

BIBLE READING & PRAYER PLAN



2025-2026

Welcome to our Bible Reading and Prayer Plan for our '25-26 ministry year! Spending time in the Word and Prayer each day is vital to the health, depth, and growth of your love relationship with our Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. God reveals Himself to us, speaks to us, transforms us, encourages, blesses, and strengthens us when we seek Him in the Scriptures and Prayer. This year we will be reading slowly through and memorizing portions of the Gospel of John as we do a 15-month sermon series through the book. This is the story of Jesus and no more important story has ever been lived or told! In addition, we will be reading the narrative books of the Old Testament as they tell the story of God at work among His people before Christ.

As always, we encourage you to begin each time with prayer. Ask God to reveal Himself to you through His Word and the Holy Spirit. Ask the Spirit to help you understand what you are reading, to know God better, and to obey the teachings of Scripture. Now read the Bible. As you read, ask: What does God reveal about Himself in this passage? What does He reveal about mankind, and God's relationship and dealings with people? How does this passage call me to respond and/or obey?

Continue with prayer and consider using the “4-R Model” if you would like some help:

1. Reverence – Who is God? Praise and thank God for who He is!
2. Response – How shall I respond? In light of what this passage teaches about God and mankind, pray about how He wants you to respond.
3. Requests – What should I pray about? Bring your requests for anything and anyone before our loving and generous God.
4. Readiness – Where do I go from here? Pray about your readiness to apply and obey God and this Scripture passage in the day(s) ahead.

The questions provided with each month’s reading schedule follow this model, and may be a good starting point.

As you close, thank the Lord again and consider sharing with another believer how the Lord blessed, encouraged, and taught you.

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Jared

September Bible Reading

John chapter 1

Genesis chapters 1-25

September Memory Verses

John 1:29-31 (challenge 1:29-34)

September Prayer Plan

How do these chapters in John and Genesis show us how God should be **acclaimed**? How do we show **adoration** for the God who created everything and yet has proven over and over that He wants a relationship with us?

How will you **acknowledge** what the Lord has done in creation, in the history of his people, and in the gift of Jesus?

How did people in these Genesis chapters **approach** God and what did they **ask** for? Did they always get the answer they were expecting? How do you need to be bold in **approaching** the Lord?

These chapters show us a variety of people who were called to follow. What **actions** do you need to take to follow where He leads? What does God want to **accomplish** through your life?

October Bible Reading

John 2:1-3:15

Genesis chapters 26-50

October Memory Verses

John 3:4-8 (challenge 3:1-15)

October Prayer Plan

How do these chapters show the **graciousness** of God? How will you **glorify** Him for his **goodness** and **grace**?

These chapters tell many stories of the **gifts** of God. How will you **give** back to Him?

What do you want God to **grant** to you? What areas of life do you need His **guidance** in? Have you brought these before the Lord?

What **goals** have you set in life? Do these align with the **goals** that God has for you? Do you seek to further the **gospel**, or are you focused on meeting your own **goals** first?

November Bible Reading

John 3:16-4:38

Exodus chapters 1-20

November Memory Verses

John 3:16-18 (challenge 3:16-21)

November Prayer Plan

How do these chapters show the **authority** of God? Do you give him the **awe** he deserves? Do you place the **authority** of powers in this world over the **authority** of Christ in your life?

Have these chapters served to **admonish** you in any way? How will you **address** these areas in your life?

What **appeals** were made to God in these chapters and how did he **answer** them? Do you come before God and **appeal** to him for your needs and desires? He wants to **answer** you **abundantly**.

How is God calling you to **advance** His kingdom? Will you **affirm** your desire to follow where He leads?

December Bible Reading

John 1:1-18

Exodus chapters 21-40

December Memory Verses

John 1:1-5 (challenge 1:1-14)

December Prayer Plan

Jesus was with God in the **beginning**. Do you worship Him as the creator and the light of all mankind?

The Exodus chapters talk a lot about the **building** of the tabernacle. The Bible says that “your body is a temple” (I Corinthians 6:19) so how are you **building** that temple?

What **barriers** do you face in living the abundant life? What **burdens** are you carrying that weigh you down? Bring these before the Lord today.

John 1:12 - “Yet to all who did receive him, to those who **believed** in his name, he gave the right to **become** children of God.” Have you **believed** in his name? If so, how are you living your life as a child of the almighty God?

January Bible Reading

John 4:43-5:47

Joshua

January Memory Verses

John 5:24-27 (challenge 5:16-30)

January Prayer Plan

Joshua shows God to be true to the **covenant** He established. Praise Him for His faithfulness to His people under the old **covenant** and for the blessings of the new **covenant** that we have in Christ.

Throughout Joshua we hear the call to be strong and **courageous**. Is God calling you to be **courageous** today? How will you respond?

Do you **cry** to the Lord? Are you willing to be vulnerable with Him? **Come** to Him today, and **cry** out to Him.

Both Joshua and John talk about **choosing** - to believe and to serve. How will you **choose** to follow today? Are you willing to **cross** the Jordan as the Israelites were? What is the Jordan in your life?

February Bible Reading

John 6:1-7:13

Judges, Ruth, Jonah

February Memory Verses

John 6:35-40 (challenge 6:25-40)

February Prayer Plan

How do these passages show God to be **trustworthy** and **true**? Praise the One who sits on the **throne**!

How do you respond when **trials** come your way? Do you respond like Jonah and try to run away? Or do you respond like Ruth and Naomi and **trust** God with the future?

