



Christmas

RETHINK

ADVENT DEVO



**ADVENT DEVOTIONS
2021**

THIS BOOKLET BELONGS TO:

**WHAT DO I HOPE TO
ACCOMPLISH THROUGH THIS STUDY?**

HOW TO USE THIS DEVO

Review the Mission

"Wherever we are on our journey, we will take steps together to know and become like Jesus."

This is our mission together. To truly know Jesus, we must deepen and strengthen our relationship with Him and with one another. This Advent Devo is an opportunity to do just that. Through personal, daily time with God, and in community with other believers, let's take this step together!

Prepare for Success

- Establish a time of day and a specific place to begin.
- As you sit with God, start by becoming quiet. You can do this through a few deep breaths. Make sure your phone is in another room. Turn off the television and do your best to remove distractions.
- Sometimes it helps to have a pad of paper. If distractions come, write them down so that you can work through them later. For example, if you remember you need to do something, make yourself a note so that you can let it go during your time with God.
- Start with a simple prayer asking God to open your heart.
- Choose the study for the current week. Dive into the **Scripture Reading Plan** for the current day. If you prefer to listen to the scriptures, use the Dwell App with the free subscription at jacobswellchurch.church/dwell. Then read through and complete the **Spiritual Practice**. Do this each day of the week. Listen to the **Advent Hours of Prayer Podcast** from Pastor Paul at jacobswellchurch.church/prayer. Next refer to the **Missions & Share Partners Prayer Plan** at the back of this booklet. Pray as directed for the current day. Then complete the **Question for the Week**. How does your answer change as the week progresses? Finally, complete the **Rethink Challenge** for the current week. This will be something you can work on every day. Be sure to capture what you're learning in the **How's It Going?** section.
- As you finish your time each day, be silent and wait to see how God works in your heart and mind. Don't rush away. You might miss something He is trying to say to you.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see what He might be telling you through the Scriptures, the questions and the messages and podcasts in the Christmas Rethink series.

WEEK 1

Rethink Thinking

November 28 - December 4

SCRIPTURE READING PLAN

Week 1

ADVENT JOURNEY*

RETHINK JOURNEY*

SUN	Isaiah 7:14 "The Virgin Shall Conceive" Prophesied	Romans 12:1-2
MON	Micah 5:2-5 "Born in Bethlehem" Prophesied	James 4:1-3
TUES	Hosea 11:1 "Called Out of Egypt" Prophesied	Philippians 4:4-8
WED	Jeremiah 31:15 "Rachel Weeping for Her Children" Prophesied	Isaiah 26:3
THU	Isaiah 42:1-7 "A Light for the Gentiles" Prophesied	John 5:39-40
FRI	Malachi 4:5-6 "Spirit and Power of Elijah" Prophesied	Philippians 4:4-8
SAT	2 Samuel 7:12-16; Isaiah 9:6-7 "Son of the Most High" Prophesied	Philippians 4:4-8

*Also listen FREE on the Dwell App: jacobswellchurch.church/dwell

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Week 1

HOURS OF PRAYER

Establishing set times of prayer is an ancient practice that goes back to the Old Testament. The Psalmist says, Evening, morning, and noon I will cry out and lament. Jesus and the apostles practiced keeping sacred hour as did the early church fathers.

Throughout Christian history Christians would gather up to seven times a day to sing, recite and meditate on Scripture, ancient prayers and theological truth. The sacred offices usually involve some confession of sin, the "Our father", reaffirming ancient creeds as well as prayers of intercession for leaders in society and the church.

We are posting morning, midday and evening prayers once a week throughout Advent that you can use as much or as little as you feel lead to do throughout the week. Some will pray three times a day using this tool. Some may start or end the day with these prayers. Some will stop in the middle of busy work days to do midday prayer. Some days you may just listen, while other days you may dive deeply into the prayers making them your own. Some prayers may be familiar, and some may be very new. The prayers we have chosen have been taken from several of the great traditions of the faith.

Many find great healing and comfort for their mind, soul and spirit by keeping the Hours of Prayer. This could become a wonderful practice or Christmas tradition for your family.

Download the Hours of Prayer Podcasts at: jacobswellchurch.church/prayer
Or ask us for a transcript!

PRAYER PLAN & PODCASTS

Week 1

Listen to **ADVENT HOURS OF PRAYER PODCAST**, Week 1

Refer to the Missions & Share Partners **PRAYER PLAN**, Week 1

Podcasts: jacobswellchurch.church/prayer Prayer Plan: **Back pages of this booklet**

QUESTION FOR THE WEEK

Week 1

WHERE AM I GETTING MY THOUGHTS?

RETHINK CHALLENGE

Week 1

Complete the
THOUGHT INVENTORY
on the next two pages...

**What stands out to you most,
after completing the Thought Inventory?**

RETHINK CHALLENGE, WEEK 1

THOUGHT INVENTORY

The Scriptures tell us that we should be wise about what we let into our mind. That is why it is good to occasionally review what we are letting into our thought process. You can use this inventory as an individual, but we also encourage you to use it as a family. So, if you are a parent, you can answer these questions with each family member as well as your whole family together.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:8-9

• How many devices do you regularly use?

• How many internet or streaming devices are in your house?

• Is there any place in your house that is a "technology free" zone?

• How many hours a day do you spend on the internet?

• Is there any technology that you are not able to spend a day without? For example, your phone?

• Do you end your day using technology?

• How quickly do you begin to use technology when you wake up?

• Where do you get your thoughts? Where do your kids get their thoughts?

• What news shows do you watch?

• What social media platforms do you use?

• How many streaming services do you use and subscribe to?

• What shows do you watch on TV or Stream online?

• Is the language in these shows appropriate for a follower of Christ?

• Is the level of violence appropriate?

• Is there nudity or is sexual immorality assumed or even celebrated?

- Have you grown comfortable with high levels of violence, swearing and sexual content?
- Is the fundamental message of what you watch consistent with the teaching of Christ?
- Do the shows you watch add anxiety, stress, or negativity to your life?
- How hard would it be to stop watching these shows for advent?

• **List the podcasts you listen to:**

• **How much time do you (and your kids) spend on YouTube or other video platforms?**

• **What games do you play? How often do you play them?**

• **How long do you spend gaming?**

• **Are the games you play violent, dark, have nudity, or have a message inconsistent with Christ?**

• **What books, magazines and so forth do you use?**

• **Do you ever participate in conversations that could be considered gossip?**

• **Do the people you talk with and interact with the most draw you towards Christ or away from Him?**

• **Do the people you talk to and interact with the most tend to be positive or negative?**

• **If it is true that what we put into our minds affects our attitude, perspective, mental health, and general spiritual health, what are you exposing yourself to through media that you should not?**

• **How do you think your media intake is shaping your character?**

Read Romans 12:1-2

• **What other unhealthy patterns are related to the amount of time you spend with media?** Such as: negative thoughts, anger, inability to be alone and still, lack of time for spiritual practices, isolation from relationships with friends and family, lack of exercise, wasting time, general negativity or anxiety.

• **Do you need a detox from media?**

WEEK 2

Rethink Stories

December 5 - December 11

SCRIPTURE READING PLAN

Week 2

ADVENT JOURNEY*

RETHINK JOURNEY*

SUN

Genesis 12:3; 17:4-7; 22:17-18
"Abraham and His Offspring" Prophesied

1 Corinthians 2:16
2 Corinthians 3:14

MON

Malachi 3:1; Isaiah 40:3-5
"Prepare the Way of the Lord" Prophesied

Philippians 2:1-11

TUES

1 John 1:1-4 The Word of Life

Ephesians 4:20-23

WED

Philippians 2:3-11 Christ's Example of Humanity

Isaiah 26:3

THU

Luke 1:5-25 The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold
Malachi 4:5-6 Fulfilled

Matthew 22:37

FRI

Luke 1:26-38 The Birth of Jesus Foretold
2 Samuel 7:12-16; Isaiah 9:6-7 Fulfilled

Romans 12:1-2

SAT

Luke 1:39-45 Mary Visits Elizabeth

Psalms 26:2
Lamentations 3:21-24

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SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Week 2

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) is the ancient Christian practice of scripture reading. Its primary function is to read scripture in order to develop a relationship with God. The goal is to meditate on a section of scripture and, "Be still, and know that I am God." - Psalm 46:10

Take one of today's scripture passages from the Advent Journey and do the following:

Step 1 (Lectio): First, read a passage of Scripture. This reading is meant to be intentional and slow. Most people will read the focus passage several times through.

Step 2 (Meditatio): Next, meditate on the Scripture. Take time to ponder the passage, seeking to hear from the Holy Spirit. The goal is not to analyze the passage, but instead to view it from various perspectives. It is often helpful to focus on one or two words in a scripture. For example, the person who uses Ps 46:10 may focus on the word "Be" or the word "still."

Step 3 (Oratio): This step consists of prayer. After having read and meditated on the passage, the practitioner of Lectio Divina brings it to God in prayer. Questions people often ask when they practice this step are; "Where is God's Invitation?" or "What is God seeking to reveal?"

Step 4 (Contemplatio): The Lectio Divina process concludes with contemplation. This is a type of listening or restful prayer. Seek to simply sit in God's presence with His Word still fresh on the mind. This is also where we look to see how we can apply what we learned to our lives as we journey to be more and more like Christ.

PRAYER PLAN & PODCASTS

Week 2

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QUESTION FOR THE WEEK

Week 2

WHAT STORY AM I TELLING MYSELF?

RETHINK CHALLENGE

Week 2

MEDIA DETOX

My Advent Next Step for Week 2:

(Choose one item from the Media Detox Menu on the back cover...)

How's it going?

**What have you learned this week
as you've done your media detox?**

WEEK 3

Rethink Focus

December 12 - December 18

SCRIPTURE READING PLAN

Week 3

ADVENT JOURNEY*

RETHINK JOURNEY*

SUN	Luke 1:46-56 Mary's Song of Praise	Romans 8:5-8
MON	Luke 1:57-66 The Birth of John the Baptist	1 Corinthians 2:16
TUES	Luke 1:67-79 Zechariah's Prophecy Malachi 3:1; Isaiah 40:3-5 Fulfilled	1 Peter 3:8 Philippians 4:4-8
WED	Matthew 1:18-25 The Birth of Jesus Isaiah 7:14 Fulfilled	Jeremiah 17:10
THU	Luke 1:1-7 The Birth of Jesus	Romans 12:1-2
FRI	Luke 2:8-20 The Shepherds and the Angels	Romans 8:5-8
SAT	Luke 2:21-24 Presentation of Jesus in the Temple	Mark 12:30

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SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Week 3

SOLITUDE

Solitude is a place that we set apart for God when we unplug and withdraw from the noise of relationships, busyness, and other stimulation. Silence deepens our experience of solitude by creating space for our souls to listen, to breathe, and to rest. To practice solitude and silence, choose a safe and comfortable place that allows

you to be available to God. Settle into a comfortable position and sit quietly for a few moments, breathing deeply, becoming aware of God's presence with you and your desire to be present with God.

- Is there a joy you are celebrating?
- A loss you are grieving?
- Are there tears that need to be shed?
- A question that is stirring?
- An emotion that needs expressing?

Practice entering into solitude until it becomes routine for you to begin your time with God by being quiet and letting your soul come out and rest in His presence. You will probably be surprised at what your soul wants to say to God.

PRAYER PLAN & PODCASTS

Week 3

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QUESTION FOR THE WEEK

Week 3

WHAT HAVE I SET MY MIND UPON?

RETHINK CHALLENGE

Week 3

MEDIA DETOX

My Advent Next Step for Week 3:

(Choose one item from the Media Detox Menu on the back cover...)

How's it going?

**What have you learned this week
as you've done your media detox?**

WEEK 4

Rethink Thoughts

December 19 - December 25

SCRIPTURE READING PLAN

Week 4

ADVENT JOURNEY*

RETHINK JOURNEY*

SUN	Luke 2:25-35 Simeon Isaiah 42:1-7 Fulfilled	2 Corinthians 10:3-5
MON	Luke 2:36-38 Anna	Philippians 4:4-8 Psalms 139:17
TUES	Matthew 2:1-12 The Visit of the Wisemen Micah 5:2-5 Fulfilled	Proverbs 12:5
WED	Matthew 2:13-15 The Flight to Egypt Hosea 11:1 Fulfilled	1 Peter 3:8
THU	Matthew 2:16-18 The Massacre of the Innocents Jeremiah 31:15 Fulfilled	Romans 12:1-2
FRI	Matthew 2:19-23 The Return to Nazareth	Philippians 2:1-11
SAT	John 3:13-17 God Sent His Son	John 1:1-18

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SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Week 4

MEDITATION

Begin your time by taking 4-5 slow, deep breaths. As you slowly release the final breath allow your thoughts to center on the birth of Jesus; contemplating the reality that He is both fully

God and fully man. What does it mean? Why is this necessary? How is this even possible? Allow the Holy Spirit to guide your answers or simply glory in the mystery.

