

# SEPTEMBER 2007

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## CAN WE TRUST GOD?

In the Sunday evening worship service on August 26, we watched a powerful video and studied John 4:27–42. The video asked, “How will you be involved in the harvest?” And, in more than one of the Gospel accounts in the New Testament, Jesus said the fields are white unto harvest. We don’t know when Jesus will return and there are many souls to be saved. Each of us has a place in the harvest and fulfilling Jesus’ Great Commission to go and preach the Gospel unto every nation.

Pastor Green issued a challenge as a part of that message. The challenge was for people to step up and commit to pray over the pews each week. They are to pray for the adults, teens, and

children who fill those pews each week and pray that God will bring people to fill the seats that are empty. Eight people so far have accepted the challenge.

The headline reads, “Can we trust God?” Can we trust Him to fill the pews with people who need to hear the Gospel? Can we trust Him to fill the pews with those who need to grow in Christ?

Is it too presumptuous to ask Him for 800 people in four Sunday worship services including our Hispanic service? Are we limiting God too much if we only ask for 800?

God is up to the task. Are you? What will it take? It will take faith the size of a mustard seed and the power of



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the Holy Spirit. It will take a congregation who comes each week expecting an encounter with God and people who invite others to attend.

Read the special prayer on page 2. Begin to pray now, believing He will bring it to pass in His time.

## WELCOME ABOARD, MILLIE MIRELES

After months of prayer, interviews, and waiting on God, He has seen fit to bring us Millie Mireles to serve as our Children’s Minister.

She has hit the ground running and is working with the officers, teachers, and

other helpers in the Children’s ministry to develop procedures and policies that will promote a structured environment. This will ensure the time we spend with the children will be the most productive and have a positive impact on their lives for

Jesus Christ and His kingdom.

Be in prayer for Millie, the workers, and the children as we seek to remain faithful to the vision God has given us in this area.

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### Special points of interest:

- Pew prayer challenge undertaken.
- Welcome Millie Mireles to the Children’s Minister position.
- God continues to lead church forward in His vision.

*Lord, please ...*

*Fill the Pews,*

*Fill the Pastors,*

*Fill the People.*

Heavenly Father,

We ask for the filling of Your Holy Spirit in this place. Fill each seat of each pew with men, women, teens, and children who need to hear the Good News of Your Son Jesus Christ. Fill the pews with the rich, the middle class, and the poor. Fill each seat with the White, Black, Brown, Red, and Yellow of this community. Bring the tall and the short, the broad and the thin, the loud and the quiet, the hard and the soft. Prepare their hearts and make them receptive to the Gospel. Shower them with love, conviction, and a godly sorrow that leads them to repentance.

Fill, lead, guide, and direct our Pastors. Obscure them and their voices from our view so that only You shine through. Give them knowledge of the Scriptures and wisdom to explain it. Grant them boldness to speak, but compassion to share. Aid them in protecting and feeding the sheep and in imploring the lost to respond to Your call.

Use us as instruments of Your grace. Fill us with Your love to overflowing. Lay before us the opportunities to invite family, friends, co-workers, fellow students, acquaintances, and strangers to attend one of the Sunday services. Remind us our concern is to be faithful, not successful, so that we do our part and not try to do Yours. Strengthen our witness and help us be examples of the change that comes through a personal relationship with You.

Thank You for Your love, Your goodness, and Your grace. Thank You for Your Son Jesus Christ and the gift of eternal life. Thank You for allowing us to be a part of Your plan for the salvation of so many in East Lake County and the surrounding area. Please grant our petitions ...

In the name of Jesus Christ,

Amen

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Meeting times:

Sunday worship—8:15 AM, 10:55 AM, and 12:30 PM (Español)

Sunday School—9:30 AM

Discipleship—Sunday @ 6:30 PM, Tuesday @ 7:00 PM

Wednesday @ 7:00 PM—Adult Encounter, Youth Alive, Kids for Christ

## Schedule of Events

- **Every Tuesday night @ 7:00 pm—Bible Study for Men and Ladies**
- **Sep 3—Labor Day, church office closed**
- **Sep 9, 16, and 23—Spiritual gifts study in the evening service**
- **Sep 9—Deacons' meeting following the evening service**
- **Sep 12—Regular monthly business meeting**
- **Sep 16—Birthday celebration following the evening service**

## FINDING YOUR PLACE IN MINISTRY

The Spiritual Gifts study entitled Finding Your PLACE in Ministry begins September 9th at 6:30 pm. PLACE is a process that will help Christians find their best place of service within their church. The process helps them understand God's unique design for them in ministry.

