

**Friday**, November 9: Read [\*1 Timothy 5\*](#)

Chapter five continues with general instructions and regulations for congregational life. Special mention is made for dealing with widows and mercy ministries. The church needs to be concerned for the genuine physical needs of its members, but by design, God has placed the family unit ahead of the church for caring for these needs.

Notes:

**Pray for Our Missionaries**

**Juan & Adriana Palacios** (Angola, Africa), **David & Miriam Trott** (Cochabamba, Bolivia), **Mario Bloise** (Argentina), **Dan & DeAnn Gerard** (San Antonio, TX), **Robert and Kailey Newkirk** (South Sudan), **Mike and Fran VanBruggen**, (Word of Life), **Craig & Shelly Shafer** (Sentani, Indonesia), **Sue Saunders** (Bosnia), **Matt Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezonski** (Wycliffe), **Andrew & Sara Williams** (Ethnos360), **Brad and Christa Babjack** (University of West Virginia), **Salomon and Megan Guzman** (Tijuana), **Alvaro and Rachel Garriga** (Central Asia)

**Pray for our missionaries headed to Tijuana on November 18:**

Frank Cabrera, Amy Bryant, Heather Lytle, Melvin, Grace, Gloria and Kevin Stutzman, Dan and Rainee Erwin and Theo Parker.

# *Thru the New!*

(Reading through the New Testament in 2018)

- *Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.*
- *Read the chapters and 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.*

**Monday**, November 5 Read [\*1 Timothy 1\*](#)

The Apostle Paul writes three letters to two pastors, Timothy and Titus, instructing them on how to deal with their churches. The letters are called the Pastoral Epistles. [\*1 Timothy 3:14-15\*](#) outlines his purpose for his writing.

Chapter one opens with a warning against false doctrines followed by Paul's own testimony of salvation and gospel service. He concludes the chapter encouraging Timothy to fight the good fight in the face of adversity.

Notes:

**Pray for:** ---My relationship with God

---My life roles

---My personal needs/weak areas

---My goals and objectives.

## Tuesday, November 6: Read [1 Timothy 2](#)

Chapter two offers instructions for orderly worship in the congregation. Special mention is made for women, an apparent problem at that time and in that culture. Timothy is pastoring the church at Ephesus -- a leading pagan stronghold for the feminist cult to the goddess, Artemis ([Acts 19:23-27](#)). Christianity clashes with cultural practices and requires greater submission to authority with women within the church.

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

## Wednesday November 7: Read [1 Timothy 3](#)

In chapter three, Paul lays out directives for selecting and developing leadership in the church. Note the requisites for overseers (pastors) and deacons (servants, leaders). The two lists are similar, with greater detail given for the church overseers. As goes the leader, so goes the congregation. Similar instructions are given to Titus, who is organizing churches in Crete ([Titus 1:5-9](#)). We would do well to revisit these lists from time to time in relation to choosing and developing our own church leadership.

### **Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church**

1. Leadership: Pray for God's grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn in her work at BGCC. Pray for the church council and the various ministry team leaders.
2. Worship: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Pray for the development of a youth praise team.
3. Fellowship: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers.
4. Discipleship: Ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries at BGCC. Pray for our small group ministry.
5. Outreach: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ. Ask God to embolden our people to intentionally reach out to others.
6. Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for our upcoming 150th anniversary celebration this Sunday. Ask God to use our church anniversary as a testimony to Branch County. Pray for God's clear leading in our upcoming 2020 plan.

## Thursday, November 8: Read [1 Timothy 4](#)

Paul's warning against the eventual introduction of "demonic doctrines" into the church is disturbing. What sorts of ideas do demons promote and how can they be propagated among Christians? How does Satan distort the truth of scripture, repackaged it and then distribute through teachers in churches? And, are we subject to any of these lies today in our church, or in the American church at large? We certainly qualify for the "later times" Paul is alluding to.

Paul's remedy to false doctrines is biblical leadership. Verses 6-16 admonish Timothy and future leaders to hold true to sound doctrine, godliness and spiritual discipline. These will insure that the true faith will persist in spite of the surrounding influences of what Paul calls "deceiving spirits"

### **Notes:**

### **Thursday Pray for "My World"**

(Write down names as God brings people to mind.)

- Neighbors • People who live around me.
- People at Work • Others God brings into my life. Take note of specific needs around you and ask God what he wants you to do to help. Who can you invite to church this Sunday?
- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County. Pray for the area churches and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation.
- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.