



# **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

CHRIST-CENTERED, KINGDOM-FOCUSED HOMES



Bible Reading Plan Journal  
January 2026

## **Memory Verses, plan for 2026**

This year, we will be memorizing the first 18 verses of the Gospel of John. Our method will be a few verses each month, with several “review” months. The objective is to keep these verses at the center of our heart, use them in our daily fellowship and influence those around us.

These verses provide a “lens” by which you can read the entire Gospel of John. This prologue is consistent with the writings of the first century, in which the content of the narrative is provided at the start.

John begins with what appears to be a retelling of creation, but then quickly moves into the news that is as important, if not more, than all of creation; the incarnation of the Word: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (1:14). RC Sproul refers to this verse as one of the most profound verses in all of God’s Word.

John introduces many themes in this prologue: “light”, witness, true/genuine, world, glory, truth. John also introduces how the “Word”, whom was with God from eternity past, came into space and time to become the Jesus of history. This disclosed the glory, grace and love of God.

### **Prologue (John 1:1-18). The Revelation of the Word**

- a. Introduction to the Word (1:1-5)
- b. Witness to the Word (1:6-8)
- c. Manifestation of the Word (1:9-14)
- d. Uniqueness of the Word (1:15-18)

Source Material: Exegetical Commentary on the NT, John (Edward W. Klink; Zondervan, 2016); Encountering John (Andreas J. Kostenberger; Baker, 2013), ESV Study Bible (Crossway, 2008); Expositor’s Bible Commentary, John (Merrill C. Tenney, Zondervan, 1981); Pillar NT Commentary, The Gospel According to John (D.A. Carson, Eerdmans, 1981).

## Memory Verses

### **John 1-3**

(The Word became Flesh: Introduction to the Word)

#### **English Standard Version (ESV)**

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2. He was in the beginning with God.
3. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

#### **New International Version (NIV)**

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
2. He was with God in the beginning.
3. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

#### **New Living Translation (NLT)**

1. In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God and the Word was God.
2. He existed in the beginning with God.
3. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him.

Week 1 – January 5-9

## Monday | 2 Samuel 3

**Highlight** (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

**Implication** (What impact does this have on my life?)

**Apply** (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

## Tuesday | 2 Samuel 4

**Highlight** (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

**Implication** (What impact does this have on my life?)

**Apply** (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 1 – January 5-9

## **Wednesday | 2 Samuel 5**

**Highlight** (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

**Implication** (What impact does this have on my life?)

**Apply** (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

## Thursday | 2 Samuel 6

**Highlight** (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

**Implication** (What impact does this have on my life?)

**Apply** (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 1 – January 5-9

## Friday | 2 Samuel 7

**Highlight** (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

**Implication** (What impact does this have on my life?)

**Apply** (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)



Week 2 – January 12-16

## Monday | 2 Samuel 8

**Highlight** (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

**Implication** (What impact does this have on my life?)

**Apply** (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

## Tuesday | 2 Samuel 9

**Highlight** (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

**Implication** (What impact does this have on my life?)

**Apply** (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 2 – January 12-16

## **Wednesday | 2 Samuel 10**

**Highlight** (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

**Implication** (What impact does this have on my life?)

**Apply** (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

## Thursday | 2 Samuel 11

**Highlight** (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

**Implication** (What impact does this have on my life?)

**Apply** (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 2 – January 12-16

## Friday | 2 Samuel 12

**Highlight** (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

**Implication** (What impact does this have on my life?)

**Apply** (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 3 – January 19-23

## Monday | 2 Samuel 13

**Highlight** (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

**Implication** (What impact does this have on my life?)

**Apply** (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

## Tuesday | 2 Samuel 14

**Highlight** (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

**Implication** (What impact does this have on my life?)

**Apply** (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 3 – January 19-23

## **Wednesday | 2 Samuel 15**

**Highlight** (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

**Implication** (What impact does this have on my life?)

**Apply** (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)



## Thursday | 2 Samuel 16

**Highlight** (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

**Implication** (What impact does this have on my life?)

**Apply** (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 3 – January 19-23

## Friday | 2 Samuel 17

**Highlight** (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

**Implication** (What impact does this have on my life?)

**Apply** (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 4 – January 26-30

## Monday | 2 Samuel 18

**Highlight** (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

**Implication** (What impact does this have on my life?)

**Apply** (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

## Tuesday | 2 Samuel 19

**Highlight** (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

**Implication** (What impact does this have on my life?)

**Apply** (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 4 – January 26-30

## **Wednesday | 2 Samuel 20**

**Highlight** (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

**Implication** (What impact does this have on my life?)

**Apply** (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

## Thursday | 2 Samuel 21

**Highlight** (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

**Implication** (What impact does this have on my life?)

**Apply** (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

Week 4 – January 26-30

## Friday | 2 Samuel 22

**Highlight** (Principle, Promise, Command, or Characteristic about God that the Lord brings to you)

**Implication** (What impact does this have on my life?)

**Apply** (How can I respond practically to this in my life?)

## Reading Plan for 2026

Our reading plan for 2026 will continue through the OT narrative of God's chosen people as God honors His covenant by blessing them and building them into a sovereign nation. Like all of God's covenants, God promises blessing for obedience and punishment for disobedience. The children of Israel were punished by losing their independence many times. They were finally exiled thereby losing much of their individual tribal identity (II Kings 25; II Chronicles 36). Even to this day, we know them as the children of Israel; as opposed to ones from the tribe of Reuben, Simeon, Levi, etc. God restored them to Jerusalem (Ezra, Nehemiah) but never restored their national independence.

We will then pick up in the NT with Luke and Acts, God's chosen people under Roman rule. This narrative will trace the incarnation of Jesus, His ministry, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension. We will trace through the narrative and birth of the early church. We will see God's hand upon both the Jews and Gentiles. The Gentiles being blessed through God's chosen people with Christ.

We will next read through the epistles that were written, primarily to the Jews (1&2 Peter, Hebrews), followed by Pauline letters written to the Gentiles (Romans, et al). All contain rich salvation theology.