



## BIBLE READING & PRAYER GUIDE *February 13th-18th*

### SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Ephesians 4:25

<sup>25</sup>Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

### BIBLE READING PLAN AND GUIDE

#### Daily Reading Schedule

**Day 1** – Colossians 3:9-11

**Day 2** – Psalm 15

**Day 3** – Revelation 21:8

**Day 4** – Ephesians 4:25

**Day 5** – Romans 6:6-7

**Day 6** – John 14:6, John 8:32

#### Bible Reading Guide

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

**Day 1** – Paul says very clearly to not lie. Where are areas of your life where you are tempted most to lie? What must change in that area since you have put on new life?

**Day 2** – The psalmist reminds us that those who speak purely are worthy of dwelling in the sanctuary of God. How would God score the purity and honesty of your speech and actions? Where would “slander” be found on your tongue? What will you do now?

**Day 3** – We learn that lying is a sin and will qualify a person for hell. Since God sees lying as this serious, what can you do to raise the seriousness of lying (in speech and action) to the level that God views it?

**Day 4** – As our memory verse for the week we are reminded that lying has no place within the church. When have you failed to be completely honest with someone and you need to need to seek forgiveness from them avoid all forms of falsehood from now on.

**Day 5** – Since our old self has been crucified, what freedom/comfort does it give you knowing you don't have to lie?

**Day 6** – Jesus sets the standard for truth and not our opinion. What changes do you need to make within you so that Jesus' truth is what you speak not your preferences?

### PRAY FOR LIVES AND CHURCH

As we journey ahead on our *chiseled* path we come to the topic of lying. Lying can be an issue we try to overlook or justify as acceptable under certain conditions. Pray this week that our words and actions would always reflect our Savior whose name is TRUTH. Pray that we would not give in to bending the truth for our convenience.

In praying for ministries/people this week, pray for our **Senior Adult Ministry**. Pray that our senior adults will continually strive to share what God has taught them through the years with upcoming generations. Pray for Joann and Don Braxton and they lead and encourage our senior adults to fulfill their created purpose.

## PRAY FOR LOCAL

### Focus: Dental Bus

**Local Church:** Christ Church (formerly Harmony Ridge)

**Day 1:** Pray for Jay First Baptist as they host the dental bus

**Day 2:** Pray for the dentists and assistants who will be serving the patients physically.

**Day 3:** Pray for the encouragers to have multiple opportunities to share Jesus and that many will give their life to Jesus.

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

**Day 5:** Pray for CC as it strives to reach the area of Pea Ridge and Pace.

**Day 6:** Pray for Pastor Rob Hadding that he would lead CC to stand upon biblical truth regardless of whatever pressures.

## PRAY FOR GLOBAL

**Partner:** This week we are praying for Afghanistan.

**The following are prayer challenges currently facing the people/country of Afghanistan:**

**Day 1: The upheaval of the last 30 years** reduced the country to ruin and destitution. Over one million died and an estimated four million children were orphaned. The suffering takes many forms; Afghans perceive poverty and lack of security to be the greatest problems. Pray for practical, timely and sustainable solutions to each of these:

**Day 2: Continued threat of violence.** The Taliban are very active and often operate from civilian buildings or in civilian guise. Hundreds of thousands of land mines and other undetonated ordnance still litter the country.

**Day 3: Health risks.** Afghanistan is the world's most dangerous place for a child to be born. Infant mortality rate is among the world's highest. Many causes of death are preventable (diarrhea, cholera, dysentery and pneumonia), but lack of health care and clean water (78% do not have regular access to clean water) causes many deaths. Refusal to allow women to receive medical care from men causes high maternal mortality rates.

**Day 4: The disabled.** There are an estimated one million people suffering with disabilities, mostly with damaged or destroyed limbs as a result of war. This is one of the world's highest proportions of disabled people, in a nation with little provision for their care or rehabilitation.

**Day 5: Poverty and living standards.** Most Afghans live in poverty. There is little employment. Many who fight for the Taliban do so largely to collect the wage offered. Some 80% of the population seek to exist by subsistence farming, but access to water is a problem, especially since almost all irrigation was destroyed by war. Fewer than 15% of homes have access to electricity. Yet employment opportunities are increasing, and the economy is improving in the stable areas.

**Day 6: Drugs** are a scourge on the nation, and indeed the world, as Afghanistan grows 90% of the world's opium-producing poppies.

## URGENT NAMES AND NEEDS

- 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)
- Pray for Ruby Smith as she has upcoming surgery
- Pray for Betty Dobbs as she recovers from stint surgery
- Additional People to pray for: Joe Nobles, James Beasley, Beverly Roller, Paul Stamount.
- Pray for those individual who are beginning to adopt their neighborhoods for Christ
- Pray for the teams that are forming to address the jobs issues and family needs in our community (Mission Field 1)