



# **Marietta Community Chapel**

# **BREAD**

# **2026**

**Ordinary Time**  
**May 24 - November 28**

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(On the following page you will find the abbreviation “MMC”, this stands for **M**arietta, **M**aytown and **C**olumbia is intended to represent the community and region in which we are located, and in which we minister.

**Why**

**In MMC as It Is in Heaven**

**How**

**Practicing the Way of Jesus,  
Together, in MMC**

**What**

**Be With Jesus, Become Like  
Jesus, Do What Jesus Did**

# Introduction

## Scripture is essential to the way of Jesus....

While God speaks in many different ways, the Bible is our solid foundation. In a world full of deception and lies, scripture is a light to our path and a lamp to our feet (Psalm 119:105).

The story of the Bible is the story of Jesus, and culminates with the gospels that proclaim the in-breaking of the kingdom of God.

Scripture was an irreplaceable part of Jesus' life and ministry; he lived and taught as if they were authoritative. He consistently turned to them as integral part of how he interacted with the world.

When tempted, Jesus turned to the scriptures. When confronted by the Pharisees, he turned to the scriptures. When speaking of the end of the age, he referred to the prophecy of scripture. When asked about marriage, or fasting, he turned to the scriptures. By now, you get the idea!

As mentioned above, our goal as disciples of Jesus is to ***“be with HIM, become like HIM and do the things that HE did”***. To be like Jesus is to be scripture saturated and Spirit led.

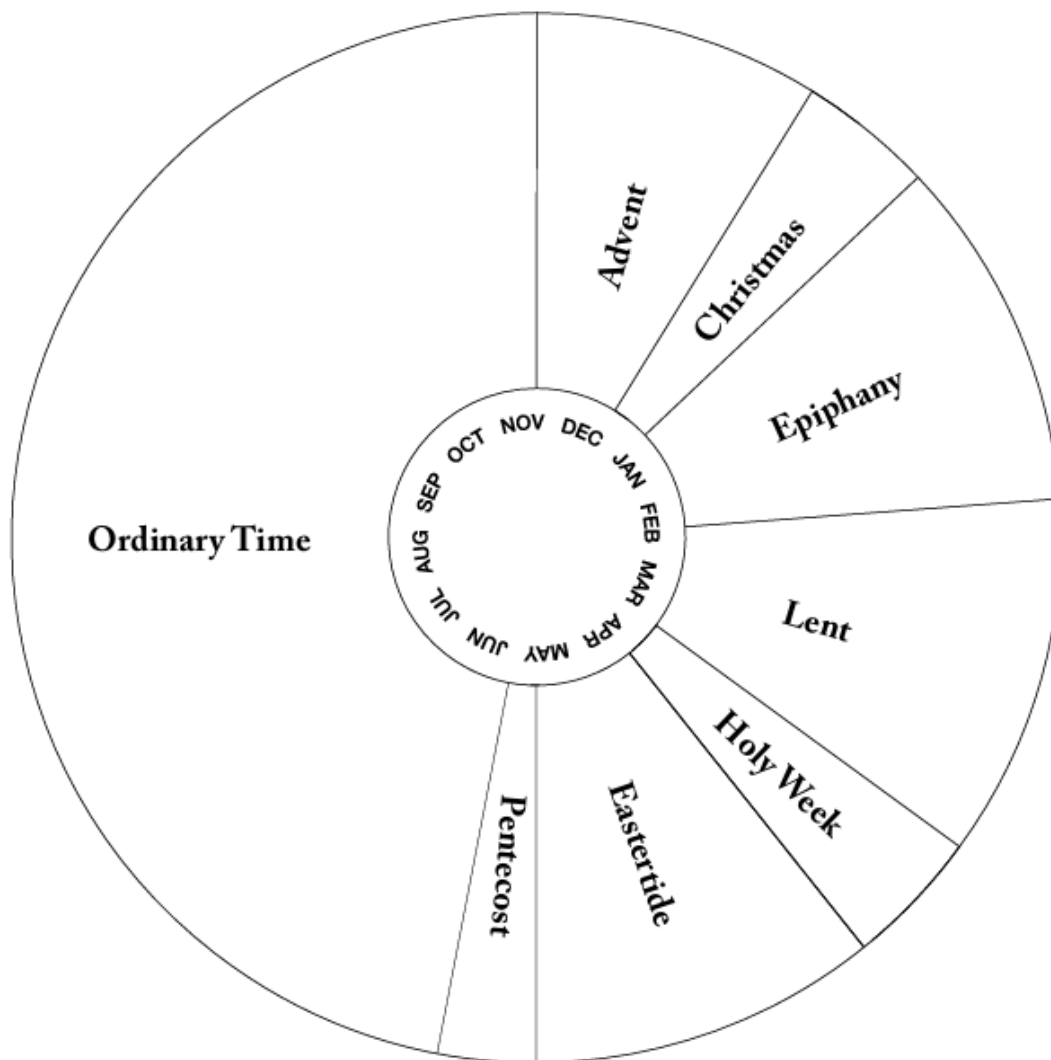
I would be delighted if we engaged in this together, as a *faith family*. We become of “one passion” by sharing in life together, and I believe, an integral part of that is reading and engaging scripture together.