Each participant goes through three assessments: a personality assessment, a spiritual gifts assessment, and an abilities assessment. They will also discover their passions, what disconnects their passions, and how their experiences have impacted their lives.

This will be a great time of growth and discovery as we seek to find our PLACE in God's vision and ministry at FBC Sorrento. As we learned in our study of the book of Jonah, God has a plan and a purpose for your life. This study will help you to find ways to fulfill that purpose.



PLACE will shine a light on your personality, gifts, and abilities to better serve God through the church.

It is currently scheduled for six weeks during the months of September and October, but we will leave the timing and duration to the leading of the Holy Spirit. There will be plenty of time for discussion and opportunities to ask

questions. There will also be an online feature for those that are interested that will enhance your understanding.

You're welcome to attend the study to learn God's plan for you, but you won't want to miss your chance to have a book to go along with the study. You can still order a book for \$5.00 by September 2nd. Just let Patsy Johnson or Pastor Green know that you need one. We can't guarantee there will be any extra books once the study begins.

# Daily Bible Reading for September

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| <a href="#">01</a> Job 40:1-42:17<br>2 Corinthians 5:11-21<br>Psalm 45:1-17<br>Proverbs 22:14             | <a href="#">02</a> Ecclesiastes 1:1-3:22<br>2 Corinthians 6:1-13<br>Psalm 46:1-11<br>Proverbs 22:15        |
| <a href="#">03</a> Ecclesiastes 4:1-6:12<br>2 Corinthians 6:14-7:7<br>Psalm 47:1-9<br>Proverbs 22:16      | <a href="#">04</a> Ecclesiastes 7:1-9:18<br>2 Corinthians 7:8-16<br>Psalm 48:1-14<br>Proverbs 22:17-19     |
| <a href="#">05</a> Ecclesiastes 10:1-12:14<br>2 Corinthians 8:1-15<br>Psalm 49:1-20<br>Proverbs 22:20-21  | <a href="#">06</a> Song of Solomon 1:1-4:16<br>2 Corinthians 8:16-24<br>Psalm 50:1-23<br>Proverbs 22:22-23 |
| <a href="#">07</a> Song of Solomon 5:1-8:14<br>2 Corinthians 9:1-15<br>Psalm 51:1-19<br>Proverbs 22:24-25 | <a href="#">08</a> Isaiah 1:1-2:22<br>2 Corinthians 10:1-18<br>Psalm 52:1-9<br>Proverbs 22:26-27           |
| <a href="#">09</a> Isaiah 3:1-5:30<br>2 Corinthians 11:1-15<br>Psalm 53:1-6<br>Proverbs 22:28-29          | <a href="#">10</a> Isaiah 6:1-7:25<br>2 Corinthians 11:16-33<br>Psalm 54:1-7<br>Proverbs 23:1-3            |
| <a href="#">11</a> Isaiah 8:1-9:21<br>2 Corinthians 12:1-10<br>Psalm 55:1-23<br>Proverbs 23:4-5           | <a href="#">12</a> Isaiah 10:1-11:16<br>2 Corinthians 12:11-21<br>Psalm 56:1-13<br>Proverbs 23:6-8         |
| <a href="#">13</a> Isaiah 12:1-14:32<br>2 Corinthians 13:1-13<br>Psalm 57:1-11<br>Proverbs 23:9-11        | <a href="#">14</a> Isaiah 15:1-18:7<br>Galatians 1:1-24<br>Psalm 58:1-11<br>Proverbs 23:12                 |
| <a href="#">15</a> Isaiah 19:1-21:17<br>Galatians 2:1-16<br>Psalm 59:1-17<br>Proverbs 23:13-14            | <a href="#">16</a> Isaiah 22:1-24:23<br>Galatians 2:17-3:9<br>Psalm 60:1-12<br>Proverbs 23:15-16           |
| <a href="#">17</a> Isaiah 25:1-28:13<br>Galatians 3:10-22<br>Psalm 61:1-8<br>Proverbs 23:17-18            | <a href="#">18</a> Isaiah 28:14-30:11<br>Galatians 3:23-4:31<br>Psalm 62:1-12<br>Proverbs 23:19-21         |
| <a href="#">19</a> Isaiah 30:12-33:9<br>Galatians 5:1-12<br>Psalm 63:1-11<br>Proverbs 23:22               | <a href="#">20</a> Isaiah 33:10-36:22<br>Galatians 5:13-26<br>Psalm 64:1-10<br>Proverbs 23:23              |
| <a href="#">21</a> Isaiah 37:1-38:22<br>Galatians 6:1-18<br>Psalm 64:1-10<br>Proverbs 23:24               | <a href="#">22</a> Isaiah 39:1-41:16<br>Ephesians 1:1-23<br>Psalm 66:1-20<br>Proverbs 23:25-28             |
| <a href="#">23</a> Isaiah 41:17-43<br>Ephesians 2:1-22<br>Psalm 67:1-7<br>Proverbs 23:29-35               | <a href="#">24</a> Isaiah 43:14-45:10<br>Ephesians 3:1-21<br>Psalm 68:1-18<br>Proverbs 24:1-2              |
| <a href="#">25</a> Isaiah 45:11-48:11<br>Ephesians 4:1-16<br>Psalm 68:19-35<br>Proverbs 24:3-4            | <a href="#">26</a> Isaiah 48:12-50:11<br>Ephesians 4:17-32<br>Psalm 69:1-18<br>Proverbs 24:5-6             |
| <a href="#">27</a> Isaiah 51:1-53:12<br>Ephesians 5:1-33<br>Psalm 69:19-36<br>Proverbs 24:7               | <a href="#">28</a> Isaiah 54:1-57:14<br>Ephesians 6:1-24<br>Psalm 70:1-5<br>Proverbs 24:8                  |
| <a href="#">29</a> Isaiah 57:15-59:21<br>Philippians 1:1-26<br>Psalm 71:1-24<br>Proverbs 24:9-10          | <a href="#">30</a> Isaiah 60:1-62:5<br>Philippians 1:27-2:18<br>Psalm 72:1-20<br>Proverbs 24:11-12         |

