



BIBLE READING & PRAYER GUIDE

February 6 – February 11th

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

James 1:19

“¹⁹ My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,”

BIBLE READING PLAN AND GUIDE

Daily Reading Schedule

Day 1 – Colossians 3:1-8

Day 2 – Mark 7:21-22

Day 3 – James 3:3-12

Day 4 – Psalm 139

Day 5 – 2 Timothy 2:23-24

Day 6 – Ephesians 4:17-5:7

Bible Reading Guide

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

Day 1 – Paul identifies greed as idolatry. Look over the list of sins we have covered. How do you understand that each of them is an idol (e.g. sexual immorality, etc.)

Day 2 – So often we view anger as rooted in our mind and mouth, but what does this passage show you about the depth of anger? Does that change your view of these issues?

Day 3 – The tongue is a powerful instrument that can be used to build up or tear down. How has your life flowed both praise and destruction through your anger “rags”

Day 4 – Anger and verbal abuse are usually unleashed. How would realizing the preciousness of the individual you are about to “unleash on” change your behavior?

Day 5 – Think back on quarrels you have had in the last 2 weeks. How many would you say have been “foolish and stupid?” How could you have had “nothing to do with it” from the get go?

Day 6 – Living as children of the light requires us to avoid what this world says is natural? What must you do to remove any “hint” of anger issues? What fears do you have if you were to do that? How should you deal with that fear?

PRAY FOR LIVES AND CHURCH

As we journey ahead on our *chiseled* path we come to the topic of anger. While anger is a human behavior, it is usually used in a manner that does not honor God. Pray this week that anger and our speech would always be used to honor God, build others up, and not tear them down (even if they deserve it.)

In praying for ministries/people this week, pray for our **Minister of Music decision**. Next Sunday morning is an important day in the life of FHBC as we are to reflect God’s heart/mind on the matter of our next minister of music. Pray every day for God to reveal His will - not just our wants.

PRAY FOR LOCAL

Focus: Dixon Primary; Debbie Anderson, Principal

Local Church: Calvary Baptist Church (Allentown)

Day 1: Pray for Christian students who attend DP that they would use their time at DP for the purposes of Christ.

Day 2: Pray for Christian faculty/staff members to be bold and share their faith with their colleagues.

Day 3: Pray for Principal Debbie Anderson as she leads the faculty, staff, and students.

Day 4: Pray CBC to experience deep brokenness for the things of God.

Day 5: Pray for CBC as it is trying to position itself to be used by God in the community of Allentown.

Day 6: Pray for interim pastor Bill Schoffener as he leads CBC during this time of transition.

PRAY FOR GLOBAL

Partner: This week we are praying for Europe

Pray that the following areas would be used as open doors for the gospel to be shared:

Day 1: *Disillusionment with the emptiness of enforced secularism and hyper-modernity* leads to a new interest in spirituality and the metaphysical. Presented rightly, Jesus is of great appeal to such seekers.

Day 2: *Upheaval and uncertainty* in economics and politics, civic disintegration, violence and crime likewise cause many to ask questions about morals and meaning.

Day 3: *Militant atheism with strong anti-Christian, anti-religious rhetoric* in some parts of the EU is strident and ugly enough in character to cause many to reconsider questions of faith and God.

Day 4: *The influx of non-Christian religions into Europe* raises the issue of the religious identity of Europe as a civilization, both in history and for the future.

Day 5: *Christian immigration* has brought the presence of dynamic and lively congregations into nearly every part of Europe. African, Caribbean, Latin American and Asian churches are bringing a new and much-needed confidence to the Church scene, reminding all that Christianity is a truly global faith.

Day 6: Currently, sharing one's faith is rarely done due to historic measures to prevent it from happening. Pray that believers boldly proclaim the truth of the gospel that gives people true abundant life.

URGENT NAMES AND NEEDS

- Pray for the church as we prayerfully seek God's guidance on Travis Oran as our next Minister of Music
- Pray for Ashley King (cousin of Tommy Dobbs) with terminal cancer.
- Pray for Danny Thomas (son of Dorothy Thomas) as he recovers from a recent accident
- Ken and Jo Bland (friends of Dean Williams) – Ken (cancer); Jo (Legally blind)
- Additional People to pray for: Joe Nobles, James Beasley, Beverly Roller, Paul Stamount.