## What is the Holy Spirit saying to you?

## How should we pray?

# The Church Calendar

As the Western church, we live in the tension between two rhythms of time. Our cultural calendar—which gives order to our school and vacation schedules—ends in December shortly after Christmas. But the Christian church calendar tells a different story. Following the life of Jesus, the church calendar begins instead with the longing of Advent and the fulfillment of his birth. So, while BREAD moves to the cadence of the cultural year, we remember that when December whispers of endings, the story of Jesus reminds us we are only at the beginning.



"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

— Jesus, John 6:48–51

# I. BREAD

Practice listening for God's voice in Scripture through lectio divina, expressed here through the acronym BREAD (see below). Lectio divina, or BREAD, is an ancient and time tested method of meeting with God in the pages of the Bible. Choose from one of the four readings (a shorter passage is best), and simply spend time allowing the Spirit to guide you through the following prompts:

**Be still:** Start by putting away your devices or any distractions and get into a comfortable but alert position. Take a moment to let the noise of your mind settle. Become present to your breath, and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your time.

**Read:** When you're ready, read through the Scripture for that day. After a minute or two, read the passage again slowly. As you read, notice what stands out to you in the passage and write it down.

**Encounter:** Meditate on what God highlighted to you in the passage by journaling through questions like: Where does this intersect with my current life and circumstances? What might God want me to know about himself, myself, or others? Is God revealing a lie or truth he wants me to notice and respond to? What else might God be saying to me?

**Apply:** Next, begin to name and write down how God might want you to carry what he's saying into your day. What truth do you need to hold onto today? How might God want to change you through this passage? Write down how you are going to apply this truth practically today.

**Devote:** Finally pray, maybe even write a prayer, committing yourself to what God has been revealing to you and how you want to be transformed by him and his truth. Take time to listen to what God is saying in response to your prayer. You might write out a prayer of lament or of gratitude.

## II. Read All Four Passages

Simply read through all four of the daily Scripture passages as an exercise in immersing yourself in God's word. Engaging with Scripture as divinely inspired narrative helps us shape our imagination and worldview, reminding us that we too are part of God's ongoing story of redemption.

While BREAD and praying the Psalms are practices for depth, reading full passages of Scripture on an ongoing basis gives a breadth of knowledge of the story of God and his people that is equally integral and formative in our apprenticeship to Jesus. By spending time day in and day out in the Scriptures, we learn the character of God and learn to recognize the voice of our shepherd in our everyday lives.

## III. Pray the Psalms

Within the book of Psalms, you'll find prayers and hymns expressing the full spectrum of human emotion: joy, depression, adoration, fury, desperation, delight, and more. The authors of the Psalms brought their full selves before God in prayer, offering us a template for how to pray with radical honesty: praising God, expressing our full selves and true feelings, seeking God's will to be done, and asking for what we want and need. Praying the day's Psalm can be as simple as reading the words aloud as if it were your own prayer, allowing the words and emotions to give shape and color to your interaction with God. In the same way singing other people's songs helps us find new words for what we are experiencing, praying other people's prayers can help us find new ways of expressing what is deepest in our hearts.

Praying the Psalms can also involve creativity—use it to craft a song or poem by rewriting Scripture in your own words, or create a piece of visual art. The point is simply to allow the Psalm to springboard you into deeper conversation with God. You can choose one mode of engaging with Scripture for a season, or switch it up day by day. Ultimately, our goal is to become people shaped by Biblical truth and living out the Biblical story.

# Ordinary Time

May 25 – November 28

Ordinary Time is the longest season of the church calendar, stretching from Pentecost to the beginning of Advent. Epiphany, Lent, Pentecost, and even Advent invite us to reflect on and anticipate major shifts: resurrection, the birth of the Messiah, and light breaking through darkness. Ordinary Time asks us: What do we do after we receive this gift of new life? We live faithfully. We practice resurrection in our regular, every day, “ordinary” life.

We must remember, however, that something being ordinary does not stop it from being sacred. Every part of creation—big and small—is being redeemed and restored to God. Each moment in our lives is an opportunity to live out the story of redemption, from the casual hidden act to the grandest or most public moments of our lives. In Ordinary Time, we live out and lean into our own ongoing conversion to be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus did.

Historically, Ordinary Time has been an opportunity to reflect on the humanity of Jesus, and many of the themes we will encounter and explore in the coming months will focus on his life, ministry, teachings, and the various ways in which we, the church, are invited to carry on his ministry on earth.

**May 24-30**

<b>Sunday +</b> Psalm 114 Deuteronomy 16v9–12 Acts 2v1–12 Luke 10v25–28, 38–42	<b>Monday</b> Psalm 25 Proverbs 10v1–12 1 Timothy 1v1–17 Matthew 12v22–32	<b>Tuesday*</b> Psalm 39 Proverbs 15v16–33 1 Timothy 1v18–2v8 Matthew 12v33–42
<b>Wednesday</b> Psalm 119v25–48 Proverbs 17v1–20 1 Timothy 3v1–16 Matthew 12v43–50	<b>Thursday</b> Psalm 37v19–42 Proverbs 21v30–22v6 1 Timothy 4v1–16 Matthew 13v24–30	<b>Friday</b> Psalm 35 Proverbs 23v19–24v2 1 Timothy 5v17–25 Matthew 13v31–35
<b>Saturday</b> Psalm 43 Proverbs 25v15–28 1 Timothy 6v6–21 Matthew 13v36–43		

\* **Tuesday MCC Family Prayer** - Using the church directory, pray for those with the last name starting with **A - G**.

\*\* **Faith in Action** - Spend some time listening in prayer to what the Holy Spirit is saying to you through these passages. How is God speaking to you? Share this with another person this week!

**Weekly Reflection: (Consider gathering with others to do this!)**

As you think about how God has given the gift of His Spirit, what most deeply resonates with you?

In what area of your life do you feel God is currently working?

Where are you finding joy and satisfaction in Jesus this season?

## May 31- Jun 6

<b>Sunday</b> Psalm 63 Ecclesiastes 1v1–11 Acts 8v26–40 Luke 11v1–13	<b>Monday</b> Psalm 41 Ecclesiastes 2v1–15 Galatians 1v1–17 Matthew 13v44–52	<b>Tuesday*</b> Psalm 45 Ecclesiastes 2v16–26 Galatians 1v18–2v10 Matthew 13v53–58
<b>Wednesday</b> Psalm 119v49–72 Ecclesiastes 3v1–15 Galatians 2v11–21 Matthew 14v1–12	<b>Thursday</b> Psalm 8 Ecclesiastes 3v16–4v3 Galatians 3v1–14 Matthew 14v13–21	<b>Friday</b> Psalm 40 Ecclesiastes 5v1–7 Galatians 3v15–22 Matthew 14v22–36
<b>Saturday</b> Psalm 55 Ecclesiastes 5v8–20 Galatians 3v23–4v11 Matthew 15v1–20		

\* **Tuesday MCC Family Prayer** - Using the church directory, pray for those with the last name starting with **H, I**

\*\* **Faith in Action** - How has God been at work in your life this past week(s)? Perhaps, you might consider sharing a testimony in our Sunday sharing time. Write it down, pray about it and see what the Lord says.

### **Weekly Reflection: (Consider gathering with others to do this!)**

Which psalm from this week's readings impacted you? How?

What do you sense the Holy Spirit saying to you through this passage?

What step(s) might you take to respond to this prompting of the Holy Spirit?

**Jun 7 - 13**

<p><b>Sunday</b> Psalm 24 Ecclesiastes 6 Acts 10v9–23 Luke 12v32–40</p>	<p><b>Monday</b> Psalm 65 Ecclesiastes 7v1–14 Galatians 4v12–20 Matthew 15v21–28</p>	<p><b>Tuesday*</b> Psalm 62 Ecclesiastes 8v14–9v10 Galatians 4v21–31 Matthew 15v29–39</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> Psalm 72 Ecclesiastes 9v11–18 Galatians 5v1–15 Matthew 16v1–12</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> Psalm 71 Ecclesiastes 11v1–8 Galatians 5v16–24 Matthew 16v13–20</p>	<p><b>Friday</b> Psalm 69 Ecclesiastes 11v9–12v14 Galatians 5v25–6v10 Matthew 16v21–28</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b> Psalm 75 Numbers 3v1–13 Galatians 6v11–18 Matthew 17v1–13</p>		

\* **Tuesday MCC Family Prayer** - Using the church directory, pray for those with the last name starting with **J, K**

\*\* **Faith in Action** - Who has God put on your heart to reach out and invest in? How are you engaging in relationship with them? Has God opened a door for you to speak into their life?

**Weekly Reflection: (Consider gathering with others to do this!)**

Which passage of scripture most impacted you this past week? Why?

What do you sense the Holy Spirit saying to you through this passage?

What step(s) might you take to respond to this prompting of the Holy Spirit?

**Jun 14 - 20**

<b>Sunday</b> Psalm 93 Numbers 6v22–27 Acts 13v1–12 Luke 12v41–48	<b>Monday</b> Psalm 80 Numbers 10v29–36 Romans 1v1–15 Matthew 17v14–21	<b>Tuesday*</b> Psalm 78v40–72 Numbers 11v1–23 Romans 1v16–25 Matthew 17v22–27
<b>Wednesday</b> Psalm 119v97–120 Numbers 11v24–35 Romans 1v28–2v11 Matthew 18v1–9	<b>Thursday</b> Psalm 86 Numbers 12v1–16 Romans 2v12–24 Matthew 18v10–20	<b>Friday</b> Psalm 88 Numbers 13v1–3, 21–30 Romans 2v25–3v8 Matthew 18v21–35
<b>Saturday</b> Psalm 87 Numbers 13v31–14v25 Romans 3v9–20 Matthew 19v1–12		

\* **Tuesday MCC Family Prayer** - Using the church directory, pray for those with the last name starting with **L - O**

\*\* **Faith in Action** - What kind of season are you currently in? A season of joy, a season of sadness, perhaps one of confusion. Write out a prayer to the Lord expressing the stirrings of your heart.

### **Weekly Reflection: (Consider gathering with others to do this!)**

Which passage of scripture most impacted you this past week? Why?