Continue by taking a few more deep breaths. Pay attention to any stress you may be carrying or any thoughts that are intruding. Acknowledge them and let them go up to God as prayer. As your body becomes relaxed, allow your mind to wander into that cold night in Bethlehem. All the prophecies, the foreshadowing, the stories of the ages culminate with the arrival of the Savior of the World. Jesus, the One who takes away the Sins of the world, has arrived in the humblest of ways. Dwell on the deep love God displays in substituting His own Son as a sacrifice for our sins.

Contemplate the magnitude of God's Love and Grace in your life.

PRAYER PLAN & PODCASTS

Week 4

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QUESTION FOR THE WEEK

Week 4

HOW DO I CAPTURE MY THOUGHTS?

RETHINK CHALLENGE

Week 4

MEDIA DETOX

My Advent Next Step for Week 4:

(Choose one item from the Media Detox Menu on the back cover...)

How's it going?

**What have you learned this week
as you've done your media detox?**

WEEK 5

Rethink Meaning

December 26 - January 2

SCRIPTURE READING PLAN

Week 5

	ADVENT JOURNEY*	RETHINK JOURNEY*
SUN	Luke 3:33; Hebrews 7:14 From the Tribe of Judah Genesis 49:10 Fulfilled	Proverbs 16:20
MON	Revelation 1:1-3 Prologue	Philippians 4:4-8
TUES	Revelation 1:4-6 Greeting to the Seven Churches	Psalms 37:4
WED	Revelation 1:7-8	Galatians 5:16
THU	Revelation 1:9-11 Vision of the Son of Man	1 Corinthians 2:16
FRI	Revelation 1:12-16	1 Timothy 6:9
SAT	Revelation 1:17-18	1 Peter 3:8
SUN	Revelation 1:19-20	Isaiah 65:17

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SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Week 5

WORSHIP

A great way to re-focus your mind and heart on Jesus is to engage in worship. Worship songs, hymns and, yes, even most Christmas Carols are inspirational words taken from scripture. Make a playlist of

songs or slip in a CD that can help you take your mind off the busyness of life. Sing along or just sit silently and listen carefully to the words. Invite the Holy Spirit to help you grow, and become strengthened and empowered by the worship you offer up.

LISTEN TO THE JW WORSHIP ALBUM:

Go on the JW App
Press the bottom Media tab
Select JW Worship



PRAYER PLAN & PODCASTS

Week 5

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QUESTION FOR THE WEEK

Week 5

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF JESUS' BIRTH?

RETHINK CHALLENGE

Week 5

MEDIA DETOX

My Advent Next Step for Week 5:

(Choose one item from the Media Detox Menu on the back cover...)

How's it going?

**What have you learned this week
as you've done your media detox?**

MISSIONS & SHARE PARTNERS PRAYER PLAN

WEEK 1

SUN
NOV 28

Pray for our Share Partner, APPLE Pregnancy. APPLE Pregnancy provides caring counseling and information to women with unplanned pregnancies so they can make choices they can live with. APPLE offers free confidential pregnancy tests, free counseling for the mother (and parents or partner, if chosen), referrals to both private and government agencies that can help and a caring person to listen.

For more information about APPLE Pregnancy go to: www.applepc.org

MON
NOV 29

Pray for our Share Partner, Builders for Christ. Builders for Christ is a network of volunteer teams who offer to assist Southern Baptists in building churches in locations which appear to be in significant need of Evangelism. They offer assistance to the host Church with wood framing, electrical conduits, wiring, electrical service and fixtures, plumbing rough-ins, HVAC ductwork and piping, roofing, drywall installation, cabinetwork, finish carpentry, door and hardware installation, brick veneer masonry, relatively light steel framing and painting. Builders for Christ took a large role in building the Jacob's Well Church building we meet in today!

