

2 Chronicles 7:14

"This well-known verse states God's requirements for blessing: humility, prayer, devotion, and repentance." Ryrie Study Bible

- **Setting of the verse**

"The Resurrection of Jesus is sometimes called the Father's "Amen" to the Son's "It is finished." Verses 12–22 certainly present God's "Amen" to Solomon's finishing the temple (7:11)." The Preacher's Commentary

- **Meaning of the verse**

"Israel belonged to God. She was The only nation upon which His name had been called." KJV Commentary

"Israel enjoyed a special covenant relationship with the Lord that no other nation has ever had." Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Commentary

"Here the phrase *heal their land* means restore the damage done by the drought, locusts and plague mentioned in v. 13." Net Bible Notes

"This passage shows how to avoid the consequences of disobedience: submit to God, pray, and repent (i.e., change direction, not just feeling; v. 14)." Tom Constable

- **What it does NOT mean**

"Unlike Israel, Christians have not been called as a nation. Therefore, God's promise of healing the land cannot be applied universally to all national and international arenas of public life today." Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Commentary

"I can't find anywhere in the New Testament where the Lord has promised to heal a piece of real estate... Nowhere are we promised a land or healing in our land." J. Vernon McGee

- **What it means today**

"The words 'pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways' describe what humbling ourselves means. It means abandoning hope in ourselves to rely completely on God. And it means abandoning our own sinful ways to respond wholeheartedly to God's known will." The Bible Readers Companion

"Those who believe must forsake their sins, turn from the life that is centered in self, and yield to God's word and will. Then, and only then, will heaven send revival." The Wycliffe Bible Commentary

"To God, forgiveness follows repentance. And repentance is not merely saying, "I am sorry." Neither is it accomplished by tears and a sad countenance. True repentance means turning away from wicked ways—from thoughts and acts that displease God—and turning *toward* a life that reflects godly ways." Word in Life Study Bible

"God has not promised specifically to heal the land of other believers who obey Him. However, He has promised to bless generally those who do so (Ps. 1; Matt 6:33; Gal. 6:7–8; et al.)." Tom Constable

Morning Worship Services

August 15, 2010

Prelude	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Newton
Call to Worship	<i>New Day Dawning</i>	One Accord
Welcome		Dr. Gambrell
Praise	<i>My Life Is In You Lord</i> <i>You're Worthy of My Praise</i>	Gardner Ruis
Invocation		Rev. Hayes
Children's Message		Rev. Hayes
(11:00 a.m. Children 3 years to kindergarten may leave for Children's Church)		
Building on Our Heritage	Update	Porter Kennington
Scripture Reading	2 Chronicles 7:11-22	Dr. Gambrell
Hymn	<i>He Touched Me (vv 1,2)</i>	Gaither
Offertory	Centri-Kid and Youth Camp	Video
Sermon Text	2 Chronicles 7:14	Rev. Hayes
Special Music	<i>I'm Too Near Home</i>	One Accord
Message	2 Chronicles 7:14	Dr. Gambrell
Hymn 466	<i>Send a Great Revival</i>	McKinney
Response 456	<i>Lord, Be Glorified</i>	Kilpatrick



The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Chip, Mylissa and Will Bellamy in honor of Matthew's birthday on August 18th. Remembering his smile and the joy he blessed us all with for 11 beautiful years. Also given in gratitude for the love and continued prayers from our First Baptist family.



Welcome to Worship

*If my people,
who are called by my name,
will humble themselves
and pray and seek
my face and turn
from their wicked ways,
then will I hear from heaven
and will forgive their sin
and will heal their land.*

2 Chronicles 7:14

Evening Worship Service

August 15, 2010—6:30 p.m.

Centri-Kid and Youth Report

Morning Worship Greeters - 9:30 a.m.

Front Door: Vi and Hank Crawford
Side Door: Sandy Hawley and CeCe McComb
Drive-Thru: Pat and Larry Criminger
Welcome Desk: Lois Bellamy

Today's Ushers

8:30 a.m. Duke Foyle and Ken Plummer
11:00 a.m. Charlie Bellamy, Russ Courtney, Will Gambrell, Cary Smith, Taylor Smith
6:30 p.m. Wayne Carey and Dwain Spivey

Worship Nursery/Children's Church Volunteers – 11:00 a.m.

Nursery: Kristen Lowe
Children's Church: Monroe and Susie Tickle

Security Duty Next Week

Aug 22—Aug 25 Paul Prevatte and Bill Hoke

Notes

Building on Our Heritage

Here again is the quote from the May 14, 2010 *Open Windows* - "A church is truly blessed by those who, no matter their relative wealth or poverty, have learned to give out of the worship of their hearts." We believe God led us to this building plan. The Family Life Center has been a blessing to us in many ways. We can also be blessed giving to the building fund and knowing we have a part in the future of our church.

Ocean Baptism and Beach Service

We are planning an ocean baptism and beach service, Sunday, August 22 at 6:00 p.m., at 1st Avenue South. Contact the church office if you are interested in participating.

Evening of Testimony and Music

Mark your calendars to join us Sunday, August 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center when Jason and Christine Cox will offer an evening of testimony and music. Jason and Christine are part of our Contemporary Worship Service praise team. Both have been singing and entertaining professionally for several years.

Yard Sale Storage

Our Heavenly Treasures Yard Sale is set for September 10 and 11 in the Family Life Center. We have secured storage space so we can begin accepting your large donations such as furniture, appliances, rugs, etc. For information contact Ron Bruce. We will also start taking donations in the Family Life Center Monday, September 6.

Dates to Remember

Monday, August 16

6:00 p.m.

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, August 22

6:00 p.m.

*Ocean Baptism and Beach Service
1st Avenue South*

Wednesday, August 25

6:30 p.m.

*Called Church Conference
Nominating Committee Report*

Sunday, August 29

6:30 p.m.

*Jason and Christine Cox
Evening of Music and Testimony
Family Life Center*

Tuesday, September 7

11:30 a.m.

Lunch Bunch—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 8

6:30 p.m.

GAs Begin

September 10-11

8:00 a.m.

*Heavenly Treasures Yard Sale
Family Life Center*

Saturday, September 11

7:30 a.m.

Men's Prayer Breakfast at Friendly's

September 12-19

Season of Prayer for SC Missions

Sunday, September 12

8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Observance of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, September 12

5:00 p.m.

Deacons' Meeting

Sunday, September 12

6:30 p.m.

Ordination of Deacons

Sunday, September 19

Janie Chapman Offering

Church Goal \$2,500

Sunday, October 10

World Hunger

Activities for the Week

Sunday

Chapel Choir Practice	8:00 a.m.
Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
Coffee, Juice, Donuts	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (for all ages)	9:45 a.m.
Contemporary Service	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:30 p.m.

Monday

Quilting Class	10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Budget and Finance Committee Meeting	6:00 p.m.
12 Step Program	8:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Weekly Visitation	6:30 p.m.
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Wednesday

Prayer Service	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.
12 Step Program	8:00 p.m.

Sunday

Ocean Baptism and Beach Service	6:00 p.m.
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