

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

5 Day Chronological Bible Reading Program WWW.FIVEDAYBIBLEREADING.COM

Week Ten: *March 2–8*

- Day 1: Numbers 8-11; Colossians 1
- Day 2: Numbers 12-14; Psalm 28; Colossians 2
- Day 3: Numbers 15-18; Psalm 113; Colossians 3
- Day 4: Numbers 19-21; Colossians 4
- Day 5: Numbers 22-25; Luke 1

Week Eleven: *March 9-15*

- Day 1: Numbers 26-29; Luke 2
- Day 2: Numbers 30-33; Psalm 35; Luke 3
- Day 3: Numbers 34-36; Luke 4
- Day 4: Deuteronomy 1-3; Psalm 36; Luke 5
- Day 5: Deuteronomy 4-5; Luke 6

Week Twelve: *March 16-22*

- Day 1: Deuteronomy 6-9; Luke 7
- Day 2: Deuteronomy 10-14; Psalm 5; Luke 8
- Day 3: Deuteronomy 15-18; Psalm 115; Luke 9
- Day 4: Deuteronomy 19-22; Psalm 6; Luke 10
- Day 5: Deuteronomy 23-26; Luke 11

Week Thirteen: *March 23-29*

- Day 1: Deuteronomy 27-31; Luke 12
- Day 2: Deuteronomy 32-34; Psalm 13; Luke 13
- Day 3: Joshua 1-4; Psalm 143; Luke 14
- Day 4: Joshua 5-8; Psalm 14; Luke 15
- Day 5: Joshua 9-13; Luke 16

Continued from Pastor's Desk

Despite the lifelessness brought by sin, Jesus covered our debt by becoming the propitiation to appease the justice and righteousness of a holy God. This gives us new life and we will never experience the death of those who refuse Christ because we have been born again in Jesus and His resurrection. As it has been said, “Born once, die twice. Born twice, die once.” Let’s celebrate together the newness of life given to us by the life-giving power of Jesus’ sacrifice as we see life abound in the world outside.

All to God’s glory,
Bro. Jim Tennerly



FBC MENA HAS RECEIVED MANY BEAUTIFUL CARDS OF GRATITUDE FROM MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES THIS MONTH. THEY INCLUDE:

LORETTA LESLEY, EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR ALL THE LOVE AND CARE DURING HER RECOVERY.

JANICE WHORTON & THE BENNIE HOBSON FAMILY

BRIAN & STACEY BOWSER & THE RENA BOWSER FAMILY

THE FAMILY OF MARY DOVAL

PAUL & DEANNA REARDEN & THE FAMILY OF DEAN NAIL

ALL EXPRESSED THEIR GRATITUDE FOR BEREAVEMENT MEALS AND DONATIONS OF GIDEON BIBLES IN MEMORY OF THEIR LOVED ONES

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It is the month of March and Spring is only a few weeks away. We are, in fact, entering my favorite time of year. The weather gets warm, the plants turn green, flowers bloom; nature comes back to life. I have even noticed recently the chirping of birds in the morning and that is a welcome sound to my ears. This is a wonderful time of restoration of the living things that have been dormant for months waiting for the warmth of this season to begin growing again as the days get longer. It is exciting to see and hear the sounds of Spring again. This time of year brings many things to people’s minds for numerous reasons. Some are making plans for this year’s garden. Others are getting ready to get everything clean and organized. Still more are preparing to work in their yards. The rejuvenation of Spring is a catalyst to so many activities outdoors that dull the memories

of a long, cold winter because it brings the sense of newness and a fresh start. There is one other thing that this time of year brings to my memory. As we see the world outside come back to life, I am reminded of our lives before Jesus made us His own. *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. Ephesians 2:1* Like nature in the winter, we were dead as a result of the sin in our lives. The concept is a simple one that is often made complicated. “Dead” has never meant wounded, sick or anything like that. It means dead – no life at all. This means we are headed for hell

without hope within ourselves to do anything about it because dead things don’t do anything. It is a devastating reality that each one will face. It is a harsh truth about us as human beings that would, if it not for the work of Jesus on the cross, leave us downtrodden and wandering helplessly with eternal death as our fate. This is the winter of the unregenerate life. Certainly, by God’s grace, there is the amazing news of the gospel. Like the Spring days bring life back to the things outside, Jesus brings life to those who follow Him in repentance and faith. *Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:8-11* *Continued on back*

The Son Of David: Christ as the Fulfillment of Davidic Promises

King Henry VIII's (1491–1597) insatiable desire to have a son to be heir of his kingdom serves as the basis for one of the great accounts of church history. When Catherine of Aragon, Henry's first wife, could not bear him a son, he sought to have the marriage annulled by the Roman Catholic Church. When Pope Leo X refused an annulment, the king broke from the church of Rome. In God's providence, Henry's zeal for the perpetuation of his dynasty ultimately led to the English Reformation, as members of Parliament appointed Henry to be the head of the Church of England. The divine hand of providence overruled Henry's fleshly attempts to procure an heir and brought about good for the church. There is, however, a far more significant record of how the divine hand of providence established a dynasty through a son for the good of His church—namely, in the fulfillment of God's covenant with David. In 2 Samuel 7:1–17, the Lord promised David that He would establish an everlasting kingdom, raising up a son who would reign on his throne forever (2 Sam. 7:8–16). God's dealings with David in redemptive history form the climax of Old Testament revelation. Scripture reveals that Christ is the promised son of David (Matt. 9:27; 15:22; 20:30; 21:9; 22:42). He is the new David, the King who rules as covenant head of His people (Ezek. 34:23–24). One cannot fully understand the message of Scripture without recognizing that Jesus is the promised son of David who

