

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SHALLOTTE

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## DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

7/1	2 Kings 13-14; Mark 12	7/17	1 Chronicles 3; Luke 5
7/2	2 Kings 15; Mark 13	7/18	1 Chronicles 4; Luke 6
7/3	2 Kings 16; Mark 14; Psalms 88	7/19	1 Chronicles 5; Luke 7
7/4	2 Kings 17; Mark 15	7/20	1 Chronicles 6; Luke 8
7/5	2 Kings 18; Mark 16	7/21	1 Chronicles 7; Luke 9
7/6	2 Kings 19; Psalms 76; Nahum 1-3	7/22	1 Chronicles 8; Luke 10
7/7	2 Kings 20-21; Psalms 82; 2 Kings 22	7/23	1 Chronicles 9; Luke 11
7/8	Psalms 101; 2 Kings 23-25	7/24	1 Chronicles 10; Psalms 125; Luke 12
7/9	Psalms 45; Song of Solomon 1-6	7/25	1 Chronicles 11; Luke 13
7/10	Song of Solomon 7-8; Ecclesiastes 1-4	7/26	1 Chronicles 12-13; Luke 14
7/11	Ecclesiastes 5-8; Psalms 73	7/27	1 Chronicles 14-15; Luke 15
7/12	Ecclesiastes 9-12; Malachi 1-2	7/28	1 Chronicles 16; Luke 16; Psalms 62
7/13	Malachi 3-4; Luke 1	7/29	1 Chronicles 17-18; Luke 17
7/14	Psalms 89; Luke 2	7/30	1 Chronicles 19-20; Luke 18
7/15	Luke 3; 1 Chronicles 1	7/31	1 Chronicles 21; Luke 19
7/16	1 Chronicles 2; Luke 4		

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## Events

- July 2<sup>nd</sup> 6p - Family Fun Night Cookout
- July 7<sup>th</sup> - Office Closed
- July 8<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> - Kenya Mission Trip
- July 9<sup>th</sup> 6p-Youth Pool Party
- July 12<sup>th</sup>-Cars & Coffee
- July 13<sup>th</sup>-Baptism Sunday
- July 13<sup>th</sup> 6p- Quarterly Ministry Meeting
- July 16<sup>th</sup> 6p - Youth, Fusion & D6 Beach Night
- July 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30-8:30p-Men's Ministry Meeting Dinner Provided
- July 24<sup>th</sup> 10:30a-Bags of Hope Packing
- July 26<sup>th</sup> 10:30a-Bags of Hope Distribution
- July 30<sup>th</sup> 6p-Youth Cookout @ Pastor Kevin & Kacey's House

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**FOURTH  
OF JULY**

# HOMESCHOOLING, HOSTING WOVEN, AND HOW WE CAN ADVOCATE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In February, Pastor Kevin and I met with the leaders from Woven, the homeschool co-op in our area. Going in, I wasn't sure what the meeting was about. But coming out, I was excited about the opportunity that God has provided for us to partner with homeschool families in our community.

The opportunity  
We should always pay close attention when God brings a new opportunity to us for ministry. I see this as just that kind of opportunity.

The homeschooling families of Woven meet weekly as a co-op for the educational activities that are best cultivated together, such as group recreation and group projects, fostering socialization, and sharing teaching responsibilities. The co-op has been meeting weekly at a local church, but as the homeschooling movement in Brunswick County has grown, so has the Woven co-op, and now the co-op needs more room for its weekly activities. That's where we come in.

Not only would our facility provide the families with more space but also our multi-purpose facilities and grounds are ideal to accommodate the interests and activities of the Woven co-op and the weekly meetings.

So Woven has formally requested the use of our buildings and grounds on Tuesdays starting in the Fall. Since the request is for weekly use—rather than a one-time event—our policies require the church to consider this request in conference. So, you will be able to consider this request at our Quarterly Ministry Meeting, Sunday, July 13, at 6 PM.

The growing movement  
Homeschooling has always been a popular option for families looking for an alternative to the secularism or mediocrity of many public schools. But in recent years, homeschooling has mushroomed. Students being homeschooled in America have grown to over 3 million in the last five years.

And homeschooling has particularly gained traction since the pandemic. When the government closed schools for extended periods, it simultaneously exposed many of the defects of the public school classrooms. Through remote learning parents suddenly had a front-row seat to their children's classroom experience, and many were often mortified to hear what teachers were saying, teaching, or doing in the classroom.

In addition, more than just a friendly alternative, scores of parents are finding that homeschooling may also provide a better educational experience if parents and families are willing to apply the time and attention required.

In 2020, Harvard law professor Elizabeth Bartholet called for a presumptive ban on homeschooling in the US, claiming that it was harmful to students. But almost immediately her own institution contradicted her unfounded opinion.

A 2021 Harvard study found that homeschooled students tended to perform better academically, especially on standardized tests, than their public school peers. In addition, homeschooled children were more engaged in social issues, more forgiving of others, adapted more easily to changes in life, and were less likely to suffer from depression or participate in risky behaviors.

Christian families are drawn to these benefits, along with the ability to have greater input and oversight into their children's education, and to do so without the baggage of secular, state-run schools.

That brings us back to Woven.