What do you sense the Holy Spirit saying to you through this passage?

What step(s) might you take to respond to this prompting of the Holy Spirit?

**Jun 21 - 27**

<b>Sunday</b> Psalm 19 Numbers 14v26–45 Acts 15v1–12 Luke 12v49–56	<b>Monday</b> Psalm 89v1–18 Numbers 16v1–19 Romans 3v21–31 Matthew 19v13–22	<b>Tuesday*</b> Psalm 100 Numbers 16v20–35 Romans 4v1–12 Matthew 19v23–30
<b>Wednesday</b> Psalm 119v121–144 Numbers 16v36–50 Romans 4v13–25 Matthew 20v1–16	<b>Thursday</b> Psalm 105v1–22 Numbers 17v1–11 Romans 5v1–11 Matthew 20v17–28	<b>Friday</b> Psalm 102 Numbers 20v1–13 Romans 5v12–21 Matthew 20v29–34
<b>Saturday</b> Psalm 3 Numbers 20v14–29 Romans 6v1–11 Matthew 21v1–11		

\* **Tuesday MCC Family Prayer** - Using the church directory, pray for those with the last name starting with **P-S**.

\*\* **Faith in Action** - Are you part of a small group that regularly meets to engage with scripture, be in relationship and worship together? If not, what is holding you back?

### **Weekly Reflection: (Consider gathering with others to do this!)**

Which passage of scripture most impacted you this past week? Why?

What do you sense the Holy Spirit saying to you through this passage?

What step(s) might you take to respond to this prompting of the Holy Spirit?

## Jun 28 - July 4

<b>Sunday</b> Psalm 145 Numbers 21v4–9 Acts 17v12–34 Luke 13v10–17	<b>Monday</b> Psalm 106v19–48 Numbers 22v1–20 Romans 6v12–23 Matthew 21v12–22	<b>Tuesday*</b> Psalm 121 Numbers 22v21–38 Romans 7v1–12 Matthew 21v23–32
<b>Wednesday</b> Psalm 128 Numbers 22v41–23v12 Romans 7v13–25 Matthew 21v33–46	<b>Thursday</b> Psalm 132 Numbers 23v13–26 Romans 8v1–11 Matthew 22v1–14	<b>Friday</b> Psalm 142 Numbers 24v1–14 Romans 8v12–17 Matthew 22v15–22
<b>Saturday</b> Psalm 144 Numbers 24v15–25 Romans 8v18–25 Matthew 22v23–40		

\* **Tuesday MCC Family Prayer** - Using the church directory, pray for those with the last name starting with **T - Z**

\*\* **Faith in Action** - Consider serving someone practically in your neighborhood this week. How might you come alongside them to extend the love of Jesus to them?

### **Weekly Reflection: (Consider gathering with others to do this!)**

Which passage of scripture most impacted you this past week? Why?

What do you sense the Holy Spirit saying to you through this passage?

What step(s) might you take to respond to this prompting of the Holy Spirit?

## July 5 - 11

<b>Sunday</b> Psalm 111 Numbers 27v12–23 Acts 19v11–20 Mark 1v14–20	<b>Monday</b> Psalm 3 Numbers 32v1–6, 16–27 Romans 8v26–30 Matthew 23v1–12	<b>Tuesday*</b> Psalm 10 Numbers 35v1–15, 30–34 Romans 8v31–39 Matthew 23v13–26
<b>Wednesday</b> Psalm 13 Deuteronomy 1v1–18 Romans 9v1–18 Matthew 23v27–39	<b>Thursday</b> Psalm 18v1–20 Deuteronomy 3v18–28 Romans 9v19–33 Matthew 24v1–14	<b>Friday</b> Psalm 22 Deuteronomy 31v7–32v4 Romans 10v1–13 Matthew 24v15–31
<b>Saturday</b> Psalm 110 Deuteronomy 34v1–12 Romans 10v14–21 Matthew 24v32–51		

\* **Tuesday MCC Family Prayer** - Using the church directory, pray for those with the last name starting with **A - G**.

