



United By The Word

In January, 2011, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church will begin an exciting project to read through the Bible in 2 years! We pray that you and your family put participation in this project at the top of your resolution list for the New Year!

The project is called ***United By The Word*** and it provides a structured approach to reading the Bible that meets the following goals:

- Provides daily readings that cover the entire Bible in two years.
- Covers the Old Testament once and the Psalms and the New Testament twice in two years.
- Provides a varied program that doesn't require reading the Bible sequentially from front to back.
- Provides two 5 to 10 minute readings per day. These two readings can be used in several ways by both individuals and families.
- Provides opportunities for coordination with a sermon series or a Bible study.
- Provides opportunities for in-depth study using a respected commentary.

The reading schedule is based on one that was developed by a Scottish minister, Robert M'Cheyne. Although Pastor M'Cheyne lived in the early 1800's and for only 30 years, his surviving works continue to have a great influence on the Christian church. He is perhaps best known for his deep concern that Christians read their Bibles.

The commentary that is available to accompany the program is **For the Love of God**, in two volumes, written by D.A.Carson, and available from Crossway Books.

Look for weekly reading schedules in the bulletin, monthly schedules in the newsletter, and bookmark handouts available at church every four weeks. Tips and suggestions for using the reading schedule will be along with the bookmark handouts, and look for an announcement early next year of internet access to the reading schedule and a way for you to share your thoughts and comments on the readings with other participants.

God Bless your Bible reading time!