For more information about Builders for Christ go to: www.baptistbuildersforchrist.org

TUE
NOV 30

Pray for our Share Partner, Fierce Freedom. Fierce Freedom educates the public, law enforcement, politicians and others about human trafficking and by doing so, continues to help reduce this horrific crime in western Wisconsin and across the state. They work to impact the lives of victims that are hidden in plain sight, reach rural America with a nationwide digital training platform, partner with law enforcement to effectively crack down on trafficking and work with legislators to enact laws that treat trafficking victims more humanely.

For more information about Fierce Freedom go to: www.fiercefreesecurity.org

WED
DEC 1

Pray for our Share Partner, The Forgotten Initiative. The Forgotten Initiative helps support the foster care community through awareness, encouragement, and advocacy. They help people see through the eyes of the agency worker, foster parent, vulnerable adult, and child in order to show them the ways in which they can serve the needs of the foster care community.

For more information about The Forgotten Initiative go to: www.theforgotteninitiative.org

THU
DEC 2

Pray for our Share Partner, Good News Jail & Prison Ministry. Good News Jail & Prison Ministry places Christian chaplains in jails and prisons to minister to the spiritual needs of inmates and staff. Their programs and resources also provide avenues for the community to participate as Volunteers, Financial Partners, Mentors and Re-entry Advocates.

For more information about Good News Jail & Prison Ministry: www.goodnewsjail.org

FRI
DEC 3

Pray for our Share Partner, Hope Gospel Mission. Hope Gospel Mission exists to offer Christ-centered, life changing help to the homeless and needy in Eau Claire and the rest of Western Wisconsin. They help the homeless and needy by meeting basic needs without enabling, require them to work and help support themselves, provide a safe and orderly place to stay and address the root causes of their situation. They also offer a complete life change through their Renewed Hope Program, share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Biblical values, involve them in local Bible-believing churches, keep them accountable for their actions and show both care and correction.

For more information about Hope Gospel Mission go to: www.hopegospelmission.org

SAT
DEC 4

Pray for our Share Partner, Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention. The Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention (MWBC) is a group of churches cooperating together to advance the gospel. They do so by making disciples, developing leaders, starting churches, providing disaster relief and sharing resources.

For more information about the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention go to: www.mwbc.org

PRAYER PLAN, WEEK 2

SUN
DEC 5

Pray for our Share Partner, Hope Village. Hope Village provides short-term and longer-term housing alternatives and services to people experiencing homelessness in Chippewa County.

For more information about Hope Village go to: www.hopevillagechippewafalls.com

MON
DEC 6

Pray for our Career Student Minister, Andrew Draper, and his work with Fellowship for Christian Athletes (FCA). Fellowship for Christian Athletes focuses on serving local communities around the globe by

engaging, equipping and empowering coaches and athletes to unite, inspire and change the world through the gospel. Andrew is the Fellowship for Christian Athletes NW Wisconsin Area Director. He facilitates Camps, Campus/Community Huddles, 3D Coaching, and works to keep faith in sports going throughout the year.

For more information about Fellowship for Christian Athletes go to: www.fca.org

TUE
DEC 7

Pray for our Career Student Minister, Maddy Mortimer, and her work with The Navigators. The Navigators is a ministry that shares the gospel of Jesus and helps people grow in their relationship with Him through Life-to-

Life discipleship, creating spiritual generations of believers. Maddy serves on staff with the Navigators International Student Ministry doing outreach to international students in Chicago, IL. Outreach to these students is gospel centered, inviting them to have spiritual conversations, bible studies, or join large group.

For more information about The Navigators go to: www.navigators.org

WED
DEC 8

Pray for our Career Student Ministers, Sean & Jenna Kaiser, and their work with InterVarsity. InterVarsity is a vibrant campus ministry that establishes and advances witnessing communities of students and faculty.

Sean and Jenna work on staff with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship to equip college students to build witnessing communities sharing the gospel. They minister to the college students of the Chippewa Valley at UW-Eau Claire, CVTC, and UW-Stout.

For more information about InterVarsity go to: intervarsity.org

THU
DEC 9

Pray for our Career Student Ministers, Jeff & Beckie Wiegel, and their work with The Navigators. The Navigators is a ministry that shares the gospel of Jesus and helps people grow in their relationship with Him through Life-to-Life discipleship, creating spiritual generations of believers. Jeff and Beckie are The Navigators' Campus Directors at the UW-Madison Campus. They have 21-years of combined experience ministering to college students in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

For more information about The Navigators go to: www.navigators.org

FRI
DEC 10

Pray for our Share Partner, the Salvation Army of the Chippewa Valley. The Salvation Army of the Chippewa Valley's mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

They provide assistance in the form of clothing vouchers, limited transportation, housing services or energy assistance, houseware needs, furniture, toiletry items, laundry, infant care items, and many more.

