

# CHURCH OF CHRIST.

MEETING AT FOURTH AND PLUM STEETS, AND FOURTEENTH AND ASH STREETS.

Detroit, Mich. December 20th, 1884.

Realizing the urgent necessity there is for all, and especially for the Disciples of Christ, to have a more thorough knowledge of God's Word, which is able to build us up and give us an inheritance among the sanctified, the Elders and Deacons of the Church appointed a committee to devise some plan by which a more systematic and persistent reading of the Bible may be induced amongst the brethren and friends.

The Committee can think of no better plan than to organize a band of volunteers who will read daily and simultaneously a certain portion of the Bible, and report monthly to the Secretary their success or failure during the month. By reading two to three chapters in the Old Testament and one to two in the New Testament each day, the whole Scriptures will be read through in a year, and the New Testament twice. This can be accomplished by a daily reading of twenty to thirty minutes.

In regard to the method of reading, the Committee would say that, while the topical method has many advantages for the diligent student of the Word, they think it, at least for the first year, too complicated for a large and promiscuous class of readers. They therefore recommend for the coming year a simple consecutive reading beginning with two chapters in Genesis and one in Matthew daily, according to the table at the foot of this page. It is our earnest desire that every member of the Church, and the children in the Sunday Schools who can read, should undertake this duty, and that we may enlist every one, we request you to return the enclosed paper before the first of January next, duly signed, to Bros. FRANK MURRAY and ALEXANDER MALCOMSON, who have kindly consented to act as Secretaries, or to Bros. TROUT, W. G. MALCOMSON, JAS. SANDERSON, and A. C. BUTLER.

We would also suggest that in families, the daily lessons be read at family worship, part in the morning and part at night, each one having a Bible before them and reading verse about. We desire to impress the importance of private prayer in connection with the readings, and we trust that each one will ask God to give him strength to do His will and wisdom to use the precious lessons thus daily learned from His Holy Word. We have no doubt that all who thus study the Scriptures will feel richly repaid for the little time and effort spent, and that it will form a great blessing to those here and hereafter.

Some may feel it irksome to make the returns on the slips which will be furnished for the purpose, but for the sake of any who might be indifferent about following the course we hope each will report promptly at the end of every month. If this is done by those who read, any not reporting may be visited and exhorted to diligence in the study of the Bible.

## OLD TESTAMENT READINGS.

JANUARY—Genesis and 12 chapters of Exodus, 2 chapters daily.  
FEBRUARY—Exodus 13th chapter and Leviticus, 2 chapters daily.  
MARCH—Numbers and Deuteronomy, 2 chapters daily, and four on Lord's day.  
APRIL—Joshua to 1st Samuel 15th chapter, 2 chapters daily, and 3 on Lord's day.  
MAY—1st Samuel 16th to end of 1st Kings, two chapters daily.  
JUNE—2d Kings to 2d Chronicles 10th chapter, 2 chapters daily, 3 on Lord's day.  
JULY—2d Chronicles 11th to end of Esther, 2 chapters daily.  
AUGUST—Job to 80th Psalm, 4 chapters daily.  
SEPTEMBER—81st Psalm to end of Solomon's Song, 4 chapters daily.  
OCTOBER—Isaiah to Jeremiah 24th, 3 chapters daily.  
NOVEMBER—Jeremiah 25th to end of Ezekiel, 2 to 3 chapters daily.  
DECEMBER—Daniel to Malachi, 2 chapters daily.

## NEW TESTAMENT READINGS.

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, 2 chap. daily.  
APRIL AND OCTOBER—Acts and Romans, 1 and 2 chapters daily.  
MAY AND NOVEMBER—1st Corinthians to Philippians, 2 chapters daily.  
JUNE AND DECEMBER—Hebrews to Revelations, 2 chapters daily.

Please report as soon after receipt of this as possible, as we desire to enlist every one before the beginning of the new year; also please make an earnest effort to have others join in the work with us.

That God may abundantly bless the reading of His Word to all of us, is the earnest prayer of your brethren in Christ.

WALTER SANDERSON, }  
JNO. S. GRAY, } Committee.  
ALEX. A. TROUT. }

All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction  
in righteousness.

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Fourth and Plum Streets and Fourteenth Avenue and Ash Street.

DETROIT, Mich., January 1st 1884.

In order to obtain a better knowledge of the Word of God for myself and to interest others in "Searching the Scriptures daily," I propose to follow the Course of Readings in the Old and New Testament each day during the year, as recommended by the Committee, and to report each Reading monthly to the persons designated to keep the necessary records.

(Sign here.)

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God who liveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him."

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction."