

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

5 Day Chronological Bible Reading Program

Week One: January 5 - 11

- Day 1: Genesis 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

Week Two: January 12 - 18

- Day 1: Genesis 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

Week Three: January 19 - 25

- Day 1: Genesis 28-29; Mark 11
- Day 2: Gen 30-31; Psalm 11; Mark 12
- Day 3: Gen 32-34; Psalm 145; Mark 13
- Day 4: Gen 35-37; Psalm 12; Mark 14;
- Day 5: Gen 38-40; Mark 15

Week Four: January 26 - February 1

- 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

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Ninth Street
Feeding
Ministry

- Cooperative Program (NAMB, IMB, SBC, ABSC) **\$11,217.21**
- Lottie Moon **\$7,171.40**
- Annie Armstrong **\$3,520**
- Dixie Jackson **\$2,790.75**
- Ouachita Baptist Association and Assembly **\$5,323.21**
- Fresh Start PRC **\$2,658.02**
- Polk County Family Mission **\$2,819.74**
- Ninth Street Ministry **\$4,966**
- The Barnabas Partnership **\$1,292**
- The Gideons International **\$400**
- Operation Christmas Child **\$152**
- **98 shoeboxes collected**
- Avant Ministries (Asian Christian Academy) **\$1,530**
- University Church **\$4,050**
- KAWX Radio **\$900**
- Samaritan's Purse **\$350**



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Family Mission
A HAND UP — NOT A HAND OUT

Fresh Start
Pregnancy Resource Center

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Avant



The church's total mission giving for 2019 was **\$49,140.33** Glory to God!

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time and then take a break from. It is a mission that continues on until the end of time. Jesus begins the great commission by telling the disciples on whose authority they are to go: His. And so as He ends with saying that He is with them unto the end of the age He is saying that the mission must continue until that time. So the sobering truth for us is that if the clock is still ticking and we are not actively sharing the Gospel, we are being disobedient. Let's not let another year go by without us actively sharing the truth of Christ with those around us.

This year, as we turn the pages of our calendars, let us do so in the confidence that our God is sovereign over time itself. Let us make the best use of the time those calendar pages represent and all the while, being obedient to tell those who don't know Jesus as Savior about the good news!

Your fellow servant,

Bro. Kevin



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We Preach Christ and Him Crucified

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Special Offering
January 19th for

Fresh Start

Pregnancy Resource Center

A Baby Dedication will also be held during the morning worship service.



I always try not to get too involved in the resolution making business if I can help it. However, in this season of resolutions I have found myself examining some of the most famous resolutions to ever be authored. Jonathan Edwards is considered to be the most preeminent theologian America has ever produced. More than that he is considered by many to be the foremost thinker in American history. He wrote and delivered perhaps the most famous sermon in history outside of the sermons recorded in the Bible. Finally, he and George Whitefield were the fountainheads of the mighty river that was the Great Awakening. One of the most famous works of Edwards is his 70 Resolutions. They were part of this spiritual titan's strategy for living a holy life, pleasing to God. In this space I want to mention just two of the 70 but the whole body of these resolutions are very convicting and challenging for any believer.

The two resolutions that I want to set before you are Resolution 22 and Resolution 62 which read:
22. Resolved, to endeavor to obtain for myself as much happiness, in the other world, as I possibly can, with all the power; might, vigor, and vehemence, yea violence, I am capable of, or can bring myself to exert, in any way that can be thought of.
62. Resolved, never to do anything but duty; and then according to Eph. 6:6-8, do it willingly and cheerfully as unto the Lord, and not to man; "knowing that whatever good thing any man doth, the same shall he receive of the Lord."
On the surface, at least in our modern-day cultural understanding of the language, these seem like competing resolutions. One advocates for pursuing happiness at all costs. He says he should pursue happiness violently. Not to do violence to others but to pursue happiness with unabashed effort.

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Most people in our culture today would applaud this statement with a surface level understanding of what Edwards was saying. Our age is one where most believe that they should sacrifice all on the altar of happiness. Yet, we need to read more carefully. Edwards says we should obtain happiness "in the other world". He speaks here of Heaven. This is similar to what Jesus was teaching when he said in Matthew 6:19-20 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal." Edwards knew that happiness was not our chief pursuit in this world but it would be ours in fullness in the next if we know Christ.

If happiness is not our aim in this world what is our aim? The Bible would claim that our aim as Christians should be obedience. That is where resolution 62 comes in. We are to do our duty to God. Nothing else is important. Duty toward God or obedience is a far-reaching concept that touches every nook and cranny of our lives. It will inform the way we work, our relationships, our parenting, our finances, and everything else in between. Obedience is the calling.

Attendance & Giving December 2019

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| Worship Services | |
| (SUN AM/PM/WED) | 147/54/158 |
| Sunday School | 107 |
| Budget Giving | \$47,426.74 |
| Designated Giving | \$19,871.18 |
| Light Up the Church (Due) | \$7,021.90 |



Yet there is a wonderful truth that the Bible teaches us. Joy comes through obedience. If we are children of God we will find joy as we walk in obedience to God's commands. Jesus tells us this too in John 15: 9-11 that says, "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."