fulfills the covenant promises (2 Cor. 1:20–21; Rom. 1:3; 2 Tim. 2:8). Much of who Jesus is and what He did is directly related to the person of David and the promises God gave him. To establish the relationship between David and Christ, the Scriptures reveal the typological identification that exists between them. David is arguably the most developed type of Christ in the Old Testament. The typological connection between him and Christ is first understood by his *name*. The prophets expressly refer to the promised messiah as "David" (Ezek. 34:23–24; 37:24–25), as well as "the righteous Branch of David" (Jer. 23:5). This association is rooted in the seed promise God made to David in the Davidic covenant (2 Sam. 7:17–23). David's name carries a typical relation to the person of Christ, as David's name is expressly connected to the Hebrew word translated "beloved." Jesus is God's beloved Son, the antitype of the beloved David (Isa. 5:1; Matt. 3:17; 12:19; 17:5; 2 Peter 1:17). The typological relationship is next discerned by their *birthplace*. Both David and Christ came out of Bethlehem. This is no insignificant typical association. The prophet Micah specifically foretold the eternal (from everlasting) and the temporal (Bethlehem) origin of the Redeemer (Mic. 5:2; Matt. 2:1–6). The eternal Son of David was born in Bethlehem, the city of David. There is a close connection between the *calling* of David and Jesus.

David was a shepherd when the Lord called him to rule over Israel (1 Sam. 16:19; 2 Sam. 7:8). The Lord chose and anointed David to shepherd His people (2 Sam. 5:1–2). Jesus is the Good Shepherd, the chosen and Anointed One appointed by God to shepherd His people, the true Israel (Isa. 42:1; Mic. 5:2; John 10). David was a warrior who conquered God's enemies in battle. Jesus is the eschatological, divine warrior who conquers all God's enemies in battle on the cross (Ps. 45:3; Col. 2:15; 1 John 3:8). David typifies Christ by engaging in representative warfare with Goliath. The one who won this battle won it for his people (1 Sam. 17:9). David represented God's people, ultimately defeating the Philistines in battle. Jesus faced off in representative warfare against Satan, ultimately defeating him and the spiritual forces of darkness on the cross (Col. 2:15). As David defeated Goliath with his own weapon, so Christ defeated Satan with His own weapon—namely, the cross. Jonathan Edwards helpfully observed, God preserved David from Goliath, and gave him the victory over him—so that he cut off his head with his own sword and made him therein the deliverer of his people—as Christ slew the spiritual Goliath with his own weapon, the cross, and so delivered his people.

As David had a group of mighty men with him in his sufferings, Jesus had His disciples with Him through His humiliation and suffering. David's mighty men were with him when he ate the showbread in the tabernacle (1 Sam. 21:1–6). Jesus' disciples were with Him when they walked through the grain fields on the Sabbath (Matt. 12:1–8). It was Christ Himself who drew out this redemptive-historical connection (Mark 2:25–26). Among the great suffering David endured were the attacks of Saul on account of his jealousy. The Son of David was maliciously treated from infancy, when King Herod sought to destroy Him out of jealousy. Just as David was derided by his brothers, so the Son of David was derided by His brethren. David was despised and rejected by the king, by his people, and by his own family. Jesus was rejected by His people, sentenced and executed by the Romans, denied by Peter, abandoned in His hour of trial by His disciples, tortured, attacked by Satan and demons, and forsaken by God when bearing the sin of the world. David crossed over the Brook Kidron as he was being betrayed by Ahithophel (2 Sam. 15:13–37). When his plot was uncovered, Ahithophel hung himself (2 Sam. 17:23). Jesus crossed over the Brook Kidron when being betrayed by Judas (John 18:1). After his betrayal, Judas went and hanged himself (Matt. 27:5). The entire life of David was a series of typological deaths and resurrections until he was delivered and exalted. The whole of Christ's life was one of suffering followed by resurrection glory. Jesus is "the root and the descendant of David" (Rev. 22:16), the One "who has the key of David" (Rev. 3:7). Christ has been exalted to the right hand of God to rule on the throne of David (Luke 1:32). The crucified, risen, and exalted son of David rules forever over the kingdom of God in righteousness, truth, and grace as the new David.

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Music Notes

The month of February has been challenging for me. I've never had to be down with limited activity for a full month before. One of the most difficult things about it all is missing the fellowship with my church family. You, as my church family, have been such an encouragement. Thank you for all your prayers, cards, food, and flowers that you have shared. A big thank you also goes to Bro. Rick for leading worship during my absence. I hope to be back leading worship on Sunday, March 9, the Lord willing and I have no more set-backs. Sunday evening, March 9, following the evening service, we will resume choir rehearsals looking toward Easter. Our choir music for Easter will be limited, as we'll not have a lot of time to prepare. I need all our choir members, plus any of you who share in providing special music, and any others of you who will, to join us in choir for the five Sunday rehearsals leading up to Easter Sunday. March 30 is a fifth Sunday, so we will not rehearse that evening. It will be great to have any of you who will to share special music in our Fifth Sunday Sing that evening.

One of my favorite songs is "He Giveth More Grace". The truths expressed in the lyrics have been made real to me in this period of recovery:

*He giveth more grace when the
burdens grow greater;
He sendeth more strength when the
labors increase.
To added affliction He addeth His mercy;
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.*

*His love has no limit; His grace has no measure.
His power has no boundary known unto men.
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus,
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again!*



Blessed to serve,
Bro. Vernon