For more information about the Salvation Army of the Chippewa Valley go to: centralusa.salvationarmy.org/chippewavalley/

SAT
DEC 11

Pray for our Share Partner, Carelink. Carelink is a group of area congregations working to efficiently help residents of Eau Claire County who need assistance. They do this by providing social service resources, helpful referral

information and carefully tracking and maintaining client files.

For more information about Carelink go to: carelinkeauclaire.weebly.com/

PRAYER PLAN, WEEK 3

SUN
DEC 12

Pray for our Share Partner, International Missions Board (IMB).

The International Missions Board serves Southern Baptists in carrying out the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. They partner with churches to empower limitless missionary teams who are evangelizing, discipling, planting, and multiplying healthy churches, and training leaders among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God.

For more information about the International Missions Board go to: www.imb.org

MON
DEC 13

Pray for our Share Partners, Paul & Nicki Behnke, and their work with

Envision Atlanta. Over the years, Clarkston, Georgia has accepted over 40,000 refugees. Envision Atlanta is focusing on the 90 unreached people

groups that comprise these refugees. Paul and Nicki are working to develop a new youth ministry in Clarkston, Georgia in partnership with Envision Atlanta. They will be sharing the gospel and creating a culture of unity with the youth in Clarkston and building partnerships with the community churches, so they continue discipling the youth even after the Behnke's are gone.

For more information about Envision Atlanta go to: www.envisionatlanta.org

TUE
DEC 14

Pray for our Share Partner, North American Missions Board (NAMB).

The North American Missions Board assists churches with evangelistic church planting strategy, the identification and training of missionaries, chaplains, and church planters through the Send Network, and helps churches impact their communities through Send Relief.

For more information about the North American Missions Board go to: www.namb.net

WED
DEC 15

Pray for our Share Partners, Victor & Joanna Ordonez, and their work

with Minnesota Wisconsin Baptist Convention. The Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention (MWBC) is a group of churches cooperating together to advance the gospel. Victor pastors a church in Austin, TX while also serving in the pivotal role developing leaders to plant new Hispanic churches in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

For more information about the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention go to: www.mwbc.org

THU
DEC 16

Pray for our Share Partner, Gerardo Rodriguez, and his work with the

Southern Wisconsin Baptist Association. Gerardo recruits, assesses, and develops Hispanic church planters in order to plant new Spanish speaking

churches in communities throughout Wisconsin.

For more information about the Southern Wisconsin Baptist Association go to: www.wisconsinbaptist.org

FRI
DEC 17

Pray for Ministry Initiative, The Justice Run by Fierce Freedom.

The Justice Run is an annual family-friendly event put on by Fierce Freedom to raise money and awareness for human trafficking and its victims.

Fierce Freedom is a non-profit based in Eau Claire, WI that fights human trafficking and exploitation through education and victim support.

For more information about The Justice Run go to: www.cvjusticerun.org

SAT
DEC 18

Pray for Ministry Initiative, Faith Riders. Faith Riders is a group of ordinary

people from every walk of life who share a common desire to serve the Lord through motorcycle ministry. They exist to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ intentionally and unapologetically to all who have yet to accept Him and to build up the body of Christ through worship, fellowship, discipleship and serving.

For more information about Faith Riders go to: faithriders.com

PRAYER PLAN, WEEK 4

SUN
DEC 19

Pray for Short Term Missionary, **Sadie Robb**, and her work with **Bethany Global University**. Sadie is living as a student missionary in Bazu, Azerbaijan for 16 months through the Bethany Global University International Agency. Her time there is spent taking online classes to continue earning her degree, learning the local language, leading bible studies, serving the long-term missionaries, working in the schools, teaching English, ministering to Muslims, and working in a special needs orphanage.

For more information about Bethany Global University go to: bethanygu.edu/

MON
DEC 20

Pray for Short Term Missionaries, **Josh & Tammy Hunt**, and their work with **Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU)**. Campus Crusade for Christ is a caring community passionate about connecting people to Jesus Christ, building them in their faith and sending them out to build others. Josh and Tammy are missionaries to

East Asia where they have lived and served since 2003. While they have had to return to the US due to border closures caused by COVID 19, they have continued to faithfully perform their CRU ministry roles via long distance.

