

Vision and Purpose

To encourage and empower changes within ourselves,
to meet the needs of the congregation, community and the world.

Philippians 4:13, James 2:26

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2008 Daily Bible Reading Guide for July

7/1	1 Samuel 13; Isaiah 56-57; Revelation 21-22	7/17	2 Samuel 1; Jeremiah 7; Matthew 18
7/2	1 Samuel 14; Isaiah 58; Matthew 1-2	7/18	2 Samuel 2; Jeremiah 8; Matthew 19
7/3	1 Samuel 15; Isaiah 59; Matthew 3-4	7/19	2 Samuel 3; Jeremiah 9; Matthew 20
7/4	1 Samuel 16; Isaiah 60; Matthew 5	7/20	2 Samuel 4-5; Jeremiah 10; Matthew 21
7/5	1 Samuel 17; Isaiah 61; Matthew 6	7/21	2 Samuel 6; Jeremiah 11; Matthew 22
7/6	1 Samuel 18; Isaiah 62; Matthew 7	7/22	2 Samuel 7; Jeremiah 12; Matthew 23
7/7	1 Samuel 19; Isaiah 63; Matthew 8	7/23	2 Samuel 8-9; Jeremiah 13; Matthew 24
7/8	1 Samuel 20; Isaiah 64; Matthew 9	7/24	2 Samuel 10; Jeremiah 14; Matthew 25
7/9	1 Samuel 21-22; Isaiah 65; Matthew 10	7/25	2 Samuel 11; Jeremiah 15; Matthew 26
7/10	1 Samuel 23; Isaiah 66; Matthew 11	7/26	2 Samuel 12; Jeremiah 16; Matthew 27
7/11	1 Samuel 24; Jeremiah 1; Matthew 12	7/27	2 Samuel 13; Jeremiah 17; Matthew 28
7/12	1 Samuel 25; Jeremiah 2; Matthew 13	7/28	2 Samuel 14; Jeremiah 18; Romans 1-2
7/13	1 Samuel 26-27; Jeremiah 3; Matthew 14	7/29	2 Samuel 15; Jeremiah 19; Romans 3-4
7/14	1 Samuel 28; Jeremiah 4; Matthew 15	7/30	2 Samuel 16; Jeremiah 20; Romans 5-6
7/15	1 Samuel 29-30; Jeremiah 5; Matthew 16	7/31	2 Samuel 17; Jeremiah 21; Romans 7-8
7/16	1 Samuel 31; Jeremiah 6; Matthew 17		

As we continue our journey here at the First Baptist Church of Macomb, we have been blessed by God to raise the needed money to purchase the land He has selected for us to build our new building. We are going to celebrate that accomplishment on **Sunday, July 6**. The service will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a quiet time of reflection and prayer, followed by a time of worship. We will then end our Celebration by sharing in a light meal together. Every part of this day is important. Come - be a part of praising our wonderful Lord. Why should we **Praise** our God? In fact, what does the Bible say about **Praise**? Listen to what Mary, the mother of Jesus, had to say about **Praise** in **Luke 1:46-48 (NLT)** ⁴⁶ **Mary responded, "Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. ⁴⁷How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! ⁴⁸For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed."** Praise is the spontaneous response of a grateful child of God in His presence. The person who knows God and experiences Him intimately sings to the Lord with deepest **Praise**. Mary was overwhelmed by the Lord's goodness to her. In response, she sang one of the most beautiful and profound songs of **Praise** found in scripture. We should never have any difficulty thinking of reasons why God deserves our **Praise**. We should enjoy both our private and public times of **Praise**. Henry Blackaby, in his book, *Experiencing God Day by Day*, says if your life is not filled with **Praise**, it may be that you have lost your appreciation for God's merciful activity in your life. Never forget what God has done for you. As we think about the fact that God loved us so much that He allowed His son to die on the cross for us, it should make us want to sing His **Praises** as Mary did. Spontaneous **Praise** is authentic **Praise**. It does not need to be manipulated or orchestrated. It is a real and personal expression of a grateful and wonder-filled heart that has encountered Holy God. That is what we will be doing on July 6th, starting at 8:30 AM. You won't want to miss this wonderful celebration. Come join us as we celebrate our past, rejoice in our present, and believe in our future.