How often do you pray **together** with other believers? The book of Judges has many examples of leaders praying before the people. In Ruth, the elders and all the people prayed a blessing over Ruth and Boaz. Can you find believers to pray **together** with you?

How does God want you to use your **time**, **talent**, and **treasure** in His service?

March Bible Reading

John 7:14-7:52

Palm Sunday John 12:12-29

I Samuel

March Memory Verses

John 12:12-15 (challenge 12:12-19)

March Prayer Plan

I Samuel gives us the story of the first kings of Israel. How do the kings of this world pale before the **King** of Heaven, the Lord God? **Kneel** before Him in praise and worship.

The chapters in I Samuel have a number of stories of people who showed **kindness**. Do you know someone who needs a special act of **kindness**? Pray that God would open your eyes to opportunities to share His **kindness** with those around you.

Jesus refers to the Spirit who was to be given after his resurrection. How is the Spirit a **key** to our prayer life? How will you use Him to unlock the power of God?

What do you need to **keep** in your heart and mind in order to be ready to follow God's leading on a daily basis?

April Bible Reading

Good Friday John 19

Easter Sunday John 20:1-23

John 8:1-30

II Samuel

April Memory Verses

John 20:19-23 (challenge 20:19-29)

April Prayer Plan

The story of Good Friday is the story of God's **extravagant** gift to mankind. In what other ways has God been **extravagant** with you? How has He blessed you beyond what you can ask or imagine?

So many times throughout his life, when David was faced with trials, he responded by praying and asking God for help. How did this make him an **effective** leader? How can this help you to **entrust** all your needs to the Father?

In your life today, what do you need to **endure**? How do you need to be **empowered**? How do you need to be **emboldened**? Who do you need to **encourage**?

Examine yourself today. Are you as **eager** to serve the Lord as you were when you first knew Him? Ask God to give you **enthusiasm** to follow wherever He is leading you.

May Bible Reading

John 8:31-9:41

I Kings

May Memory Verses

John 8:34-38 (challenge 8:25-38)

May Prayer Plan

I Kings 8:27 speaks of how God is **immeasurable** and **infinite**. We cannot even **imagine** His greatness. Humble yourself before Him, then, and praise Him.

What are some of the lessons from the book of John that you should be **imitating**? How has the life of Jesus and his disciples **influenced** you?

Are you, or those you love, facing a situation that seems **impossible**? Nothing is **impossible** with God. **Implore** Him to show you a way through.

How do these chapters **inspire** you? One advantage you have over the kings of Israel is the **indwelling** of the Holy Spirit. Do you utilize this in your everyday life? Why or why not?

June Bible Reading

John 10:1-11:37

II Kings

June Memory Verses

John 10:14-18 (challenge 10:1-18)

June Prayer Plan

In II Kings we read several accounts of how the armies of their enemies **quailed** before the army of Israel. Do you ever **quail** before the power and might of the Lord? Or do you take His glory for granted?

Jesus thanks the Father for answering His prayer about Lazarus before Lazarus comes out of the tomb. Are you confident enough in your prayers to do the same? **Quiet** your heart before God and listen anew to what He has in store for you.

Do these passages raise any **questions** in your mind? Ask God for clarity. Are you facing any **quandaries** in your life? Ask God for guidance.

How has God specially **qualified** you for service? Are there ways you can enhance the **qualifications** he has given you through study or practice? Or do you need to just step out in faith?

July Bible Reading

John 11:38-12:50

Esther, Daniel

July Memory Verses

John 12:23-26 (challenge 12:20-36)

July Prayer Plan

The accounts of Esther and Daniel prove that God is a God of **protection**. How has he **protected** you? Give him the praise and glory.

Jesus, Esther and Daniel all faced **persecution**. How did they respond? How can their examples help you in your life?

Do you have things and people you have been praying for a long time? Continue to be **persistent** and **passionate** before the Lord.

Mordecai asked Esther, “Who knows but that you have come to your royal **position** for such a time as this.” How can you use your **position** (in your family, at work, in your community, with your friends) to **participate** in God’s **plan** for redemption?

August Bible Reading

John 13:1-15:8

Ezra, Nehemiah

August Memory Verses

John 13:33-35 (challenge 13:31-38)

August Prayer Plan

Jesus is preparing His disciples for the fact that He is about to offer the **ultimate** sacrifice. He deserves our **utmost** praise!

As we come to the end of this Bible Reading and Prayer Plan, what new **understandings** have you come to about the stories of the Old Testament and the life of Jesus as related in John? How have these passages **uplifted** and/or **unsettled** you?

Do you have the **urgency** in your prayer life that Esther, Daniel, Ezra and Nehemiah had? Their prayers were a matter of life and death. Your prayers for unbelievers are also!

We have learned that God is **unfailing**, but we often fail in our service to Him. Pray for forgiveness for your **unbelief** and **unfaithfulness**. Then get ready to be **unchained** and **unleashed** for work in His Kingdom!

At First Baptist, “**What**” we are seeking to do is found in our Mission: *Helping People Know, Love, and Become Like Jesus.*

“**Where**” God is taking us in our spiritual journey is found in our Vision, which is summarized as follows: *As we seek God, He will form us to become increasingly Christ-like, and to be family to those who need family.*

“**How**” we are doing this is through Discipleship, which First Baptist defines as...

- the commitment to building up **faith** in God and His Word in people who then seek to **love** and encourage others and bear **witness** of God’s love to them.

Therefore, may God's grace and His Spirit bring transformation in our lives as we enjoy reading and reflecting upon His Word and in our time of prayer!

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