



BIBLE READING & PRAYER GUIDE

December 5-10

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Matthew 1:21

²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.”

BIBLE READING PLAN AND GUIDE

Daily Reading Schedule

Day 1 – Luke 2:4-7, Isaiah 9:6, Matthew 2:1-2

Day 2 – Philippians 2:4-7

Day 3 – John 13:20, 17:18, 20:21

Day 4 – John 17

Day 5 – Luke 4:18-19, Matthew 25:31-46

Day 6 – 1 Corinthians 9:20-23

Bible Reading Guide

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

Day 1 – For you, what is the greatest miracle that is a part of the birth of Jesus? How much do you truly celebrate Jesus’ birth as central to Christmas or have you made it a side issue?

Day 2 – The exultation of Christ was able to be accomplished because He humbled himself. Compare your humility in light of Christ’s. Is pride and selfishness typically driving your actions or does humility?

Day 3 – If your life was the defining standard for executing a life that is “sent” by God, how far would the name of Christ stretch around the world? Are you living thinking people just need to come to you or are you living guided by the belief that you are sent to them?

Day 4 – After reading this very intimate prayer of Jesus, how are you doing on carrying out what Jesus prayed that you would spend your life doing? If there is a major gap, repent, and then list one thing you can do today to carry out His pray for you.

Day 5 – Serving those who are poor and hurting is our responsibility – you cannot outsource this responsibility. Who have you served in the last 2 weeks that fulfill this responsibility? Is ministering to the least of these a reality in your life or just lip service?

Day 6 – Adjustments and sacrifice are necessities for any Christ follower. Is there something you are NOT willing to do in order to reach our community? How would God respond to your answer? Are you okay with that knowing you still have the responsibility to accomplish His purposes until the moment you enter heaven?

PRAY FOR LIVES AND CHURCH

We began a new series Sunday called *From the Manger to the Mission*. In part one, “discovering our responsibility,” we learned that just as Jesus was sent into to the world, we have to carry on His mission in our life. The result will be that we can elevate the manger when we execute the mission. Begin to pray this week that every member of Ferris Hill will have the heart to embrace our community no matter what adjustments and sacrifice it requires so that our neighborhood will radiate the glory of God.

In praying for ministries/people this week, pray for the **1st Grade Sunday School**. Under the leadership of Dewitt Nobles and Karen Berrian a great foundation is being laid in children. Pray for them as they shape children’s lives and reach unchurched parents.

PRAY FOR LOCAL

Focus: Toys for Tots, United Way of Santa Rosa

Local Church: Berrydale Baptist Church; Pastor Robert Gandy

Day 1: Pray for the Marine Corps Reserve and the United Way volunteers as they organize Toys for Tots this year.

Day 2: Pray for the families who will receive the gifts this year that they will see the gift of Jesus that Christmas is truly about.

Day 3: Pray for Santa Rosa residents to have a heart of generosity and giving so that can minister to those in need. Pray that this attitude will continue throughout the year.

Day 4: Pray for the members of BBC as they serve the people in Allentown/Jay/ Berrydale

Day 5: Pray for BBC to continually look beyond the walls of their church and view their community as a mission field.

Day 6: Pray for Pastor Gandy as he recovers from a snake bite last year, and celebrates his daughter's marriage.

PRAY FOR GLOBAL

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

Day 1: The Orange Revolution displayed both the incredible potential and the predictable humanity of Ukraine. After non-violent mass demonstrations forced new elections and greater freedoms, many felt Ukraine was on the road to widespread transformation. Sadly, much remains unchanged. Opposing political leaders undermined one another, and the nation remains intrinsically divided between East and West. Pray for this fault line to be repaired by genuine healing and reconciliation.

Day 2: Pray for a stable government that is favorably disposed to Christianity.

Day 3: Pray that God will strengthen the disciples who are already in the country.

Day 4: Pray that God will open hearts and connect those open hearts with disciples.

Day 5: Pray for nationals to be converted in other churches around the world.

Day 6: Pray for God to inspire brothers and sisters to want to lead others.

URGENT NAMES AND NEEDS

- Continue to pray for Harold Lloyd as he recovers from severe lung sickness.
- Pray for Brenden Smith as he heals from a recent incident at school
- Pray for the family of the foster children the Murrell Family is watching. Pray that God would draw them into a relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for the homeless and the heatless during the winter.
- 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 our CWS coordinators and volunteers.