

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Date	Morning	Evening
07/20/09 Monday.....	2 Chronicles.....23-24	Proverb.....11-12
07/21/09 Tuesday.....	2 Chronicles.....25-26	Proverb.....13-14
07/22/09 Wednesday.....	2 Chronicles.....27-28	Proverb.....15-16
07/23/09 Thursday.....	2 Chronicles.....29-30	Proverb.....17-18
07/24/09 Friday.....	2 Chronicles.....31-32	Proverb.....19-20
07/25/09 Saturday.....	2 Chronicles.....33-34	Proverb.....21-22
07/26/09 Sunday.....	2 Chronicles.....35-36	Proverb.....23-34

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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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“ONE NATION UNDER GOD”

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These are words that constitute part of our Pledge of Allegiance, a pledge that many of us have grown up saying. We said it every morning in school, when I was in recruit training in the Navy we said it every morning, and many times at quarters aboard ship (in port). I grew up memorizing the words “I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, One Nation Under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.” It has been that way in our history books all of my life. About 7 years ago atheists started making aggressive moves to have the words “One Nation Under God” removed from the pledge. I remember talking to Oliver North (on the radio—the Sean Hannity Show) about this when I first heard about it. I was sickened, as was he, that such a thing would even be considered.

On July 15, 2009 I found where the *Freedom From Religion Foundation* (an atheist organization run by former denominational Assembly of God preacher now turned atheist, Dan Barker) has filed suit in D.C. to keep the words out of the new visitors center. That really doesn’t surprise me much because Dan has been on the rampage for years trying to get Christianity kicked out of society. However, what does bother me is the idea that people who call themselves Christians agreeing with him on it.

Of late some have taken the position that it would be all right to take the words out of the pledge and go back to the way it was before it was inserted in 1954. Atheists argue that it was added because of religious lobbying and for no other reason. This is not the case and they have misconstrued why the phrase “One Nation Under God” and “in God we trust” was inserted in the pledge of allegiance and engraved on our money. WikiAnswers says:

“The Founding Fathers were not responsible for the Pledge of Allegiance. It was written in 1892 by a magazine editor and officially adopted by the US Congress in 1942. The words ‘under God’ were not added until 1954. The intent, according to President Eisenhower was ‘In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America’s heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country’s most powerful resource in peace and war” ([http://wiki.answers.com/Q/What was the founding fathers intent in the words of the pledge of allegiance and the phrase one nation under God](http://wiki.answers.com/Q/What_was_the_founding_fathers_intent_in_the_words_of_the_pledge_of_allegiance_and_the_phrase_one_nation_under_God)),

Wow, to listen to the atheists talk you would have thought that the pledge of allegiance was part of the founding fathers words. Nope, it was written in 1892 and was not adopted by Congress until 1942. Let’s see from 1942 to 1954 it went 12 years without the words “under God” in it as the official pledge of allegiance. So what about all this hoopla about “The pledge was tampered with by Congress in 1954, after generations of schoolchildren had learned the original, godless version composed in 1892” ([http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Maury and Baty/message/16901](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Maury_and_Baty/message/16901))? The Pledge hadn’t even become official until 12 years before the words “Under God” were inserted. No doubt there were children who learned it the other way, before 1942, but it was not something that was official because it was not yet adopted by the government. Until 1942 it was not THE Pledge of Allegiance.

The Bible says “*Righteousness exhalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people*” (Prov. 14:34). The question was recently asked “what does ‘one nation under God’ mean?” What it should mean, and what President Eisenhower, wanted it to mean was that we are a nation of people who are committed to spiritual and moral principles upon which this country was built, and which would constantly strengthen our country’s most powerful resource in peace and war. It is too bad that far too many people today have taken the road of liberalism, skepticism and atheism. Too many people who claim to be religious don’t see a problem with taking the words “under God” out of the pledge of allegiance. Well, then why not just do away with the pledge of allegiance altogether? Why not just do away with the flag and loyalty to it and that for which it stands? Why not take “in God we trust” off of our money, and let’s become a complete godless society. That is, in fact, what the atheists want, and it is their agenda (regardless of how many lies they tell when they say they have no agenda).

As children of God, we are engulfed in a spiritual war: Good is on one side—with Jesus Christ and Evil is on the other side—with Satan. Humanism, atheism, skepticism and even liberalism are not on the side of Good; therefore they are not Jesus’ side. They are on the side of real Evil—the side of Satan. Jesus said “*He that is not with me is not against me*” (Mt. 12:30).

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, Elnora Shanks, Dawn Tivoli, Richard Massey, the Bill Habermehl family, Adrian and Jean Swindler, Nettie B. Shirley, Dixie Stacy, Darrell Conley, and Marvin Howard and his wife in our daily prayers. Sandy Sarchette is having further problems. Let us keep her in our prayers. We also need to remember Danny and Barbara Keeney in our daily prayers.

<p>THOSE TO SERVE July 19, 2009 A.M.</p> <p>Greeters.....Tex & Lois Kinman Announcements.....Jerry McDonald Song Leader.....Andy Shanks Opening Prayer.....Taylor Shanks Lord’s Supper.....David Shanks & Elwood Runge Sermon.....Jerry McDonald Closing Prayer.....Thomas McDonald</p> <p>P.M.</p> <p>Song Leader.....Andy Shanks Opening Prayer.....Elwood Runge Sermon.....Jerry McDonald Closing Prayer.....Thomas McDonald</p> <p>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>Song Leader.....Andy Shanks Opening Prayer.....Elwood Runge Devotional.....David Shanks Closing Prayer.....Andy Shanks</p>	<p>THOSE TO SERVE July 26, 2009 A.M.</p> <p>Greeters.....Thomas McDonald & Elwood Runge Announcements.....Andy Shanks Song Leader.....David Shanks Opening Prayer.....Leroy Thomas Lord’s Supper.....Thomas & Jerry McDonald Sermon.....Jerry McDonald Closing Prayer.....Taylor Shanks</p> <p>P.M.</p> <p>Song Leader.....David Shanks Opening Prayer.....Thomas McDonald Sermon.....Jerry McDonald Closing Prayer.....Andy Shanks</p> <p>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>Song Leader.....David Shanks Opening Prayer.....Jerry McDonald Devotional.....Thomas McDonald Closing Prayer.....Taylor Shanks</p>
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FAIR HAVEN CHILDREN’S HOME

The items for Fair Haven’s Children’s Home will be “Dishwashing Liquid,” and “Pop Tarts.”

Sermons for the Next Two Weeks:

The a.m. lesson for July 19, 2009 is “The High Priesthood of Christ.” The p.m. lesson will be “Every Good Thing Which Is In You.” The a.m. lesson for July 26, 2009 is “A Study of Worship for the Church Today.” The p.m. lesson is “Joy And Consolation In Love.”

The McDonald family will be out of town this week on vacation. They will be back by next Saturday. David Shanks will be bringing the Wednesday evening Bible class lesson and devotional.

The ladies Bible class will be cancelled this month and August as well. It will resume on the third Monday in September.