

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

5 Day Chronological Bible Reading Program WWW.FIVEDAYBIBLEREADING.COM

Week Forty-Five: November 6 - 12
Day 1: Ezekiel 31-33; John 11
Day 2: Ezekiel 34-36; Psalm 86; John 12
Day 3: Ezekiel 37-39; Psalm 87; John 13
Day 4: Ezekiel 40-42; John 14
Day 5: Ezekiel 43-45; Psalm 135; John 15

Week Forty-Six: November 13 - 19
Day 1: Ezekiel 46-48; John 16
Day 2: Daniel 1-3; Psalm 88; John 17
Day 3: Daniel 4-6; John 18
Day 4: Daniel 7-9; Psalm 91; John 19
Day 5: Daniel 10-12; John 20

Week Forty-Seven: November 20 - 26
Day 1: Ezra 1-2; John 21
Day 2: Ezra 3-4; Psalm 92; 1 John 1
Day 3: Haggai; Zechariah 1; Psalm 138; 1 John 2
Day 4: Zechariah 2-5; Psalm 93; 1 John 3
Day 5: Zechariah 6-8; 1 John 4

Week Forty-Eight: November 27 - December 3
Day 1: Zechariah 9-11; 1 John 5
Day 2: Zechariah 12-14; Psalm 94; 2 John
Day 3: Ezra 5-6; Psalm 95; 3 John
Day 4: Esther 1-3; Psalm 139; Revelation 1
Day 5: Esther 4-6; Revelation 2

Week Forty-Nine: December 4 - 10
Day 1: Esther 7-10; Revelation 3
Day 2: Ezra 7-10; Psalm 97; Revelation 4
Day 3: Nehemiah 1-3; Revelation 5
Day 4: Nehemiah 4-6; Psalm 98; Revelation 6
Day 5: Nehemiah 7-9; Psalm 140; Revelation 7

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the evening service being over and the platform being emptied. The platform was moved back into the bottom of the choir loft to reveal the baptistry. I was one of the first ones since I was the youngest. I remember being buried in my old self and risen anew as a child of God. I grew in my relationship with God every day. My faith has gotten me through some hard times, especially my two pregnancies. I was bed bound and in danger of delivering too soon. In my heart, I knew that God would keep my babies safe. I carried long enough for them to be born healthy. My faith continues to grow.

Tell us about your education and occupation? Putnam City HS, OKC 1974. B.S. Electronics Engineering Technology, DeVry University, 1996. M.A. Teaching and Learning with Technology, Ashford University, 2012 72 hours towards an Ed.D. in eLearning, and Organizational Leadership. I ran out of financial aid and just need to finish my dissertation. Taught Mother's Day Out Music and Chapel. Substitute Teacher for 15 years. Telecommunication Engineer and Technical Writer for 8 years. Currently substitute teach and also teach for 2 online platforms, Outschool, and VIPKID. Own 2 small businesses. JJS Services provides web design and development, event planning, and producing educational materials. We used to provide a mobile DJ service. I also work for Rocking Stone Learning Center which provides online classes and tutoring.

What areas of ministry have you served? Currently teaching 3rd and 4th graders in VINE!! I love it! Directed children's choirs for 3 different churches. Paid part-time Children's Minister. I have worked in Deaf Ministry off and on since I was in high school. Including interpreting services, and teaching ASL classes. I have taught several Sunday School classes and Children's Church. Acted as my church's wedding and event coordinator. Sound Technician and have helped 3 smaller churches purchase and set up sound equipment.

Do you have a favorite verse and song or hymn? Philippians 4:4. I know whatever happens, I can rejoice because God is in control. I have many but "Abide With Me" and "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" are two of my favorites.

What is your sweet treat? Chocolate!!! Sweet Tarts.

Do you have any hobbies or interesting facts to share? I love arts and crafts, flower arranging, gardening, sewing, cooking, writing, and learning. I enjoy teaching voice. I modeled and did some acting when I lived in the Dallas area. I did a few movies, 2 TV shows, a Sam's commercial, and many industrial films. I really enjoyed it. Before losing my brother last year, I enjoyed storm chasing with him. I still enjoy it but don't know enough about weather systems to chase on my own. I enjoy severe weather. I love Mena and plan on staying here. I also have a devotional book available on Amazon.



