

# Study guide

*This study guide is designed to help you to become more familiar with the Bible. Study these passages on your own, with a friend, or with a group. If you or someone you know needs a Bible, please take one from the church. They are there for you to take home and use! Message manuscripts are available at [www.spwired.com](http://www.spwired.com).*

**Monday**—Read **John 13:34-35**. Take the time to memorize this scripture. Why is it so important? Who are those “one anothers” in your life that are hard to love? How can you show a tangible form of love to them?

**Tuesday**— Read **Luke 2:1-7** in the New Testament. These few verses cover a lot of ground very quickly. Imagine some of the details of the story. What must it have been like for Mary and Joseph to make the 90 mile journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem with Mary 9 months pregnant? What must it have been like for Mary to leave behind her parents when she would have wanted them near? What must have been going through Joseph’s mind as he found no rooms available in the inns? What would it have been like to deliver a baby in a stable?

**Wednesday**—Read **Luke 2:8-20** in the New Testament. At that time, shepherds were seen as the lowest class of people. Why would they be the first to hear about Jesus? What do the angels say? What is the response of the shepherds? Why?

**Thursday**— Read **Matthew 1:18 to 2:23** in the New Testament. What do you learn about Jesus’ birth from this passage? ***Don’t forget that tomorrow is Christmas Eve! We will have powerful worship services at 4, 6, 8 and 11p.m. Invite someone to join you!***

**Friday**—*Christmas Eve!* Read **Luke 2:21-39** in the New Testament. What do you learn about Jesus in the statements from Simeon and Anna? What is the response of Mary and Joseph? What does this tell you about Jesus? ***Worship tonight! 4, 6, 8, and 11p.m.***

## Prayer Concerns

### Health & Healing

Lucille Clow

### Cancer Treatment:

Pam Clifton

Bob Brewer

Michelle Whitmore

Rose Hymer

Easton Murdock

Joey Walker

Bob Benefiel

### Other Concerns:

Peyton Dunn

Makayla Henson

Marcy Hayes

Victor Rawlings

Samantha Palmer

Tommy Comer

Tammy Hodgdon

### Serving in the military:

*We honor those serving in the military by placing their names on the Military Board in the east hallway after listing new names here for one week. Please check that board regularly.*