\*\* **Faith in Action** - Consider asking the Holy Spirit to lead you to a person to pray for today and then when you get the nudge, step out in faith and ask them if and how you could pray for them.

### **Weekly Reflection: (Consider gathering with others to do this!)**

Which passage of scripture most impacted you this past week? Why?

What do you sense the Holy Spirit saying to you through this passage?

What step(s) might you take to respond to this prompting of the Holy Spirit?

## July 12 - 18

<b>Sunday</b> Psalm 115 Joshua 1v1–18 Acts 21v3–15 Mark 1v21–27	<b>Monday</b> Psalm 9 Joshua 2v1–14 Romans 11v1–12 Matthew 25v1–13	<b>Tuesday*</b> Psalm 26 Joshua 2v15–24 Romans 11v13–24 Matthew 25v14–30
<b>Wednesday</b> Psalm 38 Joshua 3v1–13 Romans 11v25–36 Matthew 25v31–46	<b>Thursday</b> Psalm 37v1–18 Joshua 3v14–4v7 Romans 12v1–8 Matthew 26v1–16	<b>Friday</b> Psalm 31 Joshua 4v19–5v1, 10–15 Romans 12v9–21 Matthew 26v17–25
<b>Saturday</b> Psalm 30 Joshua 6v1–14 Romans 13v1–7 Matthew 26v26–35		

\* **Tuesday MCC Family Prayer** - Using the church directory, pray for those with the last name starting with **H, I**.

\*\* **Faith in Action** - Consider calling a brother/sister in Christ today, or this week and find out what is going on in their lives. Pray for them.

### **Weekly Reflection: (Consider gathering with others to do this!)**

Which passage of scripture most impacted you this past week? Why?

What do you sense the Holy Spirit saying to you through this passage?

What step(s) might you take to respond to this prompting of the Holy Spirit?

**July 19 - 25**

<p><b>Sunday</b>          Pssalm 98          Joshua 6v15–27          Acts 22v30–23v11          Mark 2v1–12</p>	<p><b>Monday</b>          Psalm 52          Joshua 7v1–13          Romans 13v8–14          Matthew 26v36–46</p>	<p><b>Tuesday*</b>          Psalm 47          Joshua 8v1–22          Romans 14v1–12          Matthew 26v47–56</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b>          Psalm 49          Joshua 8v30–35          Romans 14v13–23          Matthew 26v57–68</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b>          Psalm 67          Joshua 9v3–21          Romans 15v1–13          Matthew 26v69–75</p>	<p><b>Friday</b>          Psalm 54          Joshua 9v22–10v15          Romans 15v14–24          Matthew 27v1–10</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b>          Psalm 138          Joshua 23v1–16          Romans 15v25–33          Matthew 27v11–23</p>		

\* **Tuesday MCC Family Prayer** - Using the church directory, pray for those with the last name starting with **J, K**.

\*\* **Faith in Action** - Pray for our nations leaders, and our spiritual leaders this week. Consider praying for our bishpop Keith Blank in his role over our body. Pray for wisdom and discernment, to know what is true and right in any situation.

**Weekly Reflection: (Consider gathering with others to do this!)**

Which passage of scripture most impacted you this past week? Why?

What do you sense the Holy Spirit saying to you through this passage?

What step(s) might you take to respond to this prompting of the Holy Spirit?