Thanksgiving Blessings
Ephesians 5:19-21

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16 Rejoice evermore.
17 Pray without ceasing.
18 In everything give thanks:
for this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus concerning you.
19 Quench not the Spirit.
20 Despise not prophesyings.
21 Prove all things; hold fast
that which is good.
22 Abstain from all appear-
ance of evil.
23 And the very God of peace
ratify you wholly; and I
the Lord preserve your whole
soul, and your soul preserved

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.
- Psalm 100:4

The Thankfulness Tree

REJOICE ALWAYS.
PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.
GIVE THANKS IN ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR THIS
IS THE WILL OF GOD IN
CHRIST JESUS FOR YOU.
1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

WE HAVE A SMALL TREE SET UP BY
THE FELLOWSHIP HALL DOORS
WHERE YOU CAN WRITE A NOTE OF
THANKFULNESS AND ATTACH
IT TO THE TREE. LET US FOCUS ON
HIS GOODNESS!

Dear church family,
I am writing this the day after my six-year anniversary here at FBC Mena. I can still remember the very first time I drove up to the church and how over-whelming it looked from the outside. Despite that initial feeling, the church body welcomed us with loving arms, and this has been home to us ever since.
A lot has happened over the past six years. The Lord has been so good to our church as we have continued to heal and grow, serving Him all the while. And now we find ourselves in a season of searching

for our next senior pastor. I know that this is something that so many in our church family are burdened over, and rightly so as the under shepherd of the church is vital, however, I believe that this season is also important for another reason. In the time since Bro. Russell's departure, I have been thinking about where we stand as a body and what comes next for us and I believe that we are at a very important crossroads that will determine the future of this body. This crossroads, as has been brought to my mind is about what kind of church we

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will choose to be moving forward. As I stated above, one of the major aspects of our church's life over the time I've been here has been one of healing and growing from the pain of the past. I believe that Bro. Russell was God's instrument in that time of healing. He provided a steady and Biblical foundation for us as we moved on. Now, I believe that we must make a choice about how we will step into the next chapter of our story, and I want to encourage us as a body to consider two points.

1. What kind of involvement in missions will we have? The church is called to be on mission, there is no way around that. To ignore that command from Christ is to cease to walk in obedience to Him. However, the way that a church chooses to engage in missions can differ to some degree.

One thing that I noticed during our 125th Anniversary Sunday morning was, as Mrs. Linda shared some of the history of our church, the missional heart of our church: be that through the mission trips to Romania or the outreach of the church into our community. I believe that we can do more church and I would encourage us to begin to pray that the Lord would stir our hearts and open doors for us to be more missional. Yes, the world is not the same as it was back then. We have stricter traveling laws and let's not forget Covid, yet we are still called. We also can reach out to our community as we have in years past with the

express purpose of reaching souls here with the Gospel message. Please don't misunderstand me, I am not saying that we have failed to be missional. I believe that we have been missional, I am saying that I believe that we can be much more intentional and bold. Let us storm toward the darkness!

2. Will we be a people of the Book? Reading that may seem offensive or like an unnecessary question to ask, but I assure you that it is not meant to be offensive, and it is most certainly necessary. We are living in a time of unprecedented apostacy. To be clear, apostacy has been around since the New Testament, but we are now living in a time where not only individuals but groups are rejecting clear Biblical doctrines and still calling themselves true believers. This is not about genuinely held convictions on secondary matters but a complete repudiation of the authority of Scripture as the "rule of faith and life" (The 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith). Before us lies the choice to practice what we say we believe: that the Scriptures are the infallible, inspired Word of God, completely sufficient for living in obedience to the Lord. Or we can choose to make concessions here and there. As I think about this I'm reminded of the saying "death by a thousand cuts" because more often than not, this choice is not one made in one grand,

flamboyant departure from orthodox theology. I am not saying that our church is in danger of preaching and teaching abject heresy in the near future (though we must always be on guard against that). What I am saying is that we must choose to unflinchingly, unapologetically commit ourselves as a body to the complete submission of ourselves, both as individual members and as a whole, to the Word of God. I can assure you that this kind of commitment will not be an easy one. It will be painful at times (I know from personal experience), but I can also assure you that if we do not do this, it will bring trouble.

