

Friday, June 24: Read [Numbers 16](#)

This incident in Israel's history is known as "Korah's Rebellion." One man stands up against God's leader and creates a division. This is not unlike what happens in many churches when someone publicly opposes the pastor. What was Korah's concern and how does Moses handle his complaint? Ultimately, what does God do to vindicate Moses and punish the guilty? How can we avoid similar incidents in churches today? Note instructions for leaders ([1 Thes. 2:1-12](#)) and for the congregation ([Heb. 13:7, 17](#)).

#### Pray for Our Missionaries

**Juan & Adriana Palacios** (Angola Africa), **Ivan & Kim Hoyt** (Argentina), **David & Miriam Trott** (Cochabamba, Bolivia), **Mario Bloise** (Argentina), **Nate & MaryBeth Brace** (Kentucky), **Dan & DeAnn Gerard** (San Antonio, TX), **Robert Newkirk** (Jesus Film), **Craig & Shelly Shafer** (Sentani, Indonesia), **Randy & Kari Ash**, **John Smith** (CEF), **Mike & Fran VanBruggen** (S. Africa), **Sue Sanders** (Detroit, MI), **Matt Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezonski** (Wycliffe), **Danielle Tucker** (leaving in September), **Andrew & Sara Williams**.

#### Specific Concerns:

**Katie deAraujo** going to Brazil for 50 days. Please pray that God will work in and through her, to blanket her in peace, love and safety.

**Madelyn Albright** is going to Tijuana, June 24. She will serve where Spectrum needs her.

**Robert Newkirk** (Jesus Film) asked for both prayers and additional financial support. He had funeral expenses for his brother's death to suicide and unexpected dental problems (\$8,000 additional costs).

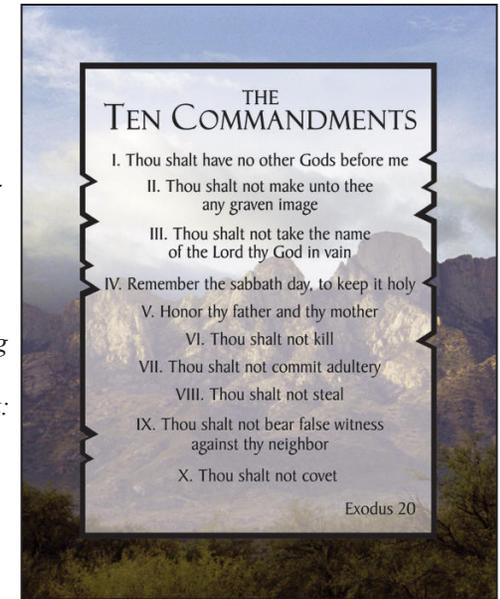
#### Pray this weekend:

- Review of the week (Thank God for answered prayer)
- Note any ongoing concerns to pray for the week.
- Praise God that He is working in your life. You are growing in your faith.

## Spiritual Disciplines

### Reading Assignments

- *Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.*
- *Read the chapters of the Bible according to the date.*
- *Underline any meaningful verses and take note of specific advice or wisdom gleaned from your reading.*
- *Note any unclear passages or teaching and seek insight, answers or help.*
- *Think about what you're reading. Ask:*
  1. *How does this apply to me?*
  2. *Are there any temptations to avoid, sins to confess, commands to obey or promises to claim?*
  3. *What insight do I gain on God, myself, others, or life?*
- *Ask God to show you any specific action you need to take as you read.*



## Weekly Readings

Monday, June 20: Read [Exodus 24](#)

1. Moses is writing down all that God says in the "book of the covenant." We know this today as the Pentateuch—the first five books of the Bible; also called "the Book of Moses." Moses' generation of Israelites pledge full obedience. According to [Hebrews 3:7-19, 8:7-9](#), where did that generation fail?

2. [Exodus 24:8](#) says Moses sprinkled the people with "the blood of the covenant." Why blood? Read [Hebrews 9:19-28](#). Consider how Christ's blood now cleanses us from sin under the new covenant. Take time to thank God for your own forgiveness through Christ's sacrificial death. Pledge to obey Christ with the help of the Holy Spirit.

#### Pray for personal growth:

1. *My relationship with God.*
2. *My life roles*
3. *My personal needs/weak areas*
4. *Goals and objectives*

**Tuesday**, June 21: Read [Deuteronomy 6](#)

Deuteronomy means second law. This is the second time Moses gives the nation God's Law; only it's with the next generation. Read through the text and note the benefits of obedience, as well as the consequences of disregarding God's Law. Notice the emphasis on personal application of scripture within the family in [verses 4-8, 20-25](#).

Pray for family and friends by name.

**Wednesday** June 22: Read [Deuteronomy 8](#)

The emphasis of Deuteronomy is to remember and not to forget the Lord ([verses 11, 18](#)). God is looking for more than mental assent to His existence. He wants the people's heart! According to [verse 2](#), why did Israel go through so many trials? What is the difference between a proud heart and a humble heart? What kind of heart for God do you have today? How might God seek to use trials in your own life according to [Hebrews 12:4-13](#)?

Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

**(Consider fasting one, two, or meals this day.)**

- a. Pastors: Pray for God's grace & guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for the Youth and children's ministries here at BGCC.
- b. Worship: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.
- c. Fellowship: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers.
- d. Discipleship: ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people.
- e. Outreach: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ.
- f. Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future Pray for God's clear leading in 2016 and beyond.

**Thursday**, June 23: Read [Deuteronomy 9](#)

God calls the Israelites "stiff-necked." What does that mean? Why did He choose them and deliver them from Egypt into Canaan? Moses mentions 5 previous incidents where that generation rebelled against God. [Verses 7-21](#) recount the Golden Calf story. [Verses 22-23](#) cite four other lesser known stories. Refresh your memory by reading the background accounts of each: [Exodus 17:1-7](#), [Num. 11:1-35](#), [Num. 13:31-14:25](#). Ask God to guard you from becoming "stiff-necked" in difficult and trying situations.

Pray for "My World"

- Neighbors • People at Work • Others God bring into my life
- Pray for the upcoming community-wide prayer service (THE CALL), [Sunday July 24](#) at the fair grounds.
- Pray for our nation and the upcoming elections.

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**“THE CALL”**

2 Chron. 7:14      Psalm 133

**Sunday, July 24, 11am—noon**

Branch County Fairgrounds Amphitheater