

Friday, July 8: Read Joshua 1:1-18

Joshua steps into Moses' shoes and leads a new generation out of the desert and into Canaan. Why is obedience to the Law a critical step for this generation? Is our generation called to obey too? What law (rules, instructions) do we follow now? (Note Gal. 5:13-26) Read Joshua 3-4. How does this miracle affirm God's leadership through Joshua? What would the stones represent in the future? How does Joshua 4:24 relate to us today? Take a moment to affirm your faith in God and His power and provision for you in your daily life.

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 27. 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, July 4: Read Isaiah 58

This past Sunday we celebrated Independence Day and thanked God for the many blessings He's given us as a nation. We also considered the many sins and wicked ways of our secular society. The prophet Isaiah challenges God's people not to simply rely on religious rites like fasting and acts of piety. Notice the heart attitudes and personal emphasis on compassion that God extols in this passage. Check yourself in this area. Ask God to show you how to better serve Him by serving the needy around you.

Pray for personal growth:

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

Tuesday, July 5: Read Isaiah 61

Isaiah prophesies a coming time when God will work greatly in His covenant people. Is that time now? What promises relate to us as Christ's Church today? Remember, Jesus quoted this passage in Nazareth when He inaugurated His public ministry (Luke 4:14-22). Ask God to make our church a clear testimony to others of His presence. Pray for the churches in our community and for His Church throughout the world.

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday July 6: Read Exodus 33:7-11

This Sunday we will continue with our sermon series "God's Story," moving from Moses to Joshua. Joshua first appears in the Exodus story as the captain of Israel's army (ex. 17:8-16), and then as Moses' aide (Ex. 24:13, Num. 11:28). How do you see God shaping Joshua to be Israel's next leader through Moses' influence? Who has had the most influence on you as a Christian? Notice the Apostle Paul's influence on Timothy, who would become a key leader in Paul's absence (2 Tim. 3:10-4:8). Ask God to show you a younger Christian that you could help shape and develop for Christ.

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, July 7: Read Deuteronomy 31:1-23

Moses passes the torch to Joshua. According to verses 7-8, what was Joshua's assignment? Why the need for strength and courage? What did God promise Joshua for the task at hand? Has God commissioned us to do anything for Him? Read Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8. We will need to rely on God for strength and courage. What has He promised to do for us as we trust and obey Him? Who could you witness to today?

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.

