



## E READING & WEEKLY READER GUIDE *January 2-7*

### SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Colossians 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup>Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”

### BIBLE READING PLAN AND GUIDE

#### Daily Reading Schedule

Day 1– Colossians 3:1-17

Day 2 – Ephesians 2:3-; Colossians 2

Day 3 – Romans 8:1-13; Galatians 2:19-20

Day 4 – 1 Chronicles 22:19; 1 John 2:15-17

Day 5 – Philippians 3:20-21; 2 Peter 3:10-14

Day 6 – Isaiah 25:8-9; Jude 24-25; 1 Peter 5:4

#### Bible Reading Guide

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

**Day 1** – This passage is going to be the foundational passage for this series. Read it through several times and circle which areas you think are going to be a challenge for you.

**Day 2** – Because of the work of Christ, our sins (our life) were buried with Christ, of which He conquered through His resurrection. How does your position in Christ shape the way you should view your life and the decisions you make?

**Day 3** – In light of this passage how would you describe the way you are living – according to death (flesh) or according to life (spirit)?

**Day 4** – We must consider the things of God before we consider the things of self. What are some things of this world (temporal) that you have placed before the things of God? Say a prayer of repentance and ask God to reprioritize your life.

**Day 5** – It is essential that we continually examine our life and we look forward to Christ’s return. How can you work to transform your thinking so that you view your life as a citizen of heaven? Pray and ask God to help you with this.

**Day 6** – These passages are exciting statements of truth. What does it mean to you knowing that for those in Christ, Jesus will present you without fault before

God?

## **PRAY FOR LIVES AND CHURCH**

As we begin this new series, “Chiseled”, we must recognize that applying Colossians 3 to our life will be a painful process. Pray that you (and all of FHBC) will be willing to lay every part of your life on the table for God to chisel away so that only the character of Christ remains.

In praying for ministries/people this week, pray for **4theMISSION**. This new strategy will shape much of what we do in the year(s) ahead. Pray that we would have an unwavering resolve to do whatever it takes to radiate the glory of God throughout our community, neighborhoods, Haiti, and an unreached people group of the world.

## **PRAY FOR LOCAL**

**Focus:** Milton Fire Department

**Local Church:** Avalon Baptist Church (ABC); Pastor Brian Stephens

**Day 1:** Pray for the families of firefighters who have to manage the home-front while firefighters are on duty.

**Day 2:** Pray for the firefighters’ safety today as they bravely serve our community.

**Day 3:** Pray for Chief Rebel as he leads the fire department. Chief Rebel is a believer.

**Day 4:** Pray for Avalon Baptist as they try to minister to the community in the midst of much construction surrounding their campus.

**Day 5:** Pray today that ABC would have a growing desire to reach outside the walls of their church and into their community.

**Day 6:** Pray for Pastor Brian Stephens today as he leads Avalon Baptist Church and goes to school.

## **PRAY FOR GLOBAL**

**Partner:** This week we are praying for the country of Argentina (South America)

**Day 1:** Say a prayer of thanks today that 10% of people in jail have become Christians. Revival in Olmos high security prison has spread to other prisons.

**Day 2:** There is a **spiritual hunger** in Argentina. People are turning to God, but many people are also turning to cults and occults. Pray that a hunger for Jesus Christ would increase.

**Day 3:** Pray that Argentina’s **church leaders** would be committed to pursuing unity, personal holiness and discipleship which develops and releases tomorrow’s leaders.

**Day 4:** Most of the church growth is in the cities. Pray that the Church will have a vision to impact their communities and do more to address the enormous poverty in the city. Pray that the move of God will spread into rural areas.

**Day 5:** There are nearly a million university students - many of them living below the poverty line. Pray for IFES who are working with students on campuses.

**Day 6:** The native Amerindians in the Chaco region have been exploited and oppressed, but some have become Christians. Pray for their churches, that they would grow as they disciple others.

### **URGENT NAMES AND NEEDS**

- Pray for Ashley King (cousin of Tommy Dobbs) with terminal cancer.
- Pray for Betty Work (mother of Barbara Smith and Grandmother of Candace Nall) 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 the Pastor and Personnel Team as they prayerfully search for our next minister of music.