



BIBLE READING & PRAYER GUIDE

December 12-17

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Luke 2:20

²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told."

BIBLE READING PLAN AND GUIDE

Daily Reading Schedule

Day 1 – Luke 2:8-20

Day 2 – Matthew 28:18-20

Day 3 – 1 John 1:1-4

Day 4 – Acts 4:1-13

Day 5 – Luke 16:19-31

Day 6 – Acts 1:8

Bible Reading Guide

As you read these passages each day, ask yourself the corresponding questions:

Day 1 – God spoke to the shepherds in the ordinary flow of their life. How has God spoke to you in the ordinary flow of your life? Have you been listening for Him?

Day 2 – The “go” is integrated into wherever we are at and not only a planned mission trip. What are some obvious areas where you could go and make disciples in your everyday “going?”

Day 3 – Often we have an excuse to remain silent because the skies haven’t parted before us, but what have you seen God do around you that you could convey as a witness to others?

Day 4 – What *motivation* do you have to spread the message of Christ when you compare your life with the background of Peter and John (unschooled, ordinary)? [You can BEtheCHURCH.]

Day 5 – In this sad scene, a man realized the urgency for others to hear the message of Jesus too late? Do you feel you have “more time” to tell others? Are you living with holy urgency? What do you need to do to develop that urgency? Who do you need to speak with?

Day 6 – Your neighborhood is your Judea (FHBC community is our Jerusalem). Do you view it as a mission field? Are you living as a witness? Would your neighbors view you as a witness?

PRAY FOR LIVES AND CHURCH

We continued our series *From the Manger to the Mission* this week by examining what it means to witness (BEtheCHURCH) within the community of our backyards. Pray this week that FHBC would have a mindset shift to truly view their neighborhoods in this manner and then to have the desire to respond accordingly.

In praying for ministries/people this week, pray for the **2nd & 3rd Grade SS Class**. This class is building a great spiritual foundation for our children and is reaching into their connected

families. Pray for **Tom Turman and Corina Potts** as they lead this class and shape children's lives. Praise God for the children who are coming to Christ through this class.

PRAY FOR LOCAL

Focus: Loaves and Fishes Ministry; Micah Danielson, Director

Local Church: Santa Rosa Baptist Association

Day 1: Pray for this community ministry as it distributes food and clothing to families throughout Santa Rosa and Escambia County.

Day 2: Pray for their Transitional Housing Program that more homes would become available to be Transitional Homes and that many families would be able to be ministered to.

Day 3: Pray for Micah Danielson as she undertakes this immense challenge of ministering to those in need especially with the new challenges of homeless challenges in Escambia

Day 4: Pray this week for the 39 churches and 7 mission churches as they cooperate together under a new structure in order to better reach the 160,000 citizens of Santa Rosa County

Day 5: Pray for Ministry Assistant Michelle McKinnon as she coordinates many of the Association's logistics so that ministry occurs smoothly between churches.

Day 6: Pray for the Director of Missions Chip Fox as he leads the churches to partner together, assists churches who are searching for Pastors and facilitates with and encourages struggling churches.

PRAY FOR GLOBAL

Partner: This week we are praying for the country of USA

Day 1: Give praise for the emergence of new expressions of Christian and evangelical faith that takes seriously both spirituality and holistic ministry and that are based on authentic practice of faith, worship and engagement of the community.

Day 2: Pray that God might shape this nation to be a greater force for good and destroy the structures of sin that pollute much of the world.

Day 3: Begin to pray for the 2012 Presidential Election that the leader who would occupy the White House would pursue to accomplish the purposes God has for our country.

Day 4: Pray for churches in America to awaken from any sort of spiritual slumber (Romans 13) and live with a sense of urgency in their decision making.

Day 5: Ask God to open wide the doors for the gospel to spread swiftly across the nation (Acts 8:1, 4; Colossians 1:13-14, 4:3; 2 Thessalonians 3:1; Titus 2:11-14; I Peter 3:15)

Day 6: Ask God to draw the multitudes of lost people to seek Him so they may find Him (Isaiah 55:6-9; Acts 2:37-41, 46-47; John 3:14-16, 4:29-30, 39)

URGENT NAMES AND NEEDS

- Continue to pray for Harold Lloyd as he recovers from severe lung sickness.
- Say a prayer of thanks that Julie Griffin's sister (Gracie) is now cancer free after a recent surgery.
- Continue to pray for one of the Murrell's foster children as they undergo clinical sleep tests this week.
- Pray for the homeless and the heatless during the winter and those who are truly seeking to get on their feet.
- Pray for Herman Family as Angie undergoes various tests and procedures in the days ahead.
- Pray for the Pastor and Personnel Team as they prayerfully search for our next minister of music.
- Pray for Judy Hurst and family in the death of her brother
- Pray for Mallory Bryan and family in the death of her father-in-law.