READING

The following plan is designed to take you through the New Testament in one Year and the Old Testament in two years.

Oct 16 - Dan 1, Ps 40-41	Oct 19 - Dan 4, Ps 45	Oct 22 - Dan 7, Ps 49
Oct 17 - Dan 2, Ps 42-43	Oct 20 - Dan 5, Ps 46-47	Oct 23 - Dan 8, Ps 50
Oct 18 - Dan 3, Ps 44	Oct 21 - Dan 6, Ps 48	Oct 24 - Dan 9, Ps 51

PRAYING

This information is intended to help you pray for specific needs in our congregation and the world. Updates to prayer requests for individuals will be added as information is provided.

John Bunyan quipped:

"You can do more than pray, after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed."

For Our Mission

Serving Others

What God may hereafter require of you, you must not give yourself the least trouble about. Everything He gives you to do, you must do as well as ever you can, and that is the best possible preparation for what He may want you to do next. If people would but do what they have to do, they would always find themselves ready for what came next. - George MacDonald

For Our World

O God, our refuge and strength, our help in times of trouble. Have mercy on the lands where the earth has given way. Have mercy on the lands where the weather has destroyed livelihoods. Prosper those who rebuild houses, and strengthen those who rebuild hope so that entire communities may face the future without fear.

For Our Congregation

- For the following people who continue to struggle with a variety of health issues:
 David Wilson, Pat Dermenjian; Lynda Weber (Dave Weber's wife); Will Truppe; Michele Nielsen
- Don Cross is recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Pray for the Jr. High youth and leaders who will be heading to Bedlam next weekend (leaving Friday and returning Sunday) - for travel safety, growth in their relationships with Jesus, and bonding with each other
- Praise God! Derek & Taylor Conley, Summerside-supported missionaries serving in Haiti, wanted to let us know that they are okay after the recent hurricane that struck there



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HEARING:

Grow Up

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (pg. 1144)

1.	Stop being	and	up into	

VERSE 1-2 Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. 3 You are still worldly.

- They are Christians
- "Milk & Solid Food"
- "You are still worldly ..."
- Some thoughts for baby Christians:
- Some thoughts for immature Christians:

VERSE 3-4 For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? ⁴ For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere human beings?

- "mere human beings" ...
- The issue is forgetting the gospel
- You're not "merely" human you are a new creation who has been given the Spirit of God!

2. Recognize that it's not _____, or _____ of _____, it's God.

⁵ What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹ For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

- There is FREEDOM in this:
- God gives growth; thus, we work with confidence
- God gives growth, thus, we work faithfully.

GIVING

This monthly financial update is a reminder that giving is a significant part of our worship and as family we all have a responsibility to support our ministry as we serve together. Give generously; give in faith, give expecting God to use it to transform lives and glorify himself.

	September	Year Totals
Needed for our Vision (budget)	\$37,077	\$120,500
Actual Receipts	<u>\$35,541</u>	<u>\$102,251</u>
Difference	\$ - 1,536	\$ -18,249

Other Receipts in September: Caring Fund: \$2,570 Building Fund: \$1,060

DEEPENING

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REMEMBERING

Memorizing is one of the best ways of making truth stick. You can memorize something if you repeat it enough times. Try reading the verse 5 times a day until it sticks! Choose a part of it for your kids if needed.

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1 Corinthians 3:9 (NIV)

APPLYING

It's one thing to hear God's Word, it's another to apply it! Answering the questions on your own before your group meets will help you be fully engaged in the discussion.

Community Group Questions

- 1. Discuss your thoughts on the idea that a person can make Jesus their savior without making them Lord. How have you seen this explained in church or lived out in community? Why is this teaching so dangerous?
- 2. In what areas do people tend to get stuck on "milk" rather than progressing to "solid food"? Keep in mind that the Corinthians' immaturity was revealed in their internal struggles with division, not just big "flashy" sins.
- 3. Have you ever seen baby Christians be pressured or pushed too hard? Have you ever seen the opposite where people are not challenged at all, and just continue in their sin without growth?
- 4. When you think about your life, where has God been challenging you to grow up? Did anything stand out in the sermon to you on this point? In what area of your life do you struggle with immaturity?
- 5. In the sermon, it was explained how, as Christians, we are more than "mere humans". How does having God's Spirit in us help us stay encouraged in our pursuit of growth?
- 6. Do you really believe that God wants to use you? "One plants, one waters," but God gives the growth. Pray that the confidence of this truth would help us as a church be bold, faithful, and excited in sharing the gospel and making disciples.