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## VISION UPDATE

God is still continuing to lead us forward in His vision. A survey of the church property has been completed, which will allow us to begin to take steps toward the preparation for building the multipurpose building for the Christian school and the new worship center/office/counseling complex.

We are currently in the process of combining our two parcels of land into one. We are also moving forward on the vacation of Craig Avenue, which runs through the rear of our property. Its platted location bisects our current education building and the most likely choice for the placement of the new multipurpose building.

Once these steps are completed, the church property will be approximately 3.7783 acres and we will be ready to begin dealing with site planners and

the Lake County Zoning Department.

Each of these steps presents its own challenge that we are trusting God to overcome. Pray that God will make the process smooth or at the very least that He will make us patient and persistent in our quest to fulfill His vision.

The other parts of the 5 Cs are not sit-

ting still either. The Children's ministry and Cross-cultural ministry continue to flourish. God is giving us the opportunity to minister to a number of individuals and families through the Community Care ministry and the first tier of the Counseling ministry is starting to take on a recognizable form.

As more details are available I will share them with you and keep you up to date. Many of you work in some of these ministries now and there will be the need for more involvement as we move forward.

For all of us, the most important part to play is financially and through prayer.

Love you all,  
Pastor Richard

*The monthly newsletter is designed to inspire, inform, and encourage you. Ministry leaders will be reporting what's going on in their areas of service and let you know about the opportunities God has for you to serve Him.*

*If you have any news that you would like to share, any words of comfort or encouragement, please send them to Pastor Green and he will see that they are included.*

*Remember to be in prayer for the many needs of the church family, those who are ill, and especially those in need of salvation.*

# 5 Cs