago Kids Ministry Table or contact Laurie Freado [lfreado@biblechapel.org](mailto:lfreado@biblechapel.org).

## Discover Your Spiritual Gift

*Tools* — If you have questions you would like to discuss regarding the best place to serve

- Stop by *Starting Point*, located in the Main Lobby of the South Hills campus
- Email [serve@biblechapel.org](mailto:serve@biblechapel.org)

-OR-

- To view a list of service opportunities, register for a myBibleChapel account by visiting [www.biblechapel.org](http://www.biblechapel.org) and clicking on the myBibleChapel link.



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## Share the Gospel With One Person

*Why* — In Matthew 5:16, Jesus said, “You are the light of the world.” God has brought you to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. He likely did that through another person. Now, it’s time that you share the good news with someone he puts in your path.

*What* — Commit to share the gospel with one person.

*How* — Begin by praying that God will show you who he wants you to share with. This prayer is a good one to record in your prayer journal. Ask him to give you a heart of compassion for those in your life who do not yet know Christ. Look for life intersection points of conversation—things you have in common with the person. Be genuinely interested in them, and share openly about your own faith. When the time comes to explain the actual message of the gospel, we recommend using the bridge illustration on the next page.

## Give Sacrificially

*Tools* —

Freed Up Financial:

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. February 22-March 28

Register Online

[southhills.biblechapel.org/bible-institute/](http://southhills.biblechapel.org/bible-institute/)

Check back on our website for Fall 2012 classes.

For additional reading, pick up a copy of *The Treasure Principal* by Randy Alcorn.

If you have questions, please contact one of our Elders. For a list of our Elders and their contact information, please visit

[southhills.biblechapel.org/elders/](http://southhills.biblechapel.org/elders/)

Or visit *Starting Point* in the main lobby of the South Hills campus, before or after one of our services.

## Give Sacrificially

*Why* — Jesus said, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” He knew that we spend our money on things that are important to us, and he wants to have first place in our lives. Giving him first place in our lives often means getting our own financial house in order, so that we can direct the financial resources to the eternal work he is calling us to give generously towards.

*What* — Commit to give sacrificially.

*How* — Giving sacrificially means doing without something you want in order to give to God’s eternal work. You may do that through the ministry of our local church by giving in our weekend services or online by registering for a myBibleChapel account.

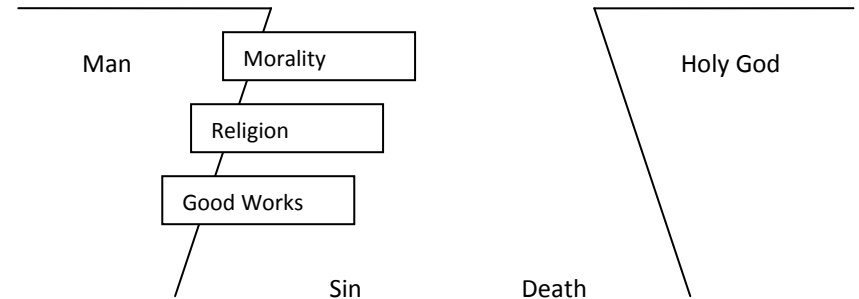
If you are struggling financially, feeling weighed down with debt, or having difficulty managing your spending, you can sign up for our Freed Up Financial Course offered on Wednesday nights as part of the Bible Institute classes at the South Hills campus.

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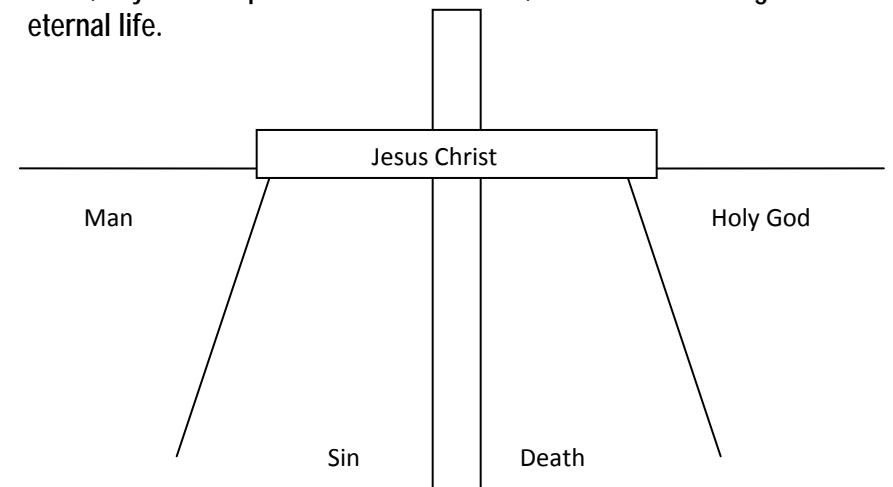
## Share the Gospel With One Person

*Tools* — *Bridge Illustration:*

*Bad News:* Our sin and the consequences of that sin (death) keep us separated from God and from his desire — for us to have eternal, abundant life.



*Good News:* Christ’s death on the cross bridges the gap! Because of Jesus, anyone who places their faith in him, can receive God’s gift of eternal life.



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## Get Involved in monthly Prayer and Praise Service

*Why* — Individual prayer is essential and should overflow into times of corporate prayer. Coming together as a church body to pray reminds us of needs that are bigger than our own. It also reminds us of the larger impact God is calling us to make in this world as we serve together as a body.

*What* — Commit to get involved in monthly Congregational Prayer and Praise Service.

*How* — Our Elders, Deacons, and Staff lead a time of prayer and praise at the South Hills campus. The time is usually spent in 15 minutes of worship singing and 45 minutes of prayer. No preparation is needed. Simply show up, willing to join with others in a time of prayer.



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## Get Involved in monthly Prayer and Praise Service

*Tools* — The schedule for the monthly Congregational Prayer and Praise Service is below. In order to assist families, childcare is provided for ages 0-5. Please register for childcare at the Imago Kids Ministry Table in the Main Lobby, or by contacting Laurie Freado [lfreado@biblechapel.org](mailto:lfreado@biblechapel.org).

### *Congregational Prayer and Praise 2012 Schedule*

- Monday, January 9, 2012
- Monday, February 6
- Monday, March 5
- Monday, April 9
- Monday, May 7
- Monday, June 4
- Monday, July 2
- Monday, August 6
- Monday, September 10
- Monday, October 1
- Monday, November 5
- Monday, December 3

The Congregational Prayer and Praise Service is held at the South Hills campus from 6:30-7:30p.m.

If you have questions or would like to speak with someone about the Congregational Prayer and Praise Service, please contact Ron Jones, [rwjcgj@comcast.net](mailto:rwjcgj@comcast.net).

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