



BIBLE READING & PRAYER GUIDE

January 30 – February 4

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Ephesians 2:10

¹⁰ For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

BIBLE READING PLAN AND GUIDE

Daily Reading Schedule

Day 1 – Colossians 3:1-8

Day 2 – Romans 1:18; Ephesians 2:1-3

Day 3 – Matthew 23:25; 2 Peter 2:3

Day 4 – Colossians 3:5,8

Day 5 – Joshua 24:23

Day 6 – Ephesians 2:10

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 – Greed is an item that justifies God displaying His wrath. Though your life might be covered by His grace, Is there evidence in your life that God's wrath should be upon you? If so, where? Why?

Day 3 – Greed can come into the church? Is there an area where you have displayed greed within the church? (e.g. money, resources, time, abilities) What can you do to rid yourself of greed at FHBC?

Day 4 – Putting to death and ridding yourself of sin is not just a mental process? What life adjustments (e.g. habits) do you need to change so greed is not in your character?

Day 5 – When Joshua removed idols, he renewed his relationship with God. Have you done that lately or have you just been going through the motions. Take some time to renew your relationship with God.

Day 6 – Willingly allowing your life to be chiseled can be unnerving. State out loud to yourself "I am God's workmanship." How does that make you feel?

PRAY FOR LIVES AND CHURCH

As we journey ahead on our *chiseled* path we come to the topic of greed. Greed is part of the group that reveals our idolatry. Pray that we would be willing to be a giver of all parts of our life to honor God and not justify a life that revolves around us. Pray that all of us would take a hard and practical look at our life to identify any greed and then "put it to death."

In praying for ministries/people this week, pray for our **Mission field 1 strategy**. On Sunday we took a closer look at the results from the Discovery of the Who Survey. Pray that FHBC would have the heart to do whatever is needed to take the spiritual responsibility for the area around our campus. Pray that people would continually be willing to sacrifice their time and energy to bring our community to Christ.

PRAY FOR LOCAL

Focus: Milton High School; Principal, Michael Thorpe

Local Church: Blackwater Baptist Church; Pastor Alton Nixon

Day 1: Pray for Christian students who attend MHS that they would use their time at MHS 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 Michael Thorpe as he leads the faculty, staff, and students.

Day 4: Pray that the burden for prayer would increase within the hearts of BBC members.

Day 5: Pray for BBC to continually know how to minister in the farming community of Munson.

Day 6: Pray for Pastor Alton Nixon as he leads BBC to reach the Munson community.

PRAY FOR GLOBAL

Partner: This week we are praying for Asia

Day 1: A region of South Asia situated in the Himalayan Mountains is experiencing a particularly harsh winter. In the area where Gospel for Asia-supported missionaries Badal Sharma and Prahlad Sengupta are working, temperatures have dropped as low as 12°. The missionaries' ministry has also been inhibited. Please pray the Lord will protect the people in this region from the freezing temperatures.

Day 2: On the evening of January 10, police personnel came to Pastor Sammath's rented room on a warrant reactivated by the same anti-Christians who had accused him in 2008. Now, Sammath is under house arrest and is not able to leave the room he is living in. Ask the Lord to once again intervene and put the case to rest permanently. Pray for Pastor Sammath, that the Lord will protect him from discouragement and give him grace to stand firm in his faith.

Day 3: On December 18, a group of 2,500 anti-Christians organized a rally in the Kandhamal district of Orissa to, according to their slogan, "stop Christmas." Throughout Orissa, more than 120 men, women and children were murdered, and hundreds of homes and churches were destroyed. Please pray for this wave of hostility to pass uneventfully and for the Lord to change the hearts of those opposing His children. Pray also for the believers in Orissa, that they will not fear and will remain strong in the Lord during this time. Pray they will be lights shining in the darkness and that the Lord will protect them.

Day 4: A storm that hit Northeast India on December 9 left many homes damaged and some people injured. Please pray roofs can be replaced with more sturdy materials that can withstand the harsh weather. Pray also for the people to be comforted during this time as they wait.

Day 5: Gospel for Asia-supported pastor Hanshal Dumra suffered a heart attack and was admitted to the hospital earlier this week. Please ask our God to reach out His hand and heal Pastor Hanshal. Pray also that the Lord will comfort the entire family.

Day 6: Two families in a Gospel for Asia-supported church are facing intense persecution from other villagers. Please pray the Lord will continue to be a fortress for these believers as they endure this painful trial. Ask the Lord to provide for their physical needs, as well. Also pray the Lord will show His love to the anti-Christians in this village.

URGENT NAMES AND NEEDS

- Pray for the Pastor and Personnel Team as they prayerfully search for our next minister of music.
- Pray for Ashley King (cousin of Tommy Dobbs) with terminal cancer.
- Pray for the homeless and the heatless during the winter and those who are truly seeking to get on their feet.
- Pray for Kohlton James (great-grandson of Red James) who is 2 ½ years old with numerous tumors.
- Pray for Ray Parks (Brother of Julie Griffin)
- 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.