

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Date	Morning	Evening
06/29/09 Monday.....	1 Chronicles.....11-12	Psalm....119:152-176
06/30/09 Tuesday.....	1 Chroncles.....12-13	Psalm.....120-121
07/01/09 Wednesday.....	1 Chronicles.....14-15	Psalm.....122-123
07/02/09 Thursday.....	1 Chronicles.....16-17	Psalm.....124-125
07/03/09 Friday.....	1 Chronicles.....18-19	Psalm.....126-127
07/04/09 Saturday.....	1 Chronicles.....20-21	Psalm.....128-129
07/05/09 Sunday.....	1 Chronciles.....22-23	Psalm.....130-131

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Our services are as follows:

TIMES OF SERVICE

- Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:30
- Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30
- Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....7:00
- Ladies Bible Class 3rd Monday Evening of Each Month.....7:00

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Deliverance From Bondage

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The Old Testament contains types of New Testament anti-types. A type is a "representative form" or "characteristic" of something else. There are striking similarities between the liberation of Israel from Egyptian captivity and the freedom enjoyed in Christ from the slavery of sin. Judaism was never intended by God to be His final revelation to man, but it contains figures, types, patterns, shadows and examples of New Testament counterparts (1 Corinthians 10:1-11; Hebrews 10:1).

Old Testament types perfectly fit the New Testament church and its doctrine. Therefore, one can learn valuable principles relating to the Lord's Church and its teaching by examining Old Testament types. Types confirm that the church of the first century is the fulfillment of the long standing will of God (Ephesians 3:10-11).

The background to the deliverance of Israel from Egyptian slavery begins when Joseph invited his father and brothers to resort from famine to the land of Goshen in Egypt (Genesis 46:27, [70 souls]; 47:1-12). Later, a different line of kings ruled Egypt, during which time the Israelites were enslaved. Moses was born during this period of oppression. Eighty years later, while a shepherd in the wilderness of Sinai, to which area he fled from Egypt 40 years earlier, Moses was commissioned by God to liberate Israel (Exodus 4).

By the mighty hand of God, Egypt was punished and Moses was enabled to lead Israel across the Red Sea to freedom. These points especially need emphasis: (1) All the power at the command of Pharaoh was ineffective in his argument with God, (2) Pharaoh's attempts to bargain with God

were useless, and (3) Israel was not free from bondage on the near side of the Red Sea, but only after crossing the Red Sea like God through Moses commanded.

For the next 40 years Israel wandered, marching toward the promised land of Canaan. God refused Israelites entry into Canaan when they attempted to do so outside a covenant relationship with Him (Numbers 14:40-45). Finally, as every young Bible class student knows, Israel crossed the Jordan River and entered Canaan.

The anti-type of deliverance from Egyptian bondage is salvation from the slavery of sin. Every accountable soul is initially in the bondage of sin from which he cannot liberate himself without Divine help (Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8). The Heavenly Father sent Jesus Christ to deliver men from sin (Romans 5:8-10; 1 John 4:9-10).

Even the mightiest of men cannot obtain redemption from sin or receive the promise of Heaven outside a covenant relationship with God. Further, God still refuses to bargain with his creation -- man. Jesus Christ alone is the door through which one must pass from the state of being lost to redemption (John 10:1,9; Colossians 1:13).

Just as the Red Sea served as the line of demarcation between Egyptian slavery and freedom for the Israelites, immersion in water (baptism) for the remission of sins is the line of demarcation today between the lost world and the saved (the church) (Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:20-21). The Israelites rejoiced after crossing the Red Sea; the time for rejoicing today is after baptism (Acts 8:36-39).

Our Jordan River toward which faithful Christians march is Heaven with God. Tens of thousands of Israelites perished before Israel entered Canaan; by Divine inspiration the apostle Paul referred to the same (1 Corinthians 10:1-11), citing it as an example, capped with this warning: "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12).

Jesus, our Savior, will not compromise; He will refuse every alternative plan offered to him by man. No one can cross into Heaven who is outside a covenant relationship with God.

(http://www.bible-infonet.org/bin/short_articles/Bible/Deliver.htm)

CHURCH NEWS

PRAYER LIST

We need to remember all those who are sick and afflicted in our daily prayers. We need to remember those who are in the nursing homes, and in the military. We also need to keep Doris Pendleton, Ruby Backus, Tex Kinman, Bill and Verna Butler, Lynna Shanks, Verma Long, Connie Gass, Nelta Brock, Cheryl Harris, Janet Patrick, Evonelle Calkins, Vera Dreyse, Elnora Shanks, Dawn Tivoli, Richard Massey, the Bill Habermehl family, Savannah Shanks, Adrian and Jean Swindler, Sandy Sarchette, and Olivia Shanks. Let us also continue to remember Andy Shanks, Nettie B. Shirley, Dixie Stacy, and Darrell Conley in our daily

prayers. Logan Shanks went back for testing and they have been unable to find the cause of his problem. They think it may have been a virus he picked up. Olivia is on a stronger dose of her medication, let us keep them in our prayers. Chesley is in Frene Valley Nursing Home. We need to remember Delmar Backeus and Marvin Howard and his wife. Scott Thomas had back surgery, and we need to keep him in our daily prayers. We need to remember Taylor Shanks in our daily prayers as well as the entire Shanks family.

THOSE TO SERVE June 28, 2009	THOSE TO SERVE July 05, 2009
A.M.	A.M.
Greeters.....Jerry & Andrea McDonald	Greeters.....Danny Keeney & Elwood Runge
Announcements.....Thomas McDonald	Announcements.....Andy Shanks
Song Leader.....Andy Shanks	Song Leader.....David Shanks
Opening Prayer.....Elwood Runge	Opening Prayer.....Jerry McDonald
Lord's Supper.....Danny Keeney & David Shanks	Lord's Supper...Thomas McDonald & T. Kinman
Sermon.....Jerry McDonald	Sermon.....Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer.....David Shanks	Closing Prayer.....Elwood Runge
P.M.	P.M.
Song Leader.....Andy Shanks	Song Leader.....David Shanks
Opening Prayer.....Thomas McDonald	Opening Prayer.....Thomas McDonald
Sermon.....Jerry McDonald	Sermon.....Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer.....David Shanks	Closing Prayer.....Danny Keeney
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	
Song Leader.....Andy Shanks	Song Leader.....David Shanks
Opening Prayer.....Elwood Runge	Opening Prayer.....Andy Shanks
Devotional.....Thomas McDonald	Devotional.....Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer.....Danny Keeney	Closing Prayer.....Elwood Runge

FAIR HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOME

The items for Fair Haven's Children's Home will be "Paper Towels," and "Zip Lock Bags."

Sermons for the Next Two Weeks:

The a.m. lesson for June 28, will be "The Purpose of Miracles." The p.m. lesson for June 28, will be "Faith and Love for the Brethren." The a.m. lesson for July 05, 2009 will be "He That Built All Things Is God." The p.m. lesson for July 05, will be "The Communication of Our Faith."

BUSINESS MEETING

The next men's business meeting will be on July 6th at 7:00 pm here at the building. All of the men are requested to be there to help make decisions for the church here in Belle.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL/SINGING

There will be a fellowship meal on July 5th in honor of Sister Lucetra Hutchison who will be moving away from us very soon. There will be a singing to follow the noon meal which will take the place of the evening service.