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IN ONLY 15 MINUTES A DAY**

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***Living Word Church***

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## Have you read through the entire New Testament?

Most people have not read the entire New Testament. In fact, one poll shows that 65% of adults who identified themselves as Bible readers have never read the entire New Testament.

In another survey of more than 500 pastors representing more than 50 denominations, 47% stated “lack of time” as the main reason more Christians don’t read the Bible.

Even here at Living Word when we approached our Life Group Leaders with the idea of reading through the New Testament, the biggest objection we encountered had to do with reading too much too quickly—and we were only suggesting 3 to 5 chapters a day!

So here’s the challenge: Most Christians have not read the entire New Testament. One of the biggest reasons is lack of time. Life is hectic. People are busy. But Pastor Daniel & Sharon Cooper would like to see everyone at Living Word reading the Bible. So we put our heads together and came up with a way to meet this challenge. We are asking you and everyone at Living Word to take 15 minutes a day to read 2 chapters a day starting January 3, 2010.

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**Two chapters, fifteen minutes a day—we're calling it 2:15.**

What's the big deal with reading the Bible? Why should you or anyone else make time in your busy schedule for even 15 minutes? These are good questions. Here are just a few of the many problems we face because we have no time for the Word of God.

**1. Lives are being destroyed.**

Lack of knowledge destroys God's people — Hosea 4:1-6.

**2. People are stumbling through life.**

Without a knowledge of God's Word, people have no real direction or guidance in life, no true joy or peace in life — Psalm 119:105,111,165.

**3. Churches are lacking teachers.**

When people should be teachers, they need someone to teach them God's Word all over again — Hebrews 5:12.

**4. Churches are being led astray.**

False teachers and teachings come in because people are divided, mixed-up, and don't know right from wrong or true from false — 2 Peter 2:1-3

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Here are a few reasons why we suggest making time to read God's Word.

1. **The Word of God is alive and full of power.**  
God's Word is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective] — Hebrews 4:12 (Amplified Bible).
2. **The Word of God will instruct, convict, correct, train, and equip us.** All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip His people to do every good work — 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (New Living Translation).
3. **The Word of God will change us.**  
We are changed through the living word of God — 1 Peter 1:23.
4. **The Word of God will help us understand God's thoughts, God's ways, and God's purposes.** God's thoughts and ways are much higher than our thoughts and ways, His Word is sent to achieve His purpose — Isaiah 55:8-11.

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The Bible is filled with answers to many of life's questions: What is the purpose to life? Is there life after death? How do I get to heaven? Why is the world full of evil? Why do I struggle to do good? The Bible also offers practical advice to help us achieve success, have a better marriage, be a good parent, even how to respond when life is unfair and people treat us wrong.

God has filled the Bible with answers to our questions, examples for us to follow and to avoid, wisdom to help us navigate through life, and so much more. God has preserved His Word to help us better understand Who He is and what He wants us to do on earth.

But each one of us has to take time to read the Bible for ourselves. It is good to honor and respect the Bible. But God also wants us to read the Bible.

The time is right for us to explore the New Testament together. Pastor Daniel & Sharon Cooper invite you to join the Living Word family in discovering the truths of God's Word in daily Bible reading and weekly group discussion.

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Beginning January 3, 2010, we will read 2 chapters each day from the New Testament. The following Sunday, Pastor Cooper will preach a message taken from those chapters. Then our Life Groups will discuss the sermon and the chapters we read the week before.

Like losing weight, quitting smoking, eating healthier, or beginning an exercise program, we know these things are good for us but we often need a bit of encouragement and a friend to help us stay the course. It's the same with reading the Bible.

That's why we are encouraging you to join our church family in doing this together as family and friends. Let's encourage each other. Let's challenge each other. Let's support each other on this journey through God's Word. Let's also meet with each other to discuss what we are reading and how we are doing on the journey.

We are challenging every person that attends Living Word to sign a covenant to read through the New Testament 2 chapters a day, 15 minutes a day in 2010. We're also asking everyone to join a Life Group for support during this challenge and for the opportunity to discuss what you are reading with others in your group.

