

MSBC NEWS

A CONNECTION TO GOD & EACH OTHER

Soli Deo Gloria

From The Pastor

THE BIBLE IN TEN MONTHS

Can you spare 75 hours in 2019? That's just over 6 hours per month...less than 1 ½ hours per week...only 12 minutes a day. If you can, then you have the time to read the Bible from cover to cover! In fact, I bet you wouldn't even need an entire year. If you carved out just 1 hour and 45 minutes every week, you could finish the Bible in just 10 months. How does that sound?

Of course, for me, when it comes to reading the Bible, it's not the difficulty of the task, it's all the distractions. I start off well enough, but quickly lose focus. That's why I need help if I'm going to pull this off. Like dieting and exercise or any good discipline, I need partners... teammates to help keep me motivated. And that's what I'm looking for. It's been several years since I've read through the Bible systematically and it would do me well.

So, I have a plan to do this in 2019, beginning in February and ending in November. Now that may sound strange, but this gives me a month to prepare and recruit help and it gives me an extra month at the end of the year in case I fall behind.

Here is the breakdown by month and approximate time of reading in parenthesis. Each month will have goals for books in the Old and New Testaments.

MONTH	OT READING	NT READING
FEBRUARY	Genesis-Exodus (6.5 hours)	Matthew (2.5 hours)
MARCH	Leviticus - Deuteronomy (5 hours)	Mark (1.5 hours)
APRIL	Joshua - 1 Samuel (5.75 hours)	Luke (2.5 hours)
MAY	2 Samuel - 2 Kings (6.25 hours)	John (2 hours)
JUNE	1 Chronicles - Esther (6.75 hours)	Acts (2.25 hours)
JULY	Job-Psalms (6.75 hours)	Romans (1 hour)
AUGUST	Proverbs - Isaiah (6.25 hours)	1-2 Corinthians (1.75 hours)
SEPTEMBER	Jeremiah-Lamentations (4.5 hours)	Galatians-2 Thess (1.5 hours)
OCTOBER	Ezekiel - Daniel (5 hours)	1 Timothy - 2 Peter (2 hours)
NOVEMBER	Hosea-Malachi (3 hours)	1 John - Revelation (1.75 hours)

NOTE: There is no daily schedule. Rather than setting aside a few minutes every day, I'll try to block out approximately 2 hours for reading each week.

So, if you are interested in reading (or even listening to) the Bible with me throughout the year, please let me know. If there is enough interest, we could meet once a month on a Sunday evening to encourage and pray for one another.

God bless,



OFFICE UPDATE...

Please send newsletter articles to our Communications Assist, Dorothy at her special address: msbccom37@gmail.com



Job Opening **Part-Time Pianist**

Purpose: To lead and serve MSBC in worship through music.

Please contact Pastor Michael John for more details – mejoh.msbcc@gmail.com or 978-388-0930



Offering Envelopes 2019



Please contact the church office. Your offerings go into the General Fund and are calculated weekly by the Treasurer and a yearly receipt will be mailed to you in time for you to do your tax returns.

MEETINGS:

January 20, 2019, Deacons Meeting
January 27, 2019, Pot-luck Annual Meeting

Youth Group

Wednesday's 6:00 pm

Youth Group will resume on January 2, 2019.
Open to all youth in grades 5-10.



Annual Report Books



Available for pick-up at the church on Sunday, January 20.
Please preview and prepare your questions for the Annual Business Meeting on Jan 27.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday – January 20

As a church, Market Street Baptist supports The Pregnancy Care Center as an outreach mission project. A speaker will give a presentation that during worship and a special offering will be collected.

What is SOHLS? In 1983, the Christian Action Council Education and Ministries Fund, which is today known as Care Net, asked President Ronald Reagan to create a special day to focus on the value of human life and the fundamental right to life, as recognized by the American Founding Fathers. Later that year, President Reagan issued a proclamation establishing a National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS).

