I. Repeated words and phrases are keys to recognize in understanding the scriptures.

A. Chapter 11 repeats the use of the phrase, “For the sake of David.”

B. History is truly “His” story then, now and always.

II. Human nature does not naturally gravitate towards unity: Chapters 12 – 13

A. Experience is not the only teacher in life; however, it is a valued one.

1. Rehoboam listens to his cronies and the rest is history.

2. The place of the “Word of the Lord” is affirmed in Chapters 12 – 13.

III. God deals with human nature through the use of a covenant: Chapters 14 – 16

A. Understanding the place of the covenant is a key to history and the future.

IV. Elijah is introduced as a key figure in Biblical history: Chapters 17 – 19

A. Ministry and a minister are seen up close and personally.

B. Human nature in a covenant relationship with God is realistically presented.

V. The application for advent is presented in life and stories of Jesus.

A. Christmas signs of readiness are quite different than the current expectations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Everyone is invited to Bill and Lindy’s home on **Wednesday, December 16th**, at either 2 PM or 7 PM for “Christmas Cookies and Cheer – 2.” Please bring a plate of Christmas treats to share, much like we do at our Fellowship gatherings on Sunday evenings.

On **December 20** we will meet here at Walsingham at 6PM for our third and final Advent session before Christmas.

No meetings are scheduled for the evenings of **December 27** and **January 3** and we will resume meeting on **January 10** in the New Year.

On **Saturday, January 23rd**, plan to join us for a one-day retreat, “New Perspectives in New Kent.” We will gather at the Vintager Inn in New Kent County from 9AM – 3PM for a day together in the Word and in fellowship with the Lord and each other. Hope you can join us and please invite people you know who would also like to begin the New Year with a new perspective.