

HeartsBurn
A Year in the Bible

Daily Reading



2011

Isaiah 55:11

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In 2005, First Presbyterian Church began a wonderful adventure to unite the church and encounter the Lord Jesus Christ through the whole of scripture. Covenanting together as individuals (adults, youth and children) through family devotionals, small group experiences, Bible studies, programs and worship, we read and considered the Bible. The theme, “HeartsBurn,” was taken from Luke 24:13-32: “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” This project encouraged us as a community of faith to be intentional about engaging God in Christ through the Holy Spirit’s leading.

Now five years later, the congregation at First Presbyterian Church has asked again for the opportunity to unite in rich fellowship and fruit-bearing small group discussion, to focus intentionally upon the reading of God’s Word. Borrowing heavily from the success of HeartsBurn (2005), we offer again the opportunity to encounter the Lord in the reading of the whole Bible, from beginning to end, Genesis to Revelation, and to establish a life-long habit and pattern for our lives. The congregation has once tasted this goodness and now longs for the prospect again. Believing that as God’s word goes forth, “It will not return to [God] empty, but will accomplish what [God] desire[s] and achieve the purpose for which [God] sen[ds] it (*Isaiah 55:11*), we invite you to join with others using this simple printed plan

Preliminary remarks

Responding to congregational suggestions after the original HeartsBurn program, the current committee has tried to balance several ideals and themes. The first was to read contigu-

ously, from beginning to end, the breadth of Scripture, starting with Genesis and reading straight through to Revelation. While such reading allows for God's plan of salvation to be revealed slowly and thoroughly, it does not coordinate easily with the worship calendar throughout the church year. Responding to this concern, we have balanced a contiguous reading with the Gospels interspersed quarterly.

Secondly, the committee changed the order of the Gospel reading to balance and highlight theological and educational opportunities. For example, Mark's Gospel highlights the saving act of God in Jesus with parallels to the redeeming of God's people in Exodus. Similarly, placing Luke with Acts allows the reader to experience the fullness of Luke's Gospel that continued and unfolded in the Acts of the Apostles with the formation of the Church and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Thirdly, responding to the difficulty of reading some Wisdom literature (Proverbs and Psalms) in one unit, the committee chose to break them up while maintaining their ultimate unity.

Finally, the largest single concern voiced in a previous survey was the guilt associated by individuals who could not keep up with the reading, who, falling far behind, simply gave up and stopped reading the Bible. Toward that concern the committee has intentionally created "reflection and resting" pauses every Sunday. We invite you to use Sunday as a day to reflect upon your weekly reading, to catch up, or simply to start again with the next week's reading. Just as Sunday has become the "first day" of our week, we invite you to start over any Sunday and join together once again with others in the community.

We look for Jesus in our midst, so let us not be "slow of heart." Rather, let our hearts burn as scripture is revealed to us and we encounter the risen Christ! (*Luke 24:13-32*)

January

Day		Scripture	
	1	Genesis 1-3	Proverbs
	2	4-7	1
	3	8-11	
	4	12-15	2
	5	16-18	
	6	19-21	3
	7	22-24	
	8	25-26	4
	Sunday		
	10	27-29	5
	11	30-31	
	12	32-34	6
	13	35-37	
	14	38-40	7
	15	41-42	
	Sunday		
	17	43-45	8
	18	46-47	
	19	48-50	9
	20	Exodus 1-3	
	21	4-6	10
	22	7-9	
	Sunday		
	24	10-12	11
	25	13-15	
	26	16-18	12
	27	19-21	
	28	22-24	13
	29	25-27	
	Sunday		
	31	28-29	14

February

Day		Scripture	
	1	Exodus 30-32	Proverbs
	2	33-35	
	3	36-38	15
	4	39-40	
	5	Mark 1-3	16
	Sunday		
	7	4-5	17
	8	6-7	
	9	8-9	18
	10	10-11	
	11	12-13	19
	12	14-16	
	Sunday		
	14	Leviticus 1-4	20
	15	5-7	
	16	8-10	21
	17	11-13	
	18	14-15	22
	19	16-18	
	Sunday		
	21	19-21	23
	22	22-23	
	23	24-25	24
	24	26-27	
	25	Numbers 1-2	25
	26	3-4	
	Sunday		
	28	5-6	26

March

Day		Scripture	
	1	Numbers 7	Proverbs
	2	8-10	27
	3	11-13	
	4	14-15	28
	5	16-17	
	Sunday		
	7	18-20	29
	8	21-22	
	9	23-25	30
	10	26-27	
	11	28-30	31
	12	31-32	
	Sunday		
	14	33-34	Psalms 1,2
	15	35-36	
	16	Deuteronomy 1-2	3,4
	17	3-4	
	18	5-7	5
	19	8-10	
	Sunday		
	21	11-13	6
	22	14-16	
	23	17-20	7
	24	21-23	
	25	24-27	8
	26	28-29	
	Sunday		
	28	30-31	9
	29	32-34	
	30	Joshua 1-4	10
	31	5-8	

April

Day		Scripture	
	1	Joshua 9-11	Psalm 11,12
	2	12-15	
	Sunday		
	4	16-18	13,14,15
	5	19-21	
	6	22-24	16,17
	7	Matthew 1-4	
	8	5-6	18
	9	7-8	
	Sunday		
	11	9-10	19
	12	11-12	
	13	13-14	20,21
	14	15-17	
	15	18-19	22
	16	20-21	
	Sunday		
	18	22-23	23,24
	19	24-25	
	20	26	25
	21	27-28	
	22	Judges 1-2	26
	23	3-5	
	Sunday		
	25	6-7	27
	26	8-9	
	27	10-12	28
	28	13-15	
	29	16-18	29
	30	19-21	

May

Day		Scripture		Psalm
	Sunday			
	2	Ruth	1-4	30
	3	1 Samuel	1-3	
	4		4-8	31
	5		9-12	
	6		13-14	32
	7		15-17	
	Sunday			
	9		18-20	33
	10		21-24	
	11		25-27	34
	12		28-31	
	13	2 Samuel	1-3	35
	14		4-7	
	Sunday			
	16		8-12	36
	17		13-15	
	18		16-18	37
	19		19-21	
	20		22-24	38
	21	1 Kings	1-2	
	Sunday			
	23		3-5	39
	24		6-7	
	25		8-9	40
	26		10-11	
	27		12-14	41
	28		15-17	
	Sunday			
	30		18-20	42,43
	31		21-22	

June

Day		Scripture		
	1	2 Kings	1-3	Psalm 44
	2		4-5	
	3		6-8	45
	4		9-11	
	Sunday			
	6		12-14	46,47
	7		15-17	
	8		18-19	48
	9		20-22	
	10		23-25	49
	11	1 Chronicles	1-2	
	Sunday			
	13		3-5	50
	14		6	
	15		7-8	51
	16		9-11	
	17		12-14	52,53,54
	18		15-17	
	Sunday			
	20		18-21	55
	21		22-24	
	22		25-27	56
	23	1 Chronicles 28-29 & 2 Chronicles 1		
	24		2-5	57
	25		6-8	
	Sunday			
	27		9-12	58, 59
	28		13-17	
	29		18-20	60,61
	30		21-24	

July

Day		Scripture	
	1	2 Chronicles 25-27	Psalms 62
	2	28-31	
	Sunday		
	4	32-34	63
	5	35-36	
	6	Ezra 1-3	64
	7	4-7	
	8	8-10	65
	9	Nehemiah 1-3	
	Sunday		
	11	4-6	66,67
	12	7	
	13	8-9	68
	14	10-11	
	15	12-13	69
	16	Esther 1-5	
	Sunday		
	18	6-10	70
	19	Job 1-4	
	20	5-7	71
	21	8-10	
	22	11-13	72
	23	14-16	
	Sunday		
	25	17-20	73
	26	21-23	
	27	24-28	74
	28	29-31	
	29	32-34	75
	30	35-37	
	Sunday		

August

Day		Scripture	
	1	Job 38-39	Psalm 76
	2	40-42	
	3	Ecclesiastes 1-4	77
	4	5-8	
	5	9-12	78:1-20
	6	Song of Solomon 1-8	
	Sunday		
	8	Isaiah 1-4	78:21-55
	9	5-8	
	10	9-12	78:56-72
	11	13-17	
	12	18-22	79
	13	23-27	
	Sunday		
	15	28-30	80
	16	31-35	
	17	36-42	81
	18	43-45	
	19	46-49	82
	20	50-54	
	Sunday		
	22	55-59	83
	23	60-66	
	24	John 1-2	84
	25	3-4	
	26	5-6	85
	27	7-8	
	Sunday		
	29	9-10	86
	30	11-12	
	31	13-15	87,88

September

Day		Scripture	
	1	John	16-18
	2		19-21
	3	Jeremiah	1-3
	Sunday		
	5		4-6
	6		7-9
	7		10-13
	8		14-17
	9		18-22
	10		23-25
	Sunday		
	12		26-29
	13		30-31
	14		32-34
	15		35-37
	16		38-41
	17		42-45
	Sunday		
	19		46-48
	20		49-50
	21		51-52
	22	Lamentations	1-2
	23		3-5
	24	Ezekiel	1-4
	Sunday		
	26		5-8
	27		9-12
	28		13-15
	29		16-17
	30		18-20

October

Day		Scripture	
	1	Ezekiel	21-22
	Sunday		
	3		23-24
	4		25-27
	5		28-30
	6		31-33
	7		34-36
	8		37-39
	Sunday		
	10		40-42
	11		43-45
	12		46-48
	13	Daniel	1-3
	14		4-6
	15		7-9
	Sunday		
	17		10-12
	18	Hosea	1-7
	19		8-14
	20	Joel	1-3
	21	Amos	1-5
	22	Amos 6-9 & Obadiah 1	
	Sunday		
	24	Jonah	1-4
	25	Micah	1-7
	26	Nahum	1-3
	27	Habakkuk 1-3 & Zephaniah 1-3	
	28	Haggai	1-2
	29	Zechariah	1-7
	Sunday		
	31		8-14

November

Day		Scripture		
	1	Malachi	1-4	
	2	Luke	1-3	Psalm 119:41-72
	3		4-5	
	4		6-7	119:73-96
	5		8-9	
	Sunday			
	7		10-11	119:97-120
	8		12-13	
	9		14-16	119:121-144
	10		17-18	
	11		19-20	119:145-176
	12		21-22	
	Sunday			
	14		23-24	120,121
	15	Acts	1-3	
	16		4-6	122,123,234
	17		7-8	
	18		9-10	125,126,127,128
	19		11-13	
	Sunday			
	21		14-15	129,130,131
	22		16-17	
	23		18-20	132,133
	24		21-23	
	25		24-26	134
	26		27-28	
	Sunday			
	28	Romans	1-3	135
	29		4-7	
	30		8-10	136

December

Day		Scripture	
	1	Romans 11-13	Psalm 137
	2	14-16	
	3	1 Corinthians 1-4	138
	Sunday		
	5	5-8	139
	6	9-11	
	7	12-14	140
	8	15-16	
	9	2 Corinthians 1-4	141
	10	5-9	
	Sunday		
	12	10-13	142
	13	Galatians 1-6	
	14	Ephesians 1-6	143
	15	Philippians 1-4	
	16	Colossians 1-4	144
	17	1 Thessalonians & 2 Thessalonians	
	Sunday		
	19	1 Timothy & 2 Timothy	145
	20	Titus 1-3 & Philemon 1	
	21	Hebrews 1-7	146
	22	8-13	
	23	James 1-5	147
	24	1 Peter 1-5 & 2 Peter 1-3	
	Sunday		
	26	1 John, 2 John, 3 John & Jude	148
	27	Revelation 1-3	
	28	4-8	149
	29	9-12	
	30	13-17	150
	31	18-22	

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