DUTY LIST	God's Plan of Salvation		
SUNDAY MORNING AnnouncementsMichael Pickford Scripture ReadingJeff Isbell Reading: TBA	There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and	SOUTHSI	DE SEARCHI
 Song LeaderKenny Todd Opening PrayerKenny Johnson Lord's Table: LeadEli Todd ServeRobert Johnson Closing PrayerMichael Pickford Song Leader Michael Pickford 	 study the plan below. <u>Hear the Gospel</u>: Romans 10:17 <u>Believe</u>: Mark 16:16; John 8:24 <u>Repent of Sin</u>: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30 <u>Confess Faith</u>: Romans 10:9, 	It's About The Future Too Obeying the Gospel is about erasing past sins. But it's about the future too. When one is	JANUARY DI, 2
 Opening PrayerKenny Johnson Invitation: Michael Pickford Lord's Table: Michael Pickford Closing Prayer: Kenny Todd WEDNESDAY EVENING Song LeaderKenny Johnson Invitation: Eli Todd 	10 ➤ <u>Be Baptized</u> : Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21 ➤ <u>Remain Faithful</u> : Rev. 2:10 <i>Obey Today!</i>	baptized, he is making a resolution to serve the Lord faithfully for the remainder of his life (Revelation 2:10). He is resolving to live according to Christ's teaching as recorded in the New	Memory Verse "Your word I have hidde in my heart, That I migh not sin against You." —Acts 17:11

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Testament, regardless of the personal sacrifices that must be made along the way. He is resolving to walk in a newness of life (Romans 6:4-14) -

Reading Time

At average reading speed you could read the entire Bible in only three months by reading 50 minutes a day. Split it up if it helps. 20 minutes in the morning, 30 in the evening. Read the entire Bible every three months from now on -

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Weight Loss

We hear a lot of people talking about losing weight at the first of every year. The Bible says something about weight loss of a different type. "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us" (Hebrews 12:2. Losing weight physically can set you up for better health. Saying no to sin can set you up for eternal life in heaven. -

Casting Our Shadow

SICK FOLKS WERE placed in the streets in hopes that the shadow of Peter might fall on some of them as he passed by. The implication is that this would heal them of their illness.

In Kindergarten, my son participated in an exercise in making shadows. He learned the basic facts of what was necessary to produce a shadow: a light, and an object. If you walk in the light, you will cast a shadow.

Peter's shadow miraculously healed people, but the age of miraculous spiritual gifts has ceased (1 Corinthians 13). But God calls upon us to walk in the light (1 Jn 1:7). This is figurative language. Walking in the light represents living according to the teachings of Christ in His gospel—the New Testament (2 John 9). If we do this, we will cast a shadow, so to speak. The "shadow" we cast by walking in the light represents our influence on those around us. Just as Peter's shadow healed folks from their physical disease, our "shadow" from walking in the light serves to influence others to want to come to the Lord and be healed spiritually.

Jesus taught that the way we live before men can potentially lead them to God. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Peter described the same concept in 1 Peter 2:11-12.

Are you walking in the light, casting your shadow of righteous influence upon those in the world? –

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Quotes To Ponder

"Begin the new year by being grateful for the blessings God gave you the previous year"

"The greatest resolution I ever made, to make me a better Christian, friend, neighbor, employee, and family member, was to read the Bible every day"

"I resolve to lose weight—the weight of sin that separates me from my God"

My Favorite Bible Reading Plan

There are so many Bible reading programs available one can almost get confused and even discouraged trying to figure out which is best for them. Let me help. My favorite is called the FIVE DAY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE. Following this schedule, you will read the entire Bible in a year by reading five days a week. This allows time to make up days you might miss. Pick up your copy of the reading schedule in the foyer. You can also download it then (for free) at

https://www.fivedaybiblereading.com/.