

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

5 Day Chronological Bible Reading Program

January 1-5

Day 1: Gen 1-2; Psalm 19; Mark 1
Day 2: Gen 3-5; Mark 2
Day 3: Gen 6-8; Psalm 104; Mark 3
Day 4: Gen 9-11; Mark 4
Day 5: Gen 12-15; Psalm 148; Mark 5

January 13-19

Day 1: Gen 1-2; Psalm 19; Mark 1
Day 2: Gen 3-5; Mark 2
Day 3: Gen 6-8; Psalm 104; Mark 3
Day 4: Gen 9-11; Mark 4
Day 5: Gen 12-15; Psalm 148; Mark 5

January 27 - February 2

Day 1: Exodus 1-3; Gal 5
Day 2: Exodus 4-6; Gal 6
Day 3: Exodus 7-9; Psalm 105; Eph 1
Day 4: Exodus 10-12; Eph 2
Day 5: Exodus 13-15; Psalm 114; Eph 3

January 6-12

Day 1: Gen 16-18; Mark 6
Day 2: Gen 19-20; Psalm 1; Mark 7
Day 3: Gen 21-23; Psalm 107; Mark 8
Day 4: Gen 24-25; Psalm 4; Mark 9
Day 5: Gen 26-27; Mark 10

January 20-26

Day 1: Genesis 41-42; Mark 16
Day 2: Gen 43-44; Psalm 24; Galatians 1
Day 3: Gen 45-46; Psalm 108; Gal 2
Day 4: Gen 47-48; Psalm 25; Gal 3
Day 5: Gen 49-50; Gal 4

Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the book widens and deepens with our years. - Charles Spurgeon

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In all your ways acknowledge Him, and
He will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:6

We preach Christ, and Him Crucified.



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*Sanctity of Human
Life Sunday*

Special Offering
January 20th for

Fresh Start

Pregnancy Resource Center



It is 2019! A new year. It is that wonderful time of the year when we write the wrong dates down on everything for a few weeks until it sinks in that another year has come and gone. It is when we make resolutions and commitments that tend to be short lived. I think that the reason that our resolutions are short lived is because we do not have a plan to stick with them. I want to encourage you to begin the year and hopefully end the year engaging in God's Word. Pastor and Lifeway contributor Robby Gallaty said recently that "After 10 years of research, Lifeway states two things about (spiritual) maturity: 1. Bible engagement is the number one spiritual discipline for

growth. 2. Bible engagement affects every other discipline. People who engage the Bible give more, go more, and evangelize more"

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Bible engagement is the number one spiritual discipline for growth.

Reading and studying the Bible regularly will encourage and equip you to do what God has called you to do as a Christ follower. Many of you may read through the Bible every year. That is great, and I want you to do it

again. Maybe you have never read through the Bible and want to this year. That is great too. I think reading all the way through the Bible in a year is a great goal. However, the most important thing is that we engage the Bible in a meaningful way every day. I not only want to encourage you in your Bible reading, but to

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give you some tools to help you succeed. We have copies of the 2019 5 Day Reading Program available in the office and around the church. This plan gives you readings for 5 days a week, which gives you some room to catch up if you fall behind or to read ahead if you want. It is a very helpful tool.



Do you want to pray more? Read the Bible. Do you want to share the Gospel more? Read the Bible. Do you want to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord? Read the Bible. You need to plan well to be successful in anything, and this discipline is no different. Here are some key

elements to being successful. Find a Bible reading plan (such as 2019 5 Day Reading Program) Choose a time of day when you will read the Bible. (morning, evening, lunch break, etc.) Choose a specific place where you will read your Bible. (Bed, breakfast table, favorite chair, etc.) Wouldn't it be great if here at First Baptist Mena we made 2019 the year that we all dive deeper into God's Word? If we do that I believe we will see the other areas of our individual spiritual lives and the life of the church prosper in ways that we cannot imagine. God wrote a book! Let's read it.

'Til He Comes,

Bro. Russell



Bro. Russell and wife Sarah with children William Paul, Jack and Luke

MOMENTS WITH BRO. RUSSELL



Radio

KAWX 93.1 Monday - Saturday
5:58 AM & 5:56 PM
Sunday @ 5:26 AM & 3:27 PM



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Sunday Morning Worship Service can be heard live on Sundays at 10:30 AM on KQOR 105.3 and at 11:00 AM on KAWX 93.1

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children here every week, a strong Sunday School, a large number of members actively serving, etc. We must remain firm in continued obedience in these areas and not slack.

