

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SHALLOTTE

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DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

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| 11/1 | Ezekiel 16; Galatians 6 | 11/16 | Ezekiel 41-42; Acts 5 |
| 11/2 | Ezekiel 17-18; Psalms 24 | 11/17 | Ezekiel 43-44; Acts 6 |
| 11/3 | Psalms 80; Ezekiel 19-20 | 11/18 | Ezekiel 45; Acts 7 |
| 11/4 | Ezekiel 21-22; Psalms 5; 1 Timothy 1 | 11/19 | Ezekiel 46-47; Acts 8 |
| 11/5 | Ezekiel 23-24; 1 Timothy 2 | 11/20 | Ezekiel 48; Acts 9 |
| 11/6 | Psalms 60; Ezekiel 25-26; 1 Timothy 3 | 11/21 | Joel 1; Acts 10 |
| 11/7 | Ezekiel 27-28; 1 Timothy 4 | 11/22 | Joel 2-3; Acts 11 |
| 11/8 | Ezekiel 29-31; 1 Timothy 5 | 11/23 | Amos 1-2; Psalms 142; Acts 12 |
| 11/9 | Ezekiel 32-33; 1 Timothy 6 | 11/24 | Amos 3-4; Acts 13 |
| 11/10 | Jude 1; Ezekiel 34; Psalms 4 | 11/25 | Amos 5-7; Acts 14 |
| 11/11 | Ezekiel 35; Obadiah; Psalms 108 | 11/26 | Amos 8-9; Acts 15 |
| 11/12 | Ezekiel 36; Acts 1; Psalms 109 | 11/27 | Nehemiah 1-2; Acts 16; Psalms 66 |
| 11/13 | Ezekiel 37; Acts 2 | 11/28 | Psalms 122; Nehemiah 3; Acts 17 |
| 11/14 | Ezekiel 38-39; Acts 3 | 11/29 | Nehemiah 4-5; Acts 18 |
| 11/15 | Ezekiel 40; Acts 4 | 11/30 | Nehemiah 6; Acts 19; Psalms 59 |

the VISION

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Church Events

- Nov 5th @ 5:30p - Church Wide Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party
- Nov 7th-9th - Youth Fall Retreat
- Nov 8th @ 8a - Cars & Coffee
- Nov 10th-11th - NC Baptist State Convention
- Nov 12th @ 6:15p - Let's Talk About It: Conversational Apologetics
- Nov 13th 6:30-8:30p - Ladies' Ministry Meeting; Dinner Provided, Collecting Food for Bags of Hope. Thank you for collecting 213 pairs of socks for incarcerated women last month.
- Nov 13th @ 10:30a - Bags of Hope Packing
- Nov 15th @ 10:30a - Bags of Hope Distribution
- Nov 17th 6:30-8:30p - Men's Ministry Meeting; Dinner Provided, Speaker TJ Spivey
- Nov 19th @ 5:30p - Let's Talk About It: Answering Islam
- Nov 23rd @ 11a - Shoebox Dedication (Boxes Due); Thanksgiving Pot Luck Lunch Immediately Following Worship
- Nov 25th @ 5:30p - Family Pizza Night Sponsored by the deacons
- Nov 26th & 27th - Office Closed



HOW DO WE ANSWER TOUGH CULTURAL ISSUES? LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

In October the Family Research Council (FRC), in partnership with Arizona Christian University (ACU), published a study revealing that “most churchgoers do not think the Bible has clear and decisive teachings about homosexuality and transgenderism.”

It gets worse. The FRC and ACU conduct their research annually, exploring worldview issues and the level of confidence professing Christians invest in the Bible's ability to provide clear responses to those issues. Their research has shown that the percentage of churchgoers who believe the Bible answers tough cultural questions is consistently declining every year. This is a startling and unsettling reality.



To what do we attribute this declining belief that the Bible speaks authoritatively to cultural issues? The researchers rightly conclude that at least one likely suspect is a lack of biblical teaching from the pulpits in America, as well as the failure of many churches to teach people how to respond biblically when confronted with unbiblical worldviews and ideologies.

We won't make that mistake

My prayer is that, at FBCS, we won't make that mistake.

Sound biblical teaching is the hub of everything else we do at FBCS. We are not in the business of inventing our own agendas, and we do not make our decisions based on our feelings and preferences. The Bible is our sole authority, and the practical and principled teaching of the Bible informs all that we do.

I cannot dictate your own walk with Christ. I don't check in to see if you are reading the Bible at home, and I am not surveying your participation in a Bible study. But I know that you are at FBCS because we share that commitment, and I hope our corporate commitment to Scripture influences your personal life, shown in your desire and dedication to let the Bible inform your decisions, direction, and discipleship.

The role of apologetics

In addition, we share a commitment to Christian apologetics. We contend that the Bible does, in fact, answer cultural issues and has “clear and decisive teachings” that apply to those issues. By knowing the Bible, and by saturating ourselves in a biblical worldview, we become more adept at addressing cultural issues and answering objections to our faith.

Apologetics is a partner of personal evangelism. It is most effective as a conversation, not a confrontation. It's a two-pronged discipline that both strengthens your faith and also prepares you to address other, unbiblical, worldviews. Apologetics fortifies your faith by reminding you that why you believe what you believe is sound and supported by history, the Bible, science, and life itself.

So, whenever we are teaching the Bible and fortifying our biblical worldview, we are cultivating our ability to practice apologetics. But even so, now and then I like to spend time with you taking a more targeted approach and addressing key issues that we face in our culture, in our community, and in our families.

That's what we will do in our next “Let's Talk About It” Bible studies this Fall.

Let's Talk About It

For four Wednesday nights coming up, we are going to apply a bit of apologetics. First, we will learn how to practice conversational apologetics. And then we are going to address and answer three key cultural issues facing Christianity.

For these sessions, you will have an opportunity to submit a question or two, and I will do my best to address those questions. However, unlike past “Let's Talk About It” Bible studies, when you send in a question, you'll direct it toward the topic for that particular session.

We'll meet in the worship center. So, here is the schedule for our next “Let's Talk About It” Bible studies.

- *November 12: Conversational Apologetics*

At this session you'll receive a free copy of the book, *Conversational Evangelism: Connecting with People to Share Jesus*.

- *November 19: Answering Islam*

Islam is not a peaceful religion. It's a threat to Western civilization and Christianity, and it is spreading rapidly across the Western world. What do you need to know about this threat and how can you have conversations with a Muslim or someone who sympathizes with Islam?

- *December 3: Answering Gender and Sexuality issues.*

Sexuality is one of the most basic traits of human identity. But we have never suffered so much confusion in our culture over sexuality and gender as we are today. Why is there so much confusion, and how can you respond to people who claim that we can choose our gender?

- *December 10: Answering Socialism and Neo-Marxism*

It's hard to believe that a Muslim socialist is the frontrunner for Mayor of New York City! What is socialism, Neo-Marxism, and how do we respond biblically to these threats to Christianity and Western culture?

Send in your questions

For each session, you can send in a question or two by visiting thefbc.com/talk or by using the Connect Card from the church bulletin and placing it in the giving station.

So, yes, the Bible does have answers for today's cultural issues. Invite a friend, send in your questions, and join us!

And let's talk about it!

With love in Christ,
Pastor Bob



DEAR CHURCH FAMILY, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR RECOGNITION OF PASTOR APPRECIATION OCTOBER 19! WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THE KIND WORDS, CARDS, AND GIFTS. IT IS A PLEASURE AND A JOY SERVING THE LORD WITH YOU! IN HIS LOVE, PASTOR BOB AND KIM WEATHERS

TRAIL LIFE

Greetings church family. I am the chaplain of our Trail Life troop NC-0117 and wanted to share with you how God is working through this ministry. The moto of trail life is based on Colossians 1:10 “so that you may walk worthy of the lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God.”

It is truly amazing to watch our Lord work in the lives of these young men and to be apart of God's chosen leaders who invest their time, energy and love in these young men. I wanted to share the testimony from Andrew Hardison which was shared during our May ceremony. I am sure you too will be blessed and amazed by the spiritual maturity of Andrew.

God is working in the lives of these young men, and I encourage you to pray for this ministry and ask God where he would have you serve in this endeavor.

In His Love,
Larry Thompson

ANDREW'S TESTIMONY

As a rising senior, I carry a lot of responsibility as First Officer of the troop. I wasn't always a responsible person or a strong-willed soul. Trail Life has helped grow my character, taught me how to lead and serve, helped teach me how to communicate with others, and helped teach me how to behave.



What made Trail Life extra powerful in my life was that it fills a gap I have. When I was young, my parents divorced and it ended up so I only see my dad every other weekend. It is hard because I don't see my dad enough for him to be the role model I need, and though I also have a step-dad, we do not have a deep relationship. Partially because of that, I lack the confidence of boys my age and I struggle to interact with other guys.

When my family moved to Shallotte, it was about the same time the Bryants did. When Mr. Don started this Trail Life troop, I was one of the first members. Though I had done Trail Life before—and it laid a good foundation—being there at the start with the Bryants infused in me some of the dependability and responsibility that I lacked. I have learned in Trail Life how to stay consistent and work for what I wanted. Though Trail Life helps by providing boys with good men for role models, it was a combination of efforts on all three fronts, my dad, my step-dad, and Trail Life who have shaped me and grown me.

It also helped teach me that being a Christian isn't just a Get Out Of Jail Free card to be used on judgement day. As 1 Thessalonian 4:7 states, “For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.” Being a Christian is living your entire life like Jesus. Mark 12:30 says, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” If we love God, shouldn't we crave every word He speaks and long for His presence more than anything else?

Trail Life teaches values that strengthen boys and men and grows their desire for the Lord, which has been extra impactful in my life. Thank you to all the volunteers who spend their time and energy pouring into the next generation. Thank you.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY



| DEACON OF THE WEEK | | | |
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| 11/2-11/8 | 11/9-11/15 | 11/16-11/22 | 11-23-11/29 |
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