This year resolve not to pursue happiness in this world. Instead, resolve to pursue happiness in the next world through fervent obedience and you will find in the midst of that obedience what Peter called "joy unspeakable and full of glory" (1 Peter 1:8)

In Christ, *Bro. Russell*

Greater Obedience

Happy New Year church! I pray you had a great time celebrating the birth of Christ last month and have been able to rest.

As old calendars are taken down and new ones are put up I can't help but think of the passage of time. I sometimes forget that time is not eternal, it will end one day. So as we begin this new year let me share with you some encouragements from Scripture.

1. God is sovereign over time. For many, this new year is not marked by celebration or excitement. Instead, January comes with sadness, pain, anxiety or fear. Maybe this year is beginning differently than you had expected and you just feel confused. If this is you, let me point you to Revelation 1:8, "'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who

FBC Mena History Tidbit - Music ministry at FBC Mena is a vital part of our worship services and children's programs. Donna Hendricks has served by playing the baby grand piano in the morning worship services since 2002 when she filled in for Ms. JoAnn Bunch. In 2006, Donna began playing full-time and in 2013 she started leading the Children's Choir. She and a host of volunteers organize a Spring and Christmas musical annually. Donna has also enjoyed working with children in VBS, Mission Friends and GA's through the years. She says, "I love it! The children are my lifeline. As long as I can help them learn and sing about Jesus I am happy"

Thank You to FBC

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us....
Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you for honoring Lavern.
Randolph & Diane Emerson

Thank you Church family for the Christmas bonus. It's such a blessing to work for you.
Love, Pam Harris

Church Family, I want to thank you for your continued generosity and the love you show me. I appreciate the Christmas bonus very much. It's truly a blessing to serve the church in full-time ministry and fellowship with my brothers and sisters each week. God bless you!
For His glory alone. *Candace Riner*

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for my Christmas bonus. I am grateful for the privilege of serving as organist and pray that the music touches lives and blesses hearts. I am so thankful to be a part of the FBC family.
Love in Christ. *Linda Gandy*

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He is the creator of time itself and will cause its end. And as the sovereign source and end of time, He is fully in control of all that happens between beginning and end. There is no chapter, no moment no matter how hard and dark, that He is not sovereign ruler over. He has not lost control, so look to Him and hold fast to who He is.

2. Make the best use of the time. The way the world looks at making the most out of time is to selfishly and shortsightedly make decisions. The way that Scripture tells us to do it is to, "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." (Eph. 5:15-17)

There is no doubt that these days are evil. That becomes truer with each passing day, it seems. So then, we are to be careful with how we spend our time. And what better time to look at ourselves in this aspect than the beginning of a new year. What is it that we are giving time to that is unwise and foolish in the light of God's Word and eternity? We can't afford to

Music Notes

With the celebration of Christmas just past, there is something we should remember. Our celebration of Jesus' birth is meaningless if we merely look at the baby in the manger. We, indeed, rejoice in the birth of the Savior. But He isn't Savior just because He was born. He can be our Savior because He died for our sins and was raised to new life.

Jesus lives today and offers salvation to all who will accept His free gift of eternal life through faith and repentance. He desires to infill us with His resurrection kind of life. If you have never done so, start the new year by committing your life to Christ, to live through the power of Christ.

The apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 2:20:

spend our time on things that are simply "good", because we have been told to give ourselves to what is best.

Furthermore, we are told that in order to live in this way we are to understand what the will of God is. Now that may sound like an unreachable goal, but it's not. God has completely given us all that we need to know in His Word. So as we go through this year, let us be people who are in the Word so that we might live making the best use of the time we have been given.

3. We have a commission until the end of time. It can be easy to forget the last sentence of Matthew 28, but we shouldn't. As Jesus gave the great commission of sharing the Gospel to the lost He didn't just tack on that last sentence as an afterthought. What is that last sentence? It is, "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matt. 28:20b)

We must remember that our command to share the good news with a lost world does not come and go as we have time for it. It isn't something that we can emphasize for a

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I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and delivered Himself up for me.

As I write this, there comes to mind a song from a musical in which I sang in high school. Two lines of the lyrics are as follows:

*He was born long ago
and died for all men;
Let Him live in you,
and He will live again.*

Will you let Christ live through you to make an impact in our world today? I pray you will.

Blessed to serve, *Bro. Vernon*

Members' Corner

2019 New Members

- Paul & Sandy Pipher
- Leon & Edna Rogers
- Rob & Tracy Floyd & Malachi
- Jonathan Fosdick
- Jake Fowble
- Terry & Paula Froehner
- Diane Hamm
- Crystal Elder & Jayden
- Carter Allen
- Isaiah Renard
- Jordan Davis

Thank You to FBC

Dear Friends of Polk County Family Mission, We would like to thank you for your continued support of our organization. Due to your financial contributions and prayer support, we have been able to assist numerous residents of Polk County and their families. We are not only able to help meet financial needs, but strive to offer hope and encouragements during difficult times. YOU make that possible! And again we thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
The staff of Polk County Family Mission
"One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord. And He will repay them for his good deed."
- Proverbs 19:17

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for your overwhelming support of our bake sale to raise funds for our youth mission trip.
- Bro. Kevin and the Deep Roots Youth



Deep Roots Youth Ministry held their annual Christmas Party on December 18th at the home of Rodney and Shari Dominguez. Bro. Kevin planned fun games and youth volunteers provided delicious snacks for the evening festivities. A good time was had by all!