

**Friday**, November 16: Read [2 Timothy 4](#)

Paul's final charge to Timothy is to "preach the word" at all times. Even so, people will not naturally heed to God's truth. He must be ready to endure hardship.

The Apostle closes his letter giving evidence to the short span of time he likely has before his own execution. He encourages Timothy not to delay but to come to him soon. And to bring Mark, a warm coat and his scriptures. Paul's confidence is spelled out in verse 18 -- the Lord will safely transfer him to heaven in due time.

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 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.*

**Monday**, November 12 Read [1 Timothy 6](#)

We pick up today at the end of 1 Timothy. Paul has been instructing Timothy on how to pastor the church at Ephesus. In chapter six, he concludes with instructions for believing slaves, warnings against false doctrines and corrections for wrong attitudes towards money. Paul re-emphasizes the importance of Timothy's testimony in ministry and his responsibility before God to live it out. He uses admonitions like flee, pursue, fight, hold onto, keep, guard and command.

Notes:

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

---My life roles

---My personal needs/weak areas

---My goals and objectives.

## Tuesday, November 13: Read [2 Timothy 1](#)

This second letter of Paul to Timothy includes a more personal tone, encouraging Timothy to remain steadfast in his gospel service, in spite of the dangers and challenges of their times.

In chapter one, Paul remembers Timothy's heritage, reminds him of the need for courage in the face of adversity and encourages him to follow the apostles' own example.

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

## Wednesday November 14: Read [2 Timothy 2](#)

Chapter two of 2 Timothy is chock full of encouragement and exhortations for faithful servants of Jesus Christ. Paul draws analogies in ministry to warring soldiers, athletes and farmers. He emphasizes the necessity of faithful endurance, clear instruction and right living. Several times he admonishes Timothy to avoid controversies and quarreling -- issues he apparently was dealing with at the time.

### **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 15: Read [2 Timothy 3](#)

Paul's description of the "last days" rings familiar for our times today. Note the list of kinds of degeneration and human depravity that will depict our arrival at the end of time. Are we any closer? Verse 5 should be especially concerning for us in the church -- forms of godliness without the inner substance (power). Verse 7 -- always learning -- has never been truer with the rise of the internet, and yet people resist acknowledging the ultimate truth of God. Nonetheless, Paul instructs Timothy, "Outlive them"! His life must contrast the world's ways with the truth of God. Note the fourfold uses of scripture in verse 16 -- teaching, rebuking, correcting and training -- the goal of which is equipping for good works.

### **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.