I do look forward to celebrating with you on July the 6th.



Musing on Missions
by Meryl Cook

Whitney Brown was readmitted to the hospital following heart valve surgery May 13 because of fluid buildup in her lungs. She was released June 17 but unable to join Alan and the girls who flew to the US June 18. Whitney is staying with a nurse friend who had worked on the heart floor of the hospital in which she was a patient. Hopefully, the fluid is being absorbed and she can join her family in the States in the near future. On June 23, Whitney got the all clear to travel and she will be joining her family soon.

David and Christina Harman spent a week repairing and painting at Judson University. They joined others from the Great Rivers Region in this work mission project.

Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization (ECHO) is dedicated to fighting world hunger through innovative ideas, information, agricultural training, and seeds. It is a non-profit, inter-denominational Christian organization located on a demonstration farm in North Fort Myers, Florida. The farm allows ECHO to provide resources and agricultural workers to over 190 countries. Their seed bank contains over 350 varieties of hard to find vegetables, multi-purpose trees, fruits and other tropical crops. Agricultural workers throughout the world write ECHO with questions

about what crops to plant and how to deal with problems with draught, erosion, and pests.

The story of the Moringa tree is indeed an ECHO success. It grows wild in tropical areas. Moringa leaf powder added to millet broth is fed to malnourished children with spectacular results. The fern like leaves can be used in any spinach recipe. Flowers can be used to make tea. The young pods or peas from larger pods can be cooked as a vegetable. Seeds from mature pods are processed into oil for cooking or lubrication. The wood is very soft, though the tree is a good 'living fence post' and grows rapidly. After removing the seed coats, the kernel is crushed to a powder, mixed with a small amount of water, strained, and added to muddy water. The particles in the water cling to the moringa powder and settle out to the bottom of the container taking with it the majority of germs and bacteria in the water. The edible parts are exceptionally nutritious, and are excellent sources of vitamins, minerals, and protein.

Malnutrition is a major problem in West Africa. One hospital in Senegal is drying and powdering the leaves, storing the powder, then giving the powder to parents of malnourished children as a prescription.

Moringa shoots are used as a green manure to enrich agricultural land. It is also used as a livestock feed, increasing weight gains and milk yields for beef cattle.

Truly the moringa tree is known as a 'miracle

tree’.

Larry Lindley has been Executive Director of Edna Martin Christian Center in Indianapolis for nearly 19 years. He is retiring in early August. They have completed a major building program and expanded to a second site to provide social services, an after school program, and summer youth programs.

The Center is a United Way Agency but still depends on individuals, churches, women’s groups, businesses, and many others for financial and prayer support.

Larry was one of our National Special Interest Missionaries for 2005-2008.

Ground was broken for a new Habitat for Humanity home in Industry for William and Clara Moyers and children, Billie and Katlyn. Official groundbreaking was at the site at 401 N. Downen. The ceremony and reception was at the Assembly of God Church.

American Baptist Church Developers (ABCD) has issued a call for the Karen Baptist Church of Western Chicago. In May 2008 the GRR Board voted to grant the Karen Baptist Church missional status, however, it officially started in June of 2007.

In the past 10 years the Myanmar military government has forced thousands of Burmese people to flee to Thailand where they resided in refugee camps. Our government has begun resettlement of the Burmese people including Karens, Pwo Karens, and Chins. American

Baptist Missionary, Duane Binkley, is helping resettle these people in the US. The majority of Karens and Chins are Baptist, as their families were some of the first American Baptists converted by Adoniran and Ann Judson.

Many of the newly arriving refugees speak only Karen (different from Burmese) and gathered to form a new church that would be conducted in the Karen language. Dominic Po and Angelina Po, faculty and staff at Judson University have helped them find a location and complete the paperwork. The Baker Memorial Methodist Church has opened their chapel and facilities for the use of the new Karen church in St. Charles, IL.

The pastor of the church is Han Nay Thaw and he was trained in a Karen Seminary. From 1813, when the Judsons began their ministry in Burma to the present, the Baptist churches continue to grow in spite of economic and political hardships.

