



BIBLE READING & PRAYER GUIDE

November 21-26

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

1 Thessalonians 2:11-12

¹For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, ¹² encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

BIBLE READING PLAN AND GUIDE

Daily Reading Schedule

Day 1 – 1 Thessalonians 2:6-12

Day 2 – Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 20:6

Day 3 – Ephesians 4:1-6

Day 4 – 1 Corinthians 4:20; 1 John 5:1-5

Day 5 – 2 Thessalonians 1:10-12

Day 6 – 2 Peter 1:3-4

Bible Reading Guide

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

Day 1 – What character areas do you excel in and what areas do you most need to work in (holy, righteous, blameless)? What will you begin to do today? How can you encourage, comfort, urge your children today to live life worthy of God?

Day 2 – Training your children must be done according to God's word. How have you been guilty of intentionally nagging your child that is not moving them to follow God but rather leaving them discouraged? (Do you need to ask forgiveness?)

Day 3 – In urging to live a life worthy of God's calling on your life, which of these areas need attention now in your life (humility, gentleness, bearing with each other) What can you do to develop in this area of weakness?

Day 4 – Courageous leadership is not about lip-service, but action. What areas of application of what you say you believe need to be shown more clearly.

Day 5 – Is God's name being glorified in your life? How? What are you doing today to make you worthy of the calling God has placed on your life?

Day 6 – What does this passage say you have to accomplish God's will for your life? Therefore, do you have any reason to NOT be courageous in leading your family?

PRAY FOR LIVES AND CHURCH

In part 2 of our studying on becoming a courageous father, we looked at the topic of leadership. To lead we can just keep our relationship with Christ isolated from those we are called in invest in – we must interact. Pray that God would give fathers of FHBC (and everyone) the courage and wisdom to live out their faith so that they are intentionally leading their families to live lives worthy of God.

In praying for ministries/people this week, pray for **the Winsome Class**. This servant-hearted class is giving much effort to supply several Thanksgiving Baskets to families in our community. Pray for them to have the strength and resources to accomplish this missional endeavor. Say a prayer of thanks for them that they stepped outside the walls of the church and chose to BE the church in our community. Pray for Barbara Lusk as she leads this class.

PRAY FOR LOCAL

Focus: Santa Rosa County Commissioners

Local Church: Harold First; Interim Pastor, Patrick Salter

Day 1: Pray today for Commissioners Jim Williamson (chairman) and Robert Cole (vice chairman) that they would exercise wisdom and prayerful dependence as they make decisions for the citizens of Santa Rosa.

Day 2: Pray today for Commissioners Don Salter and Jim Melvin that they would exercise wisdom and prayerful dependence as they make decisions for the citizens of Santa Rosa.

Day 3: Pray today for Commissioner Lane Lynchard that he would exercise wisdom and prayerful dependence as he makes decisions for the citizens of Santa Rosa.

Day 4: Pray today for HFB as they seek to minister to the people in East Milton and the community of Harold (especially the various individuals released from incarceration that travel their them)

Day 5: Pray for their pastor search team as they seek the next man God has to lead them.

Day 6: Pray for Interim Pastor Patrick Salter as he teaches and leads and potentially transitions to be their pastor.

PRAY FOR GLOBAL

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

Day 1: The political upheaval of 2006-2008 revealed deep fault lines among various political parties, the military and the royalty. Protests brought the country to a standstill. Pray that Christians would work to move the purposes of God forward.

Day 2: The violent insurgency in the southern areas near Malaysia has claimed thousands of lives. It is a result of some discrimination against the predominantly Malay Muslim minority and the radicalization of the same. Pray for peace to come to this area and for the Muslim grip to be loosened.

Day 3: Tensions with other neighbors, including disputes with Cambodia and more notably Myanmar, from which over a million have fled disaster and persecution into Thailand.

Day 4, Day 5 & Day 6: "Much of Thailand is under water due to extraordinary flooding. We praise God for our Thai Baptist Convention and individual Thai Baptist churches that are working hard and sacrificially to minister to the thousands of people whose homes are inundated with water. Baptist Global Response is involved in flood relief efforts. Please pray that the supernatural presence of God's Holy Spirit will anoint all of our Thai Christians and missionaries involved in distributing food, water, medicines and Gospel materials. Pray that those believers distributing food and sharing the hope of the Gospel will encounter people whose hearts are open and receptive to God's offer for them to become His children through faith in Christ. Pray that the rains will cease and the floods will recede so as to allow people to begin recovery and to reestablish their lives. Celebrate and praise God with us for all of those Southern Baptists who continue to give their offerings sacrificially so that we can have the joy of being able to tell our Thai Christian partners, 'Yes! We can help you minister to those who are hit by this crisis!' Please pray that new Bible study groups and churches will begin as a result of the relationships established between Christian relief workers and those in flooded communities."

URGENT NAMES AND NEEDS

- Continue to pray for Harold Lloyd as he recovers from severe lung sickness.
- Pray for Charlotte (Thompson) as she recovers from a severe lung/blood sickness.
- Pray for volunteers to continue to sign up for this cold weather shelter season.