

### March 4th Readings

[JEREMIAH 2:31-4:18](#)

[COLOSSIANS 1:1-17](#)

[PSALM 76:1-12](#)

[PROVERBS 24:21-22](#)

What a blessing it is for us to be a part of a congregation like Southgate church of Christ! It was a blessing to be a part of the church in Colossae when Paul wrote to their church in the book of Colossians. Paul complimented them saying that God's Word was bearing much fruit there and throughout the world because of them and he was pleased with that. Let us rejoice in our Christian family here at Southgate and strive to continue spreading the Gospel and bearing fruit that is pleasing to God!

### March 5th Readings

[JEREMIAH 4:19-6:15](#)

[COLOSSIANS 1:18-2:7](#)

[PSALM 77:1-20](#)

[PROVERBS 24:23-25](#)

In this Proverb, we are encouraged to rebuke the wicked. This is true even for today that we rebuke the wicked instead of embracing it or celebrating it as it is becoming custom to do so. Our nation, that once took pride in saying "In God we trust", has fallen away and found delight in selfish desires. Our Christian lights need to shine even brighter today. Let's stand up for God, rebuke the wicked and turn our desires towards pleasing Him.

### March 6th Readings

[JEREMIAH 6:16-8:7](#)

[COLOSSIANS 2:8-23](#)

[PSALM 78:1-31](#)

## [PROVERBS 24:26](#)

We are blessed to have the stories of old, the Words of God in the Holy Bible within our reach. Psalm 78 reminds us to learn from these stories of truth. Israel, God's people, were given chances and forgiveness generation after generation. God gave us these examples to learn from. It is our duty as Christian fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and friends to share with others God's grace. His love for us! His commitment to us! Set our hope in God, do not forget the works of God and keep His commandments! (Psalm 78:7)

## March 7th Readings

[JEREMIAH 8:8-9:26](#)

[COLOSSIANS 3:1-17](#)

[PSALM 78:32-55](#)

[PROVERBS 24:27](#)

Colossians chapter 3 teaches us, Christians, so much:

- A hope of being with Christ in heaven!
- What to rid your life of – sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desires and covetousness.
- What to put away – anger, wrath, malice, slander, obscene talk and lying.
- What to put on – compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness and love!
- To be thankful!
- To sing praises to His Holy name!
- Do it *all* for Him!

Easy enough, right? Now live it out in your daily lives!

## March 8th Readings

[JEREMIAH 10:1-11:23](#)

[COLOSSIANS 3:18-4:18](#)

[PSALM 78:56-72](#)

[PROVERBS 24:28-29](#)

Attention families: submit; love; obey; pray! As we watch America unravel from our once conservative and loyal ways, we as Christians should understand where this reckless direction stems from... our families, our values and fearing God. God instructs each family member a specific task: *wives* – submit to your husbands, as it is fitting to the Lord; *husbands* - love your wives and do not be harsh with them; *children* – obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord; *everyone* – continue steadfastly in prayer. What a different nation of families we would have if we abided by these few simple steps alone.

[March 9th Readings](#)

[JEREMIAH 12:1-14:10](#)

[1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-2:8](#)

[PSALM 79:1-13](#)

[PROVERBS 24:30-34](#)

Those of us who garden, or attempt to do so, know time and effort are greatly needed in order to maintain its beauty and fruitfulness. After spending months of weeding, fertilizing, watering and pruning, how rewarding it is to sit back and soak in the beauty of a maintained garden. Proverbs, however, gives account of an entire field, a vineyard, which fell into the hands of a sluggard. The observer here realizes instantly by the looks of the field that the owner is overcome with laziness. We can apply this in many ways: you get out what you put in; you reap what you sow; you get what you give. Our Christian walk reflects the amount of time and effort we give to studying, praying, teaching and learning.

[March 10th Readings](#)

[JEREMIAH 14:11-16:15](#)

[1 THESSALONIANS 2:9-3:13](#)

[PSALM 80:1-19](#)

[PROVERBS 25:1-5](#)

As we constantly strive to live for God in Christ, do we stop to think of the joy we have in our companionship with our brothers and sisters in Christ? When Paul wrote this letter to the church in Thessalonica, he was filled with joy and rejoiced that their faith held strong during trials and temptations. Let us pray for our brothers and sisters, let us greet one another with a holy kiss, and let us rejoice as we all grow in faith.