For more information about Campus Crusade for Christ go to: www.cru.org/

TUE
DEC 21

Pray for Short Term Missionary, **Katie Knoepke**, and her work with **Bethany Gateways**. Bethany Gateways exists to take the church where it is not by establishing and engaging with the local church in areas populated by unreached (<2% Christian) people groups. Katie is living in Hungary for a 16-month internship through Bethany

Gateways where she is relationship building, language learning, and taking part in prison, homeless and orphanage ministries.

For more information about Bethany Gateways go to: bethanygateways.org/

WED
DEC 22

Pray for Short Term Missionary, **Nicole Emmert**, and her work with **The Navigators**.

The Navigators is a ministry that shares the gospel of Jesus and helps people grow in their relationship with Him through Life-to-Life discipleship, creating spiritual generations of believers. Nicole is on staff with The Navigators at UWEC in the EDGE Corps internship program. She is interacting with students regularly, building relationships, leading Bible studies, discipling believers, and telling students about the good news of Jesus Christ.

For more information about The Navigators go to: www.navigators.org

THU
DEC 23

Pray for Short Term Missionary, **Jennifer Booth**, and her work with

The Navigators. The Navigators is a ministry that shares the gospel of Jesus and helps people grow in their relationship with Him through Life-to-Life discipleship, creating spiritual generations of believers. Jennifer is on staff with The Navigators at UW-Madison in the EDGE Corps internship program. She is evangelizing to the college-age community, investing in discipleship of women on the leadership team and incoming female students and facilitating large group meetings with emphasis on leading worship teams and creating sets.

For more information about The Navigators go to: www.navigators.org

FRI
DEC 24

Pray for Short Term Missionaries, **Parker and Jaedyn Mansur**, and their work with

Youth With A Mission (YWAM). Youth With A Mission is a global movement of Christians from many cultures, age groups and Christian traditions, dedicated to serving Jesus throughout the world. Parker and Jaedyn are at a YWAM school in Orlando,

Florida for 3 months of training and then will do outreach for 2 months in an unknown country.

For more information about YWAM go to: ywam.org/

SAT
DEC 25

Pray for Short Term Missionary, **Anna Bohrer**, and her work with **Youth With A**

Mission (YWAM). Youth With A Mission is a global movement of Christians from many cultures, age groups and Christian traditions, dedicated to serving Jesus throughout the world. Anna will be at a YWAM school in Louisville, Kentucky for 3 months of training

and then will do outreach for 2 months in an unknown country.

For more information about YWAM go to: ywam.org/

PRAYER PLAN, WEEK 5

SUN – SUN
DEC 26 - JAN 2

Choose any one of the Mission & Share partners from the past 4 weeks to pray for each day of Week 5.

MEDIA DETOX MENU

FOR RETHINK CHALLENGE, WEEKS 2-5

Choose **one Advent Next Step below**
for each week's Rethink Challenge.

- ☐ **1** I will not watch any show, movie, game or content that has excessive swearing, negativity, or attacks the Christian faith.
- ☐ **2** I will not watch any show with excessive violence, nudity or sexually immorality.
- ☐ **3** I will fast from all social media platforms.
 - Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, etc.
- ☐ **4** I will stop or limit my gaming until Christmas.
- ☐ **5** I will put some parental controls on our devices for our whole family.
- ☐ **6** I/our family will plug our phones in at 8pm and not pick them up until we leave the house the next morning.
- ☐ **7** I will memorize Scripture to renew my mind.
 - Resources: DwellApp.org or DwellDifferently.com
- ☐ **8** I will begin and end every day with Scripture.
 - Resources: Advent Journey Scripture Reading Plan
- ☐ **9** I will set aside one day/evening every week to spend time with family or a group of friends. (ex. Share a meal)
- ☐ **10** I will delete everything I have on DVR.
- ☐ **11** I will check the news once a week during advent.
- ☐ **12** Our family will volunteer with a JW Share Partner.
- ☐ **13** I will go outside for recreation and exercise.
- ☐ **14** I will share the steps I am taking with a friend or my small
- ☐ **15** I/our family will brainstorm something positive to replace one negative thing that is limiting me in my life.