Bible Book for July—Colossians

Birthdays:

July 3—Ben Sullivan, Director Christian Center, Anadarko, OK

July 5—Larry Lindley, Director Edna Martin, Christian Center, Indianapolis, IN

July 25—Ruth Mooney, IM Costa Rica



2—Pastor Wally & Annetta Holt (a) 13—Ted Doxstader

6—Jan Cook 14—Jean Kipling

8—Veta Harper 17—Mary McKamy

9—Russell Glaue 23—Marilyn Bourn

10—Kimberley Derry 27—Everette Fisher

Gee Min Glaue

28—Dustin Lambert

Celebration Sunday

Celebrating how God has blessed our land purchase

Sunday, July 6, 2008

8:30 a.m. Guided Reflection & Prayer

9:30 a.m. Celebration Worship

Light lunch immediately following in the Fellowship Hall

Celebrating
Our
Past

Rejoicing
In Our
Present

Believing
In Our
Future

WHY: Pray to God and He will answer

HOW: Pray and sing praises to God

WHEN: Be quick to pray and don't stop

FOR WHOM: Pray for one another



PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Pray that they know God's will for their lives

Pray that they would do God's will in their lives

Pray for productivity in their lives

Pray for them to have a growing relationship with God

Pray for power in their lives



Vacation Bible School

First Presbyterian Church with First Baptist and First Christian

July 20-24

Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Program: 6:00—8:30 p.m.

Session 1: Serve Family

Miriam took care of her brother Moses
Exodus 2:1-10

Session 2: Serve Friends

Four men carried their friend to Jesus
Mark 2:1-12

Session 3: Serve Neighbors

A Samaritan helped a neighbor who was hurt
Luke 10:25:37

Session 4: Serve Community

Zacchaeus met Jesus & decided to give to his
community
Luke 19:1-10

Session 5: Serve Jesus

Peter & John served Jesus by showing His
love & power
Acts 3:1-19



God's Big Backyard Registration Form

Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade Completed _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Tshirt Size (select one) Child S M L Adult S M L XL XXL XXXL

Emergency Contact Name & Number _____

Special Needs/Allergies _____





Dear First Baptist Flower Committee,
 Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of white daisies to celebrate Bill's 81st birthday on May 18. They are just as fresh as they were that Sunday when we placed them on the kitchen table.

- Jo Sanders

To Friends at FBC,
 Thanks to each of you for your prayers and cards and notes while I was in Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

A special thank you to Don and Kathy for their prayers, visits, and kindness.
 To all of you, thanks again.



- Mary Hoff



Thank you to everyone who prayed and sent cards to me during my recovery from a broken ankle.

- Marci Shinneman

Thank you to everyone who participated in and helped with the Heritage Days parade activities.





Are you getting out those summer shirts? Would you like to have the FBC logo on them? Lou Melvin can help you. Let's tell the community that we are proud of our church and what it stands for. Let's tell our friends and acquaintances where we attend church. Someone may ask you about the logo on your shirt and why you are wearing it. As the pastor's message indicated on June 22, we are witnesses in our actions and words *and even statements we wear on our shirts* (added). Lou will sew the logo on a polo shirt, tee shirt, sweatshirt, or dress shirt for \$7.00. Best of all, she then donates \$2 of every \$7 to the building fund. Just bring your shirt to church and give it to her. Let's be proud of telling people we are God's people, worshipping together at FBC!



A group of women just returned from a Women of Faith conference and are anxious to go again next year! The date is August 7 and 8, 2009, and the conference will be held in Indianapolis, IN. We already have 10 women who are going and we don't want you to be left out. So please plan to join us!

The ticket for the all-day Friday, Friday night, and all-day Saturday event is \$129 and that includes a box lunch on Friday and Saturday. That ticket will need to be purchased in the month of July and paid for by mid-August.

Next August, the cost will be 2 nights in a motel and 3 evening meals. We will be car pooling there and will share the cost of gas. If you would just put \$5 per week in a jar and save it for the conference, you would have plenty.

This conference is filled with spirit-filled speakers, musicians and drama. You will receive a great blessing at this conference and get to know other women from FBC better in the process. Please think about joining us for the adventure to Indianapolis and see Annetta Holt by July 30 to make your reservation.

Guided Reflection & Prayer

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Praise God

Our Church

- A God-centered Focus
- Business Meeting
- Capital Fund Drive
- Children's Ministry Leaders
- Development of a Seniors Ministry
- Development of Plans for the New Building
- Formation of a Capital Fund Team
- Future Decisions
- Leader for Men's Sunday School Class
- Leader for a Women's Sunday School Class
- Our Continued Spiritual Growth
- Outreach to Community
- Worship Leader for Contemporary Worship

Leadership Teams

- 2010 Team
- ABW Ministries
- Building Team
- Creative Arts Ministry
- Team
- Fellowship Team
- Men's Ministry
- Pastoral Relations Team
- Praise Team

Church Leaders

- Pastor Wally
- Claudia McCain
- Other Church Staff
- Board of Christian Education
- Board of Deacons
- Board of Trustees
- American Baptist National Leaders
- Great Rivers Region Leaders

Educational Programs

- Children's Church
- Children's Ministries & Leaders
- Nursery: Children & Attendants
- Summer Camps:
 - Quest & Lake Springfield
- Small Groups:
 - Classes & Teachers
- Sunday School:
 - Classes & Teachers
- Youth Group & Leaders
- Vacation Bible School

Guided Reflection & Prayer

Missionaries

- Alan & Whitney Brown, Greece
- Rev. Dr. Magda Aguirre, El Salvador
- Rev. Gary & Rev. Mylinda Baits, Costa Rica
- Rev. Wendy Bernhard, Judson University, USA
- Mr. Scott & Ms. Tan Coats, Thailand
- Rev. Debra & Rev. Dr. Flint Miller, Philippines
- Rev. Kihomi & Rev. Dr. Mabudiga Mzungu, Agape, USA
- Rev. Charles & Mrs. Ramona Shawver, USA
- Joan Brown, Indian Ministries, USA
- Ben Sullivan, Indian Ministries, USA
- Dr. Barbara Hartnett, Neighborhood Action/Christian Center, USA

Our Community & Community Needs

- Community Leaders
- Emergency Responders
- Habitat for Humanity
- Loaves & Fishes
- Our Youth
- Our Schools
- Red Cross
- Salvation Army
- Wise Decisions by Our City Coun-

Our Nation

- Election Decisions
- Farmers
- Flooding in the Mid-West
- Leaders
- Military Leaders

Other Needs as You are Led

- Family & Friends
- Personal

ACTS

- A = Adoration
- C = Confession
- T = Thanksgiving
- S = Supplication

Celebration Sunday

July 6 *Praise – My Choice!*

Psalm 22:22

The Love Route

For the next three weeks we will travel down the *Love Route*. We will examine one of the most distinguishing characteristics of the people of the church – love.

The word “love” is one of the most used and abused in the English language. Everyone needs to love and be loved. The quality of our lives is directly affected by the presence of loving relationships.

Come journey with us down the *Love Route*. You just may be surprised where it will take you.

July 13 *Simon Says*

Luke 7:47

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

July 20 *The Negative and Positive Sides of Love*

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

July 27 *The Greatest of These*
Claudia McCain speaking

1 Corinthians 13:13



2, 9, 16, 24, 31	6:30 p.m.	FBC Praise Team Practice
6, 13, 20, 27	9:30 a.m.	Worship
7, 14, 21, 28	7:00 a.m.	Breakfast at the Old Dairy
1	7:00 p.m.	ABW Ministries at the Riggins' home. Hostess: Sandra Riggins
2	7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees Special Mtg
4		Fourth of July—Office Closed
5	9:00—11:00 a.m.	Creative Arts Ministry Team Meeting at the Old Dairy
6		Celebration Sunday (celebrating how God has blessed our land purchase)
	8:30 a.m.	Guided Reflection & Prayer
	9:30 a.m.	Celebration Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Light Lunch in the Fellowship Hall
8	6:00 p.m.	Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Boards Meet
11	7:00 p.m.	Western Illinois Traditional Music Association (WITMA)
20—24	5:30 p.m.	Dinner for VBS
	6:00—8:30 p.m.	Program begins for Vacation Bible School at First Presbyterian Church with First Baptist and First Christian