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In the time that it takes you to watch your local news or your favorite TV show, you could easily read 3 to 7 chapters of the Bible.

But we're not asking you to do that. We know you are busy. We know your life is hectic. So we're not asking for 30 minutes of your day. Not even 20 minutes. All we are asking for is 15 minutes a day! Fifteen minutes to read 2 chapters from the New Testament each day. That's all. Not for the rest of your life. Just for a few weeks of your life.

If you are too busy to read for 15 minutes or you don't enjoy reading, then you may want to purchase the New Testament on CD or MP3 and listen to it while you travel to work, to the store, to pick up the kids, on your way to church, while you exercise, or before you go to bed. Your options are only limited by your imagination. You can even download the New Testament on MP3 for free from the internet and play it on your computer or iPod.

To sum things up, we are simply asking you to walk away from the computer, turn off the TV, put down the phone, or do something in your life 15 minutes less so you will have 15 minutes more for God's Word for a few weeks.

We're not asking you to do this for us, or for Pastor. We're not even asking you to do this for God. We are asking you to do this for you — for your spiritual, mental and emotional well-being. Fifteen minutes in God's Word each day will change your life and transform you in the process. The journey begins January 3, 2010 with John 1-2.

2 Chapters:15 Minutes.

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Week	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Jan 3-9	John 1-2	John 3-4	John 5-6	John 7-8	John 9-10	John 11-12	John 13-14
<b>2</b> Jan 10-16	John 15-16	John 17-18	John 19-20	John 21	Matthew 1-2	Matthew 3-4	Matthew 5-6
<b>3</b> Jan 17-23	Matthew 7-8	Matthew 9-10	Matthew 11-12	Matthew 13-14	Matthew 15-16	Matthew 17-18	Matthew 19-20
<b>4</b> Jan 24-30	Matthew 21-22	Matthew 23-24	Matthew 25-26	Matthew 27-28	Mark 1-2	Mark 3-4	Mark 5-6
<b>5</b> Jan 31- Feb 6	Mark 7-8	Mark 9-10	Mark 11-12	Mark 13-14	Mark 15-16	Luke 1-2	Luke 3-4
<b>6</b> Feb 7-13	Luke 5-6	Luke 7-8	Luke 9-10	Luke 11-12	Luke 13-14	Luke 15-16	Luke 17-18
<b>7</b> Feb 14-20	Luke 19-20	Luke 21-22	Luke 23-24	Acts 1-2	Acts 3-4	Acts 5-6	Acts 7-8
<b>8</b> Feb 21-27	Acts 9-10	Acts 11-12	Acts 13-14	Acts 15-16	Acts 17-18	Acts 19-20	Acts 21-22
<b>9</b> Feb 28- Mar 6	Acts 23-24	Acts 25-26	Acts 27-28	Romans 1-2	Romans 3-4	Romans 5-6	Romans 7-8
<b>10</b> Mar 7-13	Romans 9-10	Romans 11-12	Romans 13-14	Romans 15-16			
<b>11</b> Mar 14							

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<b>1</b> Apr 11-17	1 Corinthians 1-2	1 Corinthians 3-4	1 Corinthians 5-6	1 Corinthians 7-8	1 Corinthians 9-10	1 Corinthians 11-12	1 Corinthians 13-14
<b>2</b> Apr 18-24	1 Corinthians 15-16	2 Corinthians 1-2	2 Corinthians 3-4	2 Corinthians 5-6	2 Corinthians 7-8	2 Corinthians 9-10	2 Corinthians 11-12
<b>3</b> Apr 25- May 1	2 Corinthians 13	Galatians 1-2	Galatians 3-4	Galatians 5-6	Ephesians 1-2	Ephesians 3-4	Ephesians 5-6
<b>4</b> May 2-8	Philippians 1-2	Philippians 3-4	Colossians 1-2	Colossians 3-4	1 Thessalonians 1-2	1 Thessalonians 3-4	1 Thessalonians 5
<b>5</b> May 9-15	2 Thessalonians 1-2	2 Thessalonians 3	1 Timothy 1-2	1 Timothy 3-4	1 Timothy 5-6	2 Timothy 1-2	2 Timothy 3-4
<b>6</b> May 16-22	Titus 1-2	Titus 3	Philemon 1	Hebrews 1-2	Hebrews 3-4	Hebrews 5-6	Hebrews 7-8
<b>7</b> May 23-29	Hebrews 9-10	Hebrews 11-12	Hebrews 13	James 1-2	James 3-4	James 5	1 Peter 1-2
<b>8</b> May 30 June 5	1 Peter 3-4	1 Peter 5	2 Peter 1-2	2 Peter 3	1 John 1-2	1 John 3-4	1 John 5
<b>9</b> June 6-12	2 John 1	3 John 1	Jude 1	Revelation 1-2	Revelation 3-4	Revelation 5-6	Revelation 7-8
<b>10</b> Jun 13-19	Revelation 9-10	Revelation 11-12	Revelation 13-14	Revelation 15-16	Revelation 17-18	Revelation 19-20	Revelation 21-22
<b>11</b> Jun 20							

# CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

## Sunday

First Service	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
Second Service	10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Children's Church	11:00 PM to 12:00 PM
RockSolid Youth	4:00 PM to 7:30 PM

## LIFE GROUP TIMES & LOCATIONS

Life Groups are small groups of people who meet weekly in homes throughout the community to study, to share, and to support one another in their Christian lives. Each group is led by a trained leader. A typical meeting lasts about an hour and a half and includes light refreshments. Our current groups are listed here. Call one today for details on their group or call our Life Group coordinators Donald & Retta Lyons (909-8076 or 908-0057). You can also email Donald at [dlyons@lowcountry.com](mailto:dlyons@lowcountry.com).

### Sunday 3:00 PM

English Strickland  
Randall Nettles

### Location

Magnolia Village  
Apartments

### Group

Everyone  
Welcome

### Sunday 4:00 PM

Raymond & June Hiott  
538-2172

225 Wells Lane  
(off Bells Hwy)

Everyone  
Welcome

### Sunday 4:00 PM

Donald & Retta Lyons  
909-8076 or 908-0057

5672 Sniders Hwy  
(4 miles from I-95)

Everyone  
Welcome

### Sunday 6:00 PM

Ray & Josie Colson  
538-2117

1789 Sidneys Road  
(Northside)

Everyone  
Welcome

### Sunday 6:00 PM — 2nd & 4th Sunday

Rick & Debbie Linder  
562-2417 or 562-6263

611 Lodge Hwy  
Smoaks

Everyone  
Welcome

### Sunday 6:00 PM

John & Barbara Steele  
549-7751

30 Waverly Street  
(Longleaf)

Everyone  
Welcome

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## Sunday 6:30 PM

Joe & Julie Epple  
Linda Frazier  
835-2327

## Location

Cottageville

## Group

Everyone  
Welcome

## Tuesday 6:30 PM

Bob & Janet Rogers  
599-1011 or 599-1010

Living Word Church  
(in the Pebble)

Everyone  
Welcome

## Wednesday 10:30 AM — 2nd & 4th Wednesday

Pastor Daniel Cooper  
Sharon Cooper

Living Word Church  
(in the church)

Seniors

## Wednesday 6:30 PM

John & Pam Maxlow  
217-8395 or 217-8389

21 Prestwick Place  
(Hendersonville Hwy—17A  
turn right on Wexford Way)

Everyone  
Welcome

## Wednesday 6:30 PM

Ben & Lisa Langdale  
Shawn & Stacy Langdale  
893-6859 or 893-6456

299 Dandridge Road  
(Hyde Park)

Teenage Boys  
Teenage Girls

## Thursday 7:00 PM — 2nd & 4th Thursday

Linda Frazier  
Pam Maxlow

Living Word Church  
(in the church)

Women

## Thursday 7:00 PM

Buddy Buchanan  
908-1510  
Andy Harrison  
909-1122

Living Word Church  
(in the fellowship hall)  
Living Word Church  
(in the fellowship hall)

Men

Men

## Friday 5:00 PM

Andy Harrison  
909-1122

106 James Street  
(Forest Hills)

Boys & Girls  
6th—8th grade