

**Friday**, June 16: Read [Matthew 7, Psalms 27-28](#).

Matthew Chapter 7 marks the end of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Notice the use of comparisons here -- the speck vs. the plank, earthly fathers vs. the heavenly father, wide and narrow gates, good and bad fruits, true and false believers and wise and foolish builders. Plenty of food for thought for each of us today. You may want to review chapters 5,6 and 7 and see exactly what stands out for you in your present life circumstances. Take a cue from Jesus--be a wise builder and apply his teaching to your own life and circumstances. You will be blessed if you do!

*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.



### Reading Assignments

- *Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.*
- *Read the chapters offline any meaningful verses and take note of specific advise 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 12: Read [Matthew 1-2, Psalm 21](#).

We turn from Mark's gospel to Matthew's over the next several weeks, and will see Matthew's emphasis on Jesus as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. Notice the frequent references to the fulfillment of Old Testament scripture. His gospel witness speaks loudest to the Jewish people of his day. It continues to speak to us as well that Jesus is indeed the promised Savior.

*Notes:*

### *Pray for:*

1. *My relationship with God.*
2. *My life roles*
3. *My personal needs/weak areas*
4. *Goals and objectives*
- 5.

**Tuesday**, June 13: Read [Matthew 3-4; Psalm 11](#)

Matthew paves the way for Jesus' public appearance in Israel. Note the role of the Holy Spirit both at his baptism and then in his testing in the wilderness. [Psalm 22](#) is one of the premier Old Testament prophecies of Jesus' passion. It powerfully predicts the suffering he would undergo for the sins of the world. [Isaiah 53](#) parallels this passage in content and impact.

Notes:

**Pray for family and friends by name.**

**Wednesday** June 14: Read [Matthew 5; Psalms 23-24](#)

Matthew records some of the most memorable words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. Read it prayerfully over the next few days, asking God how it applies to you in your own life today. Be ready to act on what God shows you in his word.

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 15: Read [Matthew 6; Psalm 25-26](#).

Both Psalm 25 and 26 are entitled "Lament Psalms" of David. His circumstances are dire and critical and so he calls out to God for help. He reminds God of his own sincere service to him, and he rehearses who God is (his character) and just why he has chosen to trust him in the face of adversity. We would do well to learn from David's example here and to emulate it in our times of crisis.

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 "The Call" prayer gathering.
- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.