

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SHALLOTTE

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## DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

9/1	Job 17-19; Psalms 102	9/16	Hosea 7; Romans 11; Psalms 145
9/2	Job 20-21; Colossians 1	9/17	Hosea 8-11; Romans 12
9/3	Job 22-24; Colossians 2	9/18	Hosea 12-14; Romans 13
9/4	Job 25-27; Psalms 26; Colossians 3	9/19	Zechariah 1-4; Romans 14
9/5	Psalms 111; Job 28-29; Colossians 4	9/20	Zechariah 5-8; Romans 15
9/6	Psalms 17; Job 30; Romans 1	9/21	Zechariah 9-11; Romans 16
9/7	Job 31; Romans 2	9/22	Zechariah 12-14; Philippians 1
9/8	Job 32-33; Psalms 103; Romans 3	9/23	Psalms 107; Jonah 1; Philippians 2
9/9	Job 34-35; Romans 4	9/24	Psalms 116; Jonah 2-4; Philippians 3
9/10	Job 36-37; Psalms 29; Romans 5	9/25	Habakkuk 1-3; Philippians 4
9/11	Psalms 104; Job 38; Romans 6	9/26	Jeremiah 1-2; Psalms 28; 1 Thessalonians 1
9/12	Job 39-40; Romans 7	9/27	Jeremiah 3-4; 1 Thessalonians 2
9/13	Job 41-42; Romans 8	9/28	Psalms 14; Jeremiah 5-6; 1 Thessalonians 3
9/14	Hosea 1-2; Romans 9	9/29	Psalms 81; Jeremiah 7-8; 1 Thessalonians 4
9/15	Hosea 3-6; Romans 10	9/30	Jeremiah 9-10; Psalms 79; 1 Thessalonians 5

# the. VISION

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# Day

## North Carolina Missions Offering

Each September, N.C. Baptists churches give to the N. C. Missions Offering to fuel missions across our state and beyond.

Now is the time to be "Living Sent" by praying, giving, and making a tangible impact by serving and sharing the love of Jesus in Shallotte and beyond. Because you give, others can go but always know that you can go.

Our Church Goal is  
**\$7,000**



*"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."*

*John 10:21*

- Sep 1<sup>st</sup> - Office Closed
- Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:15p - Disciplelife Classes Begin
- Sep 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9a- Prayer at the Property - Breakfast @8:30a
- Sep 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30-8:30p - Ladies' Ministry Meeting; Dinner Provided, Speaker Suzy Goodwin
- Sep 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8a - Cars & Coffee
- Sep 14<sup>th</sup>- Baptism Sunday
- Sep 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30p - Men's Ministry Meeting; Dinner Provided, Speaker Ryan Hill
- Sep 18<sup>th</sup> 10:30a - Bags of Hope Packing
- Sep 20<sup>th</sup> 10:30a - Bags of Hope Distribution
- Sep 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9a - LEAD Time



# GOD'S GIFT, YOUR SERVICE

September starts a new church year, and that always provides a chance to reboot your service to the Lord. So, there's no better time to refresh ourselves in one of the most basic truths of the Bible: We are saved to serve.

## Each One is Gifted

The Bible envisions every Christian to be a servant of God. Of course, we are not all called to serve the same way, nor are we all capable of serving the same way. We may have physical restrictions or other limitations that shape the way we serve, but we are still saved and gifted to serve.

Peter put it this way: "Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10).

Peter is talking about spiritual gifts, the way God equips us for service when we are saved in Christ. Notice that Peter assumes three significant facts about spiritual gifts.

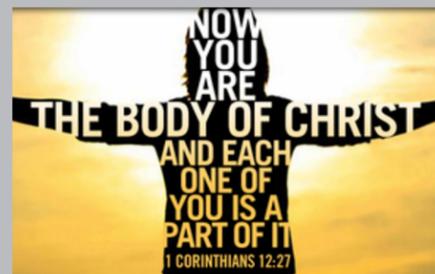
- First, everyone has a gift. Peter assumes "each one has received a gift." And since it is a "gift," it is given to you freely, by His grace, and you "receive" it. You do not get to pick it out and you cannot dictate what gift God gives you (1 Cor. 12:11).
- Second, the purpose of each person's spiritual gift is "to serve others." A true spiritual gift is never self-glorifying or self-gratifying. These gifts are designed to serve the body of Christ. So, that also defines when you use it and where you use your gift. You cannot use your spiritual gift apart from the body of Christ, and you use it when you serve in the body of Christ.
- Then third, to use your gift in service to the church is to be a "good steward" of this spiritual gift that God has given you. That means, of course, that failing to exercise your spiritual gift, or refusing to do so, is poor stewardship.

## It's God's design

The church operates at its best when God's people are serving Him in places He has designed for them (1 Cor. 15:58). This is His design for the body of Christ.

In fact, this is so crucial, that all the members serving together is God's definition of the church. It is not the brick-and-mortar building, or the budget or the committees. The church is the church when the people are serving God together. (Acts 2:42-47)

And since this is His design, then this is God's will. You never need to wonder if God wants you to serve, but the only question is where and how. Your part is crucial, and God has crafted you to fill that role (1 Cor. 12:18). God wants you to experience what it is like to be part of His body and see Him work through you.



## What's Your Place?

As we begin a new church year on September 1, I hope you have found your place of service. It's that place of ministry that energizes you, that deepens your walk with the Lord, and that keeps you awestruck that God loves you so much He lets you participate in the great things of God!

I want you to have your best year ever serving the Lord at FBCS, so here are five pointers to help you along the way. Keep these in mind, and you will have a great year:

1. **Your service is a commitment is to the Lord.** Every commitment you make is to the Lord, so give it your best (Col. 3:23-24)!
2. **Your service to the Lord will be inconvenient.** Yep. That's right. I am telling you right up front that serving the Lord requires time, effort, and energy. So sometime this year, at least once, you will be confronted with the choice between fulfilling your commitment to the Lord or going to some other event or spending a day at the beach. Decide now that you will stick with your commitment to the Lord, and I can promise you will not regret it (Deut. 13:4)!
3. **Your service requires diligence.** Not only is God counting on you, but we are too! If there's a ripple in your service, like you cannot show up when you need to, contact your leader or enlist someone to take your place (Cor. 12:26).
4. **Your service includes training.** We are always better when we are trained. Unfortunately, we tend to think that service in the church doesn't require training and that anyone can step up and serve without training. This thinking has two problems. First, it isn't true! The context, mission, and environment of the church means that you and I need training to do what we are called to do. Also, things change. Just because you served in your position before doesn't mean you are fully equipped to do it again. But second, to say you do not need training implies that the church is not very important. After all, if you say you need training at your secular job, but not for service in the church, you are basically saying that you want to be better at your job than your service to Christ (2 Tim. 3:17)! Also, if you have questions, always ask!
5. **Your service is an act of love.** Loving the church is not a feeling. It is a choice. Through your service to the Lord, you are worshiping Him with your life, so do it with all your heart! Believe that you are serving the Lord who loves you enough to call you to serve, and you will have a great year (1 Sam. 12:24, Col. 3:17, Rom. 12:1).

God has a place of service reserved for you at FBCS! If you have not yet found it, not yet been plugged in, what should you do? Let's talk! I want to help you find your place of service that God has shaped for you.

With love in Christ,  
Pastor Bob



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# NEW TO THE FAMILY



CESAR REYES-HERNANDEZ  
JOINED JUNE 22



RUDY & ANYA RUDISILL  
JOINED JUNE 8



LINDA SPENCER  
JOINED JUNE 8



JANET STILLWATER  
JOINED JUNE 1



WILMA WILLIAMS  
JOINED JUNE 29



WHIT & LAUREN MITCHELL  
(OWEN, MAX & SAM)  
JOINED JULY 6



HAYES & RONDA BOLTON  
JOINED JUNE 8



MICKEY LAWING  
JOINED JULY 20



SCOTT & THERESA CIANCIOLO  
JOINED AUGUST 24

# WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT FROM THE HEART, AS SOMETHING DONE FOR THE LORD AND NOT FOR PEOPLE.

*Colossians 3:23*

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