



December

HOW WILL
YOU
FINISH STRONG?

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LET'S...



Did you know that as of December 1st, there are only 31 days remaining in 2022?

I believe it is important for all of us to FINISH STRONG as the new year approaches.

In order to help with this, the Dream Team of CLC has put together a FINISH STRONG Campaign to guide and equip the church family.

You will have opportunities to read God's Word more consistently, serve others significantly and share your resources to make the best impact for our community.

AND... **HERE IT IS!** 😊

This is *your* FINISH STRONG guide for December.

Let's do life together and FINISH STRONG!

Pastor Gordon

DECEMBER 2022

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE FOCUS: Jesus

Please note: Use Sundays as a time to reflect and pray about what God is doing in your life. Look for growth and areas to grow.

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITY:

- Allow yourself to have **one social media or screen free day** each week **to clear** your mind and spirit.
- We will have the opportunity to serve others by finishing our shopping, fulfilling our tags for the **Akron Pregnancy Services' GIVING TREE** (located in the lobby of CLC)
- We, the Church Family, were asked to begin praying for God to show us an amount to share in order to ensure CLC continues to be able to Love God, Love People and Make Disciples. **The time has come.** You can now begin sharing your **end of the year gift** online at myfinishstrong.info or in person at one of the worship gathering times on a Sunday morning.

■ UPCOMING CHRISTMAS GATHERINGS

Christmas EVE 2022

Saturday, December 24 at 12 PM and 2 PM

Childcare will be provided at both times for children 5 years and under.

Christmas DAY 2022

Sunday, December 25 at 11 AM

*Family Service (all ages will gather in the main auditorium)



WEEK ONE

MONTHLY PRAYER

Isaiah 9:6; Ephesians 1:17

“Lord, we worship You during this Christmas season. You are our wonderful Counselor, mighty God, everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. We choose to put You at the center of our family life as we celebrate Your birth. Keep us from distractions and help us to invite You into all our family activities. Teach us to pray and help us to glorify and worship You in our family during this busy time of year. Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation that we might know You better. In Jesus name. Amen.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Read or listen to...

- ___ December 1 = John 1:1-5
- ___ December 2 = Luke 1:1-12
- ___ December 3 = Luke 1:13-25
- ___ December 4 = WORSHIP (*Rest and Reflect*)
- ___ December 5 = John 1:6-9
- ___ December 6 = Luke 1:76-80
- ___ December 7 = John 1:19-34
- ___ December 8 = Isaiah 11:1-10
- ___ December 9 = Luke 1:46-58
- ___ December 10 = Luke 2:1-7
- ___ December 11 = WORSHIP (*Rest and Reflect*)

WEEK TWO

WEEKLY PRAYER

Isaiah 9:6; Ephesians 1:17

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Read or listen to...

- ___ December 12 = Luke 2:8-14
- ___ December 13 = Luke 2:15-20
- ___ December 14 = Matthew 1:18-21
- ___ December 15 = Matthew 1:22-25
- ___ December 16 = Luke 1:67-79
- ___ December 17 = Luke 2:41-51
- ___ December 18 = WORSHIP (*Rest and Reflect*)

WEEK THREE

WEEKLY PRAYER

Isaiah 9:6; Ephesians 1:17

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Read or listen to...

- ___ December 19 = Matthew 4:1-11
- ___ December 20 = Luke 5:1-11
- ___ December 21 = John 2:1-11
- ___ December 22 = John 6:1-14
- ___ December 23 = Luke 8:40-56
- ___ December 24 = Luke 4:16-19
- ___ December 25 = WORSHIP (*Rest and Reflect*)

WEEK FOUR

WEEKLY PRAYER

Isaiah 9:6; Ephesians 1:17

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Read or listen to...

- ___ December 26 = Luke 8:40-56
- ___ December 27 = John 14:1-7
- ___ December 28 = John 8:12-20
- ___ December 29 = John 10:1-18
- ___ December 30 = Matthew 11:25-30
- ___ December 31 = Matthew 28:16-20

CONGRATULATIONS!

Did you FINISH STRONG?

Check all the boxes that apply:

- I read weekly.
- I prayed weekly.
- I participated with the pumpkin rolls.
- I participated with Pastor Appreciation Month.
- I shared my resources with the church family with an additional gift beyond my regular tithe.
- I wrote an encouraging note.
- I gave to the APS Giving Tree.
- I did a random act of kindness.
- I took some time off of screen or social media.

Be Encouraged.

- If you checked at least 5 boxes above, you just might be growing in the Lord.
- If not, there are more opportunities coming soon to encourage your faith. Keep in mind, what you put into it is what you will get out of it (Galatians 6:7). Spiritual growth is a choice. Make the decision today to grow in 2023.

/// NEXT STEP

Let's begin the new year well!

Be on the lookout for the ALL- NEW **LIFE GROUPS**. Registration beginnings **Sunday, January 8, 2023**.

LET'S DO LIFE TOGETHER!