What is Woven?  
Woven's purpose statement is explicitly Christian: "The Woven Homeschool Co-op exists to glorify God by bringing Christian homeschool families together to encourage, educate, and equip our children in a Christ-centered community."

Woven fosters community and requires accountability. As Woven states, the co-op is not a "drop-off co-op." If parents sign up, they are expected to participate as part of an educational community with Christian values.

Several of our FBCS families homeschool their children, and many of those families are in the Woven co-op. So, we already have a strong foundation for partnering with Woven as a ministry promoting Christian education and building families.

Historically, Christians support education. The Bible teaches us to advocate for sound reasoning, for truth, and for good citizenship, by which we can promote Christian values and evangelize the lost.

Hosting Woven and supporting homeschool students and their families doesn't lessen our support for public school teachers or the students in our schools. We are especially supportive of Christian teachers and administrators faithfully serving Christ in our education system. Nor does hosting Woven preclude the possibility of a future weekday education ministry at FBCS, such as a Christian school.

Instead, hosting Woven signals that we support the advance of Christian education in any and every form, and we advocate for Christian parents who seek to disciple their children, cultivating a biblical worldview and helping them become productive citizens.

One more thing  
Christian parents have a biblical responsibility to disciple their children and help them cultivate a biblical worldview. Our church already prioritizes helping families and parents with this high calling. The D6 ministry and the Gospel Project are just two examples of how we do that.

Hosting Woven is another way we can advocate for Christian families and Christian education in our community. Be at our Quarterly Ministry Meeting July 13 as we discuss this together!

In His grace,  
Pastor Bob

Church Family,

Thank you so much for your recognition of our 20th year of ministry at FBCS! Kim and I appreciate your love, your generous gifts, your kind words, and your encouragement! It has been a blessing to serve the Lord with you these two decades. I can't wait to see what He is going to do next!

In His Grace,  
Pastor Bob

"Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us—to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Eph. 3:20-22

## Personnel Committee Update

The Personnel Committee and Pastor met recently to discuss where we go from here concerning the PT Facilities position. After much discussion, we agreed that we would take a pause in the search process.

With that said, we requested that the Building and Grounds Committee consider creating some small teams to temporarily bridge the gap as we consider other options in filling the position. Thank you for your prayers and patience in this matter.

# Happy INDEPENDENCE DAY

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

7/6-7/12  
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# DEACON NOMINATIONS

THIS IS A LIST OF THE MEN ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION OF DEACON. DEACON NOMINATIONS WILL BE ON JULY 20TH, FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. MEMBERS MAY NOMINATE UP TO FOUR MEN TO SERVE AS DEACONS. PLEASE REVIEW WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT DEACON QUALIFICATIONS IN ACTS 6:1-7 AND 1 TIM. 3:8-13. PRAY AND COME PREPARED.

● JOHN ADRIANI

● DARRELL ANDERSON

● DELL ANGLIN

● ROBERT BALL

● GREG BALLARD

● ED BARRETT

● MORGAN BELLAMY

● LARRY BLANTON

● IAN BUCHANAN

● RICKY BUFFKIN

● BRADLEY CAISON

● JACKSON CANADY

● DICKY CARICO

● TOMMY CARPENTER

● EDDIE CARROLL

● CLIFTON CAULDER

● WES CAUSEY

● MIKE CHRISTENSON

● JUSTIN CUTRELL

● GRAHAM DAVIS

● WOODY DUNN

● JIMMY ELMORE



● GEORGE (BUDDY) EVANS

● CHRIS EVANS

● DONALD EVANS

● TRAVIS FASSNACHT

● HENRY GALES

● GARY GALLOWAY JR.

● MARK GIORDANO

● DERRICK GREEN

● LARRY HARRIS

● GREG HEWETT

● RYAN HILL

● NORMAN HORNE

● HOUSTON HOWIE

● NICHOLAS HUGH

● TODD JACKSON

● NICK JONES

● WES JONES

● T.J. LEWIS

● DAVID LONG

● DAN MCGOUGAN

● JIM MEADOWS

● AARON MUNCHING



● STEVE MYERS

● MICHAEL NORTON

● FRANK PIHOKER

● LONNIE PITTMAN

● RONALD POWELL

● TOM POWELL

● TOM POZZO

● KEVIN PRESSLEY

● RALEIGH PUTNAM

● DANIEL RICHARDSON

● DAVID ROBINSON

● DEVIN SELLERS

● TOM SHERMAN

● CHRISTOPHER SMITH

● DERRICK SMITH

● RODNEY SMITH

● DAN SNYDER

● ED STROTHER

● JORDAN SULLIVAN

● BILL SUTTLES

● MARSHALL TYNER

● DAVID VAN DYKE



● RICH VANAMAN

● HUBERT VARNUM

● DAVID WARD

● BO WATKINS

● CHARLES WHITE

● JAMES WHITE

● JUSTIN WHITE

● JAY WILLIAMS

● TED YOUNG

● LARRY ANDREWS

● KYLE DISPIRITO

● DAVID ETHINGTON

● DAVID EVENSON

● DENNIS RUSHING

● TOM SHEIE

● TIMOTHY (TJ) SPIVEY