But as Paul himself said, we must never believe the lie that we have attained the call of Christ and so we must stretch further. We must take inventory and see where we are lacking in obedience to our Lord. God has graciously worked in and through us but church, there is still much to do. So let me finish by challenging us to two things:

First, would you pray with me that God would show us those areas where greater obedience is needed? Secondly, would you ask God to prepare our hearts so that when He does show us those areas we would be prepared to be stretched and answer Him in obedience?



I look forward to another year of following our Lord and seeing just how much more He can do than we can imagine!

Your fellow servant,

Bro. Kevin



Youth Christmas Party - December 19th

Thanks to FBC

Dear Bro. Russell and First Baptist Church Members,

Thank you all so much for the calls, visits, prayers, and the wonderful lunch that you prepared for our family. The donation of Bibles in her memory will reach others. Mom will be missed, but we will see her again.

Love, The Shirley Clark Family
Rick & Teresa, Clinton & Barbara & Tommy & Judy

First Baptist Family,

Thank you so much for the delicious meat, cheese, veggie tray! That was so helpful! Mostly thank you for your love and prayers as we took care of mom. What would we do without all of you?!

Love,
Doug, Brenda, Donna and Families
(The family of Edna Sloan)

Dear Church Family,

I count it a privilege and honor to serve as church organist. Thank you so much for my Christmas gift card. If you have a favorite, let me know.

Love in Christ,
Linda Gandy

Greater Obedience

What is the difference between steadiness and stagnancy? That question has been on my mind over the last couple of weeks as I look to the new year. Too often it can be easy, both in our personal lives as well as a church, to become complacent with where we are and the victories we've seen. But at the same time, it can be equally tempting to want to continually change things and reshuffle in an attempt to add excitement. Both of these can be dangerously detrimental to true spiritual growth and we must carefully weigh if we are wadding into these patterns. As I mulled over this question and thought about what Scripture says I was reminded of the Apostle Paul's words in Philippians 3:12-15 where he talks about continually striving forward toward the goal of the call of Christ. I encourage you to read the verses for yourself.

What I found in these verses is a challenge to greater obedience. After all, it is ultimately obedience that is the call of Christ. And in pressing forward toward greater obedience we stay away from the pits of stagnancy and needless work. Greater obedience is the remedy of stagnancy because it, by nature, does not give up ground already taken. As I think of our church, I can clearly see much ground that the Lord has graciously given us. We have a large number of youth and

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The children's 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School Class is led by Pastor Russell Threet. Children learn Biblical truths in this class and there's almost always a game of hangman!



Children's Chat led by Bro. Kevin and Mrs. Becky Riner is held every Sunday Morning during Worship Service.

Under the leadership of Pastor Rev. L. D. Summers, the monument for freedom, referred to as the Ebenezer was built as a result of the crusade to close the Commonwealth College, which was purportedly a Communist institution. The monument was built in 1936, at the time of the Arkansas Centennial celebration, and was sealed for 50 years. It was reopened on June 14, 1986; and after viewing the contents and adding new items, it was resealed to be opened in another 50 years. The church will reopen the monument on June 14, 2036. Ebenezer is Hebrew for "stone of help".



Music Notes

"Sunday is the day of worship". We probably all have said that or heard it said. By that statement, we mean that Sunday is the day the church family gathers for corporate worship. Yes! We should gather with our church family for worship on Sunday (remember the "not forsaking our own assembling together" command in Hebrews 10:25).

But if worship for you is singing a few songs and listening to a sermon one day a week, you are neglecting to engage in true worship. True worship is a lifestyle, a daily walk of humbly serving Jesus Christ because of who He is—God Almighty, Master and Sovereign of the universe, the Lord of our lives.

The Apostle Paul instructs us in Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God." That admonition is accompanied by the continued admonition, "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. The "whatever you do" phrase relates to every action we take and every thought we think. It encompasses the whole of every day of our lives.

Paul also instructs us in Ephesians 5:19 with these words: "... speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord." Then, he follows that with another all encompassing statement: "always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father."

Make every day in 2019 a day of worship as you stay focused upon our Lord Jesus in everything you do "in word or deed" with an "always" attitude of thanksgiving and praise. Let's worship together in 2019!

- Bro. Vernon

Attendance & Giving December 2018

Worship Services	
(SUN AM/PM/WED)	152/69/156
Sunday School	114
Budget Giving	\$61,845.03
Designated Giving	\$12,757.48