The PCC is a crisis pregnancy center offering loving alternatives to abortion, and confidential counsel to nearly 1,500 women annually who are facing unplanned pregnancies.

In addition they provide sexual integrity education, post abortion counseling and material assistance (baby items/food). The services are free, thanks to support from individuals and local churches.

www.PCCNortheast.org



January Steeple Lighting

In Memory of Joseph "Papa Joe" Littlefield



To light the steeple for a month in memory/honor of a loved one by donating \$50 to our Building Fund. Make check to: MSBC (note: Steeple)



JR CHURCH SPORTS CAMP

FEBRUARY 18-21, 2019

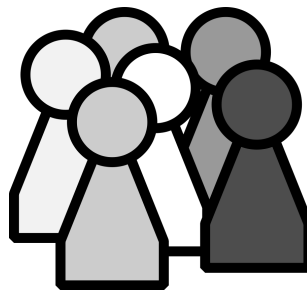
FROM 6-8PM

A 4-night non-competitive program to teach a variety of sports skills & Bible in a fun and engaging manner.

Suggested Donation of \$10 per child.

This program is open to all boys & girls in grades K-6.

**To register, contact us at 978-388-0930 or at
msbcsec@verizon.net**



SMALL GROUPS coming in 2019. Sign-ups will be available soon.

What is a small group? “A Christian small group is a voluntary, intentional gathering of three to twelve people who meet on a regular basis with the shared goal of mutual Christian edification, outreach and fellowship”. Large and small churches alike struggle with the lack of closeness and fellowship that Christ intends for us to share in His body. Small Groups fulfills that void in a powerful way. Creating groups of people who meet, care for one another, pray and worship the Lord together, encourage each other to grow in their relationships with one another and with Christ, develop disciples who mature in their spiritual lives and become witnesses to others. The Bible teaches and experience supports, that belonging to a Christian community, is essential for growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Men's Bible Study 7:00pm	2 Women's Bible Study 11:00am Youth Group 6-8pm	3	4 Bible Study for All 9:00am	5
6	7	8 Men's Bible Study 7:00pm	9 Women's Bible Study 11:00am Youth Group 6-8pm	10	11 Bible Study for All 9:00am	12
13	14	15 Men's Bible Study 7:00pm	16 Women's Bible Study 11:00am Youth Group 6-8pm	17	18 Bible Study for All 9:00am	19
20 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday Deacons Meeting 12:00pm Office	21	22 Men's Bible Study 7:00pm	23 Women's Bible Study 11:00am Youth Group 6-8pm	24	25 Bible Study for All 9:00am	26
27 Annual Meeting after Church	28	29 Men's Bible Study 7:00pm	30 Youth Group 6-8pm	31	1	2

Nursing Home Ministries

Every Sunday at 9:00 am; First Wednesday and Third Thursday at 2:30 pm, Merrimack Valley Health Center, 22 Maple Street, Amesbury, MA

Fourth Wednesday at 2:00 pm, Port Center, 113 Low Street, Newburyport, MA

Fourth Wednesday at 3:00 pm, Maplewood Center, 6 Morrill Place, Amesbury, MA

Every Sunday at 1:00 pm, Heritage Towers, 180 Main Street, Amesbury, MA

For more information on calendar events, please contact Dianne Cole, msbcsec@verizon.net

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Sunday's at 10:00 - 11:30 am

Cable TV:

ActTV12

Thursdays 4:30 pm & Fridays 9:00 am

Haverhill 22

Sundays at 7:30 am & 5:00 pm

PortMedia 10

Thursdays 4:30 – 6:00pm

Radio:

WSEW 88.7 FM - Sundays 9:00
am "Unchanging Grace"

www.wordradio.net

See page 3 for bible studies/small
groups.

www.msbcnews.org

Sermons Archive:

www.msbcnews.org/sermons

Facebook: [Market Street Baptist Church](#)

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am -
12:00 pm

Friday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm