

“Happy New Year, Again”

Last week I heard on the news that by this time of the year, statistically speaking, most people have already broken their New Year’s resolutions. Wow, one week! What staying power we humans have! So what about you? How are you doing with your goals for the new year? I must admit, I’ve already fallen behind in the Bible reading schedule.

If you’ve already “fallen off the wagon” don’t get discouraged; there is good news. Through Christ, every day is New Year’s Day. Each day is the opportunity to start fresh, to begin again, to embark on a new journey. The power to begin anew is not limited to the date of January 1. Christ offers us forgiveness and new hope every day of our lives.

Participants in Alcoholics Anonymous have got it right when they speak of taking it “one day at a time.” By that they mean we cannot do anything about our failures of the past. Neither can we make promises about tomorrow. What we can do is focus on doing what we need to do just this day alone. That’s pretty good advice no matter what change we are trying to make in our lives. Focus on the failings of the past and we’ll feel overwhelmed and quit. Promise what we will do a week or a month from now and we overstep our abilities. But today, just for today, we can find strength from God to either continue on the journey, or even start over if necessary. Then when tomorrow’s sun rises, we’ll find power for that day as well.

If like me, you’ve fallen behind in the Bible reading schedule, don’t give up. We’ve built in two extra days each week to either reflect upon the previous readings, or catch up. And remember, the goal is not to read through the Bible in a year as much as the goal is to be reading the Bible more regularly than we were doing in the past. I recommend picking up where you left off, then going back and reading what you have missed. Wherever you are on your path, use today to keep going another day, or to begin again.

Curtis Williams

Next Week’s Bible Reading Schedule

Date	New Testament	Old Testament
Mon., 1/14	Mark 10	Genesis 19-20 Psalm 19-20
Tues., 1/15	Mark 11	Genesis 21-22 Psalm 21-22
Wed., 1/16	Mark 12	Genesis 23-24 Psalm 23-24
Thurs., 1/17	Mark 13	Genesis 25-26 Psalm 25-26
Fri., 1/18	Mark 14	Genesis 27-28 Psalm 27-28
Sat., 1/19	Reflection*	Reflection
Sun. 1/20	Reflection	Reflection

*Saturdays and Sundays are reserved as days to re-read and reflect upon previous readings, or catch up on readings missed during the week.

2008 A Year of Spiritual Disciplines

During 2008, the North Pointe church will focus on the practice of twelve spiritual disciplines. Just as physical exercises get our bodies in shape, these spiritual exercises are means through which the Holy Spirit transforms us into the kind of people God desires us to be. We will be emphasizing one new discipline each month, according to the schedule below. We hope you will join us in practicing these disciplines so we can all witness the changes God will make in us and through us in 2008.

January – Bible Study	July – Meditation
February – Worship	August – Guidance
March – Prayer	September – Celebration
April – Simplicity	October – Submission
May – Service	November – Fasting
June – Confession	December - Solitude

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Sunday morning schedule
Bible classes.....9:30 am
Worship service.....10:30 am



January 13, 2008

Order of Worship

Song Medley
Welcome & Call to Worship

Song: *Mighty Is Our God*
Song: *Restore My Soul*

Scripture Reading
Song: *Here In This Place*
Song: *Holy Ground*
Song: *Create In Me*

Lord’s Supper
Song: *Come Share the Lord*

Offering
(Children’s Offering* and kids dismissed to Children’s Worship**)
Song: *We Bow Down*

Message: “Ready, Set, Go!”
Song: *Pierce My Ear*
“Face-to-Face with God”***

Family News
Song: *Be Strong and Courageous*

New to North Pointe and have children?

Children are an important part of the North Pointe church. For this reason we offer the following opportunities for children during our worship service:

Nursery: A staffed nursery with pagers for parents, is provided during the worship service. The nursery for babies, toddlers and two year olds is located in E Hall past the restrooms. A separate, non-staffed nursery is also available for parents to use as needed.

***Children’s Offering:** To teach our children the discipline of giving we provide them an opportunity to contribute in a visible way. This money is used for various ministries.

****Children’s Worship:** Because children have their own unique level of learning and expression we offer a special worship period for children 3 years of age through 4th grade. Children are dismissed to Children’s Worship following the Children’s offering.

***What is “Face to Face with God”?

This time during our worship service allows three opportunities for personal prayer. Your may: 1) remain in your seat and spend time privately praying to God, 2) go to the back of the cafeterium where a member of our prayer team will pray for you or with you, privately and in confidentiality concerning your prayer request, or 3) come to the front row of seats with your public prayer request where the prayer leader will include your request in his prayer concluding this period.

North Pointe News

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to **Gary Stacy** on the death of his uncle, **Clifton Sparkman**.

New To The Family

Nancy Hoke

1590 Rockridge Rd.
Allen, Texas 75094
972-747-1266

This Week

Ladies Bible Class

Wednesday, January 16

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Home of **Deanna Priebe**
316 Love Bird Lane, Murphy
972-423-1476

Ladies Pray & Play Group

Friday, January 18

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Home of **Mandy Grigsby**
6508 Briar Lake Trail, Sachse

We will pray while the kids play. Feel free to bring a lunch. All ladies are invited.

Future Events

Youth Valentine Dinner and Auction

Saturday, February 9

Men's Retreat

Friday, February 22 – Saturday, February 23

Lake Lavon Baptist Encampment

Leadership Training for Christ

If you would like to provide a scholarship for some of our elementary kids participating in Leadership Training for Christ, please see **Beverly Ritz**. The cost is \$30 per student.

“... so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation in which you shine like stars in the universe ...”
Philippians 2:15



Today

Leadership Training for Christ

Bible Bowl Team Practice

Sunday, January 13

12:00 to 1:45 p.m.

Home of **Eddie and Jill Traugher**

Bring your lunch!

God's Girls

Sunday, January 13

2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Home of **Ms. Beverly**, 801 Alamo Lane

God's Soldiers

Sunday, January 13

3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Home of **Will Ledbetter**, 6819 Fairfield Way, Sachse

Future Events

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 16

Leadership Training for Christ

Friday, March 21 – Saturday, March 22

Registration fee of \$30 per student is due February 10.

Mother/Daughter Spring Fling

Friday, April 11

Mother/Son Miniature Golf Night

Friday, April 25

Rocket Blast

Friday, May 16

Kids ages four to fifth grade, mom, dad and siblings are invited to this fun event to be held in the back yard of **Richard and Linda Knox**. Kids and family members will make and decorate their own rocket bottles and have a blast shooting for the stars!

Beverly Ritz

North Pointe Youth Ministry

Today

Leadership Training for Christ

Bible Bowl Team Practice

Sunday, January 13

12:00 to 1:45 p.m.

Home of **Eddie and Jill Traugher**

Bring your lunch!

LTC Drama Practice

Sunday, January 13

3:00 to 6:30 p.m.

For middle school and high school

Home of **Matt Lee**

1492 Larchmont, Plano

Bring \$5 for food and drinks.

This Week

Teen Pointe Group

Wednesday, January 16

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Home of **Mike and Frances Campbell**

6006 Pleasant Valley Road, Wylie

Winter Fest Teen Retreat

Friday, January 18 – Saturday, January 19

This is a very big youth rally in Arlington. There will be Christian concerts, Bible studies, dramas and other activities. You will be sleeping in your own bed. See **Matt** today to sign up. **Payment is due today**. If you have already signed up, the cost is \$35. If you sign up today, the cost is \$45. Meet Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the **Wyatt's** house, 5606 Lena Judd, Sachse.

Record for Sunday, January 6, 2007

Worship Attendance: 155

General Offering: \$3,696.25

Children's Offering: \$24.13

Land and Building Fund: \$1,485.00