**July 26 - Aug 1**

<p><b>Sunday</b>          Psalm 29          Joshua 24v1–15          Acts 28v23–31          Mark 2v23–28</p>	<p><b>Monday</b>          Psalm 56          Joshua 24v16–33          Romans 16v1–16          Matthew 27v24–31</p>	<p><b>Tuesday*</b>          Psalm 68          Judges 2v1–5, 11–23          Romans 16v17–27          Matthew 27v32–44</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b>          Psalm 119v73–96          Judges 3v12–30          Acts 1v1–14          Matthew 27v45–54</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b>          Psalm 74          Judges 4v4–23          Acts 1v15–26          Matthew 27v55–66</p>	<p><b>Friday</b>          Psalm 73          Judges 5v1–18          Acts 2v1–21          Matthew 28v1–10</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b>          Psalm 76          Judges 5v19–31          Acts 2v22–36          Matthew 28v11–20</p>		

\* **Tuesday MCC Family Prayer** - Using the church directory, pray for those with the last name starting with **L - O**.

\*\* **Faith in Action** - Consider praying for the persecuted church around the world this week. Our brothers and sisters in Nigeria are viciously under attack every day. Many have love their lives at the hands of Islamic terrorists. Pray for strength and for them to remain faithful to Jesus in the midst of it all. Pray for the widows to experience God’s presence.

**Weekly Reflection: (Consider gathering with others to do this!)**

Which passage of scripture most impacted you this past week? Why?

What do you sense the Holy Spirit saying to you through this passage?

What step(s) might you take to respond to this prompting of the Holy Spirit?

Aug 2 - 8

<b>Sunday</b> Psalm 96 Judges 6v1–24 2 Corinthians 9v6–15 Mark 3v20–30	<b>Monday</b> Psalm 77 Judges 6v25–40 Acts 2v37–47 John 1v1–18	<b>Tuesday*</b> Psalm 78v1–39 Judges 7v1–18 Acts 3v1–11 John 1v19–28
<b>Wednesday</b> Psalm 81 Judges 7v19–8v12 Acts 3v12–26 John 1v29–51	<b>Thursday</b> Psalm 83 Judges 8v22–35 Acts 4v1–12 Matthew 17v1–8	<b>Friday</b> Psalm 91 Judges 9v1–21 Acts 4v13–31 John 2v1–12
<b>Saturday</b> Psalm 90 Judges 9v22–25, 50–57 Acts 4v32–5v11 John 2v13–25		

\* **Tuesday MCC Family Prayer** - Using the church directory, pray for those with the last name starting with **P - S**.

\*\* **Faith in Action** - Consider praying for one of the other churches in our district family - Mountville Mennonite, Mount Joy Mennonite or East Petersburg Mennonite. Pray for the leading of the Spirit in their gatherings and for missional engagement in their communities.

### **Weekly Reflection: (Consider gathering with others to do this!)**

Which passage of scripture most impacted you this past week? Why?

What do you sense the Holy Spirit saying to you through this passage?

What step(s) might you take to respond to this prompting of the Holy Spirit?

**Aug 9 - 15**

<b>Sunday</b> Psalm 46 Judges 11v1–11, 29–40 2 Cor. 11v21b–31 Mark 4v35–41	<b>Monday</b> Psalm 89v19–52 Judges 12v1–7 Acts 5v12–26 John 3v1–21	<b>Tuesday*</b> Psalm 94 Judges 13v1–14 Acts 5v27–42 John 3v22–36
<b>Wednesday</b> Psalm 101 Judges 13v15–24 Acts 6v1–15 John 4v1–26	<b>Thursday</b> Psalm 105v23–45 Judges 14v1–19 Acts 6v15–7v16 John 4v27–42	<b>Friday</b> Psalm 107v1–32 Judges 14v20–15v20 Acts 7v17–29 John 4v43–54
<b>Saturday</b> Psalm 107v33–43 Judges 16v1–14 Acts 7v30–43 John 5v1–18		

\* **Tuesday MCC Family Prayer** - Using the church directory, pray for those with the last name starting with **T - Z**

\*\* **Faith in Action** - Spend some time listening in prayer to what the Holy Spirit is saying to you through these passages. How is God speaking to you? Share this with another person this week!

## **Weekly Reflection: (Consider gathering with others to do this!)**

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