As I finish writing this, I will end with a positive note and that is my confidence in our body. I wrote some time back that I felt about our church as Paul felt about the Philippians, and that is that I am confident in your salvation because of the fruits of the Spirit and the love for the Lord I see in you. It is because of this that I am confident that the Lord will bring us together to faithfully serve Him in the days to come. "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

- Ephesians 3:20-21

Your fellow servant,

Bro. Kevin

CHURCH

Thanksgiving Meal

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

AFTER MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
FELLOWSHIP HALL

PLEASE JOIN US
AS WE GIVE THANKS
TO GOD!

The proposed amendment to the church by-laws is available in the office foyer on the glass cabinet.

Thank You!

Thank you church family for the cards, gifts, and the encouraging words you shared last month during Pastor Appreciation month. Y'all are a blessing to our family and we love you very much! The Williams Family

Average Attendance	
October 2022	
Worship Services	
(SUN AM/PM & WED)	115/42/146
Sunday School	87
Financials	
September 2022	
Month	
Tithes & Offerings	\$22,499.11
Expenses	\$34,037.88
Net Balance	-\$11,538.77
Year to Date	
Tithes & Offerings	\$253,992.37
Expenses	\$294,197.73
Net Balance	-\$40,171.66
October financials will be available once they are finalized and will be reported in the December Broadcaster.	

Music Notes

Since November is Thanksgiving month, I want to take the occasion to say thank you to my First Baptist Family. You all are such a blessing to me in your kind words of encouragement and appreciation for the music in our services.

Thanks to all of you who are involved in our music program. Our Worship Choir is still rehearsing every Sunday after the evening service. I was blessed by the song, "Never Once" that they shared in our opening anniversary service, even though I was flat of my back on the front pew recovering from an episode of nearly fainting. We welcome anyone who enjoys singing to join the Worship Choir.

I was blessed, too, by the handbells in the songs that they shared in our anniversary services. The teens and ladies who ring the bells go the extra mile. They come on Monday evenings for rehearsal after a long day at school, some as teachers and students, others driving several miles to get back home after rehearsal. Thank you ladies for a job well done.


Thanks to our instrumental ensemble players who are committed to rehearsing and accompanying our worship hymns. We rehearse on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. They, too, come after school and jobs to rehearse. Their addition to our worship service music is a blessing to me and, I pray, to all of you. We invite anyone who plays an instrument to join the ensemble.

Thank you for the continued privilege to lead the music program at FBC Mena.

Blessed to serve,

Bro. Vernon

Members' Corner



Juanita "Nita" Stone

Joined April 25, 2021

Where were you born and where did you grow up? - I was born in Wichita, Kansas. I moved to Oklahoma City when I was going into 8th grade and stayed until I graduated from High School. In 1975 my family moved to the Dallas, Texas area. I lived in the Dallas metro area for 40 years. In 2017, I moved to Booneville, Arkansas to help take care of my dad and bonus mom. In 2021, I sold my dad's house and moved here to Mena.

Previous Church: First Baptist Boonville, Arkansas.

Who makes up your family? Daughter - Amy Williams and Son-In-Law John Grupp. Granddaughters Haley James 19, a freshman in college, and Gabby Grupp 10, 4th grade. Plano, Texas. Daughter - Angela "Angie" Williams. Grandchildren Ryleigh Barragan 11, 5th grade, and Matthew Barragan 7, 2nd grade. They live with me here in Mena.

How did you come to faith in Christ? I was raised in a Christian home. I accepted Christ as my Savior when I was 6 years old at the end of a revival. I don't really remember a lot about it but remember getting baptized. There were about 20 of us. I remember

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