

**Friday**, July 29: Read [Judges 2:6–3:6](#)

After Joshua, the next 400 years of Israel’s history is known as the period of “the Judges”. This is kind of “the wild west” era of the Old Testament. Notice Israel’s failure to instruct their children in [verse 10](#). As a result, idolatry became the nation’s biggest snare. They will be badgered and tested by the nations who were not driven out of the land, not unlike secular humanism and materialism that surrounds us today. Ask God for us to do better at instructing the upcoming generation in “his ways” and on how to avoid the pitfalls of our secular (godless) culture. We’ll pick up here with “God’s Story” this Sunday.

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 25: Read [Psalm 80](#)

Sunday’s prayer service, “The Call”, emphasized the need for revival among God’s people. Four times in this Psalm, Asaph pleads with God to “restore us”. He asks God to look down upon us, to make his face shine on us, to revive and save us. Take a moment and pray that same prayer for yourself, our church, and God’s people throughout the land.

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 26: Read [Acts 3](#)

The miracle recorded in Acts 3 sets off a spiritual awakening among the crowd of observers at the temple. [Verse 19](#) prescribes what non-Christians must do to experience God's mercy – turn from sin to the savior. Ask God to use you to reach out today to someone who needs Christ. Be ready to make a phone call or visit and watch to see how God will use you to bring “spiritual refreshment” to someone's life.

*Pray for family and friends by name.*

## Wednesday July 27: Read [Joshua 23](#)

This coming Sunday, we will revisit God's story as it played out in Joshua's life. Chapter 23 records General Joshua's final address to his men – the various leaders of the nation. What commands does he give them? What does he promise them if they remain true to the Lord? What warnings does he give them? How does this relate to you and your life today?

*Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church*

**(Consider fasting one, two, or all 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 28: Read Joshua 24

Joshua calls all of Israel to serve the Lord. He reminds them of their heritage and admonishes them to “stay the course”. Has God called our generation of Americans to do the same? How does one nation's heritage point to God's faithfulness and mercy to our ancestors? In what sense are we now surrounded by “other gods”? How does it ultimately relate to parents choosing to serve the Lord with their families? Are American families for the most part godly today? What about your family?

*Pray for “My World”*

- Neighbors • People at Work • Others God bring into my life
- Continue to pray for the nation, our county and area churches.

