

Friday, June 2: Read [Mark 8, Psalms 9-10](#).

In verse 34 and following, Mark records Jesus' strong admonitions to deny self as Lord and to yield to him alone as Lord. What's at stake is real life, the kind of living that only God can grant, and only to those who are willing to yield their souls to him as Lord.

Notes:

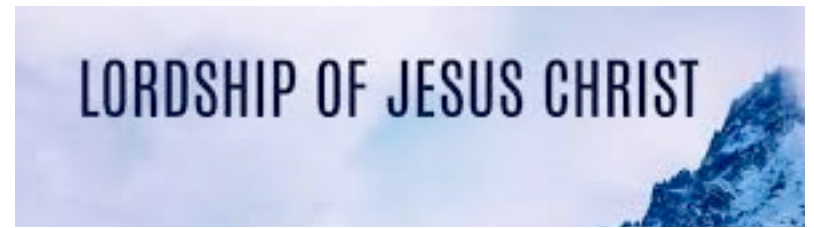
Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola, Africa), **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), **Mike & Fran VanBruggen** (S. Africa), **Sue Sanders** (Detroit, MI), **Matt Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezonski** (Wycliffe), **Danielle Tucker** (YWAM), **Andrew & Sara Williams** (New Tribes).

Specific Concerns:

Pray this weekend:

- Review the week (Thank God for answered prayer)
- Note any ongoing concerns to pray for next 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, May 29: Read [Mark 1-2, Psalms 1-2](#).

Our focus for the summer will be on the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Our goal as a congregation is to grow in worship of him. We will take time in our devotions to read through the four gospels and the books of Psalms. Pray Paul's prayer for yourself from [Ephesians 1:17-19](#). We want to know him better!

Notes:

Pray for:

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

Tuesday, May 30: Read [Mark 3-4; Psalms 3-4](#)

Mark's gospel is a book of action. He emphasizes what Jesus did, even more than what Jesus said. Ask God to increase your faith as you read about the excellent works of the Savior. Watch for opportunities to trust him to work in your own life and circumstances.

Notes:

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday May 31: Read [Mark 5-6; Psalms 5-6](#)

We are reading the Psalms along with the gospels to pattern our prayers and praises after David and his contemporaries. Note that about half the Psalms are praise songs, and half or so are songs crying out to God for help and deliverance. Keep your pen handy as you read to mark key phrases as prompts for your own devotions.

Notes:

**Wednesday Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church
(Consider fasting one, two, or all meals this day.)**

- a. Pastors: Pray for God's grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn as she transitions into her new position 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. Pray for the children and youth ministries here at BGCC.
- 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 2017 and beyond.

Thursday, June 1: Read [Mark 7; Psalms 7-8](#).

Psalm 8 is an outstanding psalm of praise to God. Read it carefully. Acknowledge his majesty over all and take your rightful place of allegiance to him as one of his most noble creatures (verses 5-6)

Notes:

Pray for "My World"

- Neighbors • People who live around me.
- People at Work • Others God brings into my life. Begin to take note of specific needs around you and ask God what he wants you to do to help.
- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County. Pray for the area churches and the upcoming Bold Faith Initiative during the month of May.
- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.