

Friday, November 23: Read [*Psalm 145*](#)

Along with giving thanks to God comes recognizing his greatness and acknowledging his glory with words of praise. Read Psalm 145 carefully. Notice the numerous character qualities David assigns to God. You may want to list them and take time to meditate on the significance of each and what they mean to you. Finish your reading by praying the Psalm back to God, praising him for all that he is to you in your life. Let verse 21 be your own vow as well -- to speak in praise of the Lord every day.

Notes:

Pray for our missionaries in Tijuana this week:

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

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)

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 19 Read [*Titus 1*](#)

Along with first and second Timothy, Titus is written to a pastor of a group of churches on the Island of Crete. Like the other two letters, Paul emphasizes picking qualified leaders, sound doctrine, living out the faith and renouncing false teachers.

Chapter one clarifies Titus' task of raising up leaders in Crete. Note the specific qualifications for an elder (pastor) in the local church. Leadership must be both practical and spiritual in order to be considered biblical. Crete apparently presents a special case with Paul's description of Cretans as "liars, evil brutes and gluttons".

Notes:

Pray for: ---My relationship with God

---My life roles

---My personal needs/weak areas

---My goals and objectives.

Tuesday, November 20: Read [Titus 2](#)

Chapter two clarifies what kinds of things are considered “sound doctrine”. The emphasis is on holy living, right relationships, submission and self control. Verse 13 presents Jesus as both Savior and God, typically called Lord, who is coming back for God’s faithful, those who are eager to do what is good.

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday November 21: Read [Titus 3](#)

To do good is everywhere stressed in Paul’s epistle to Titus (1:8; 2:3,7,14; 3:1, 8, 14). The book of Titus serves Christians of all times on how to overcome the evil and depraved people around us -- out live ‘em! Let the grace and goodness of God shine through us in a way that starkly contrasts the darkness and draws people to the light of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Like the Christians at Crete, we too are to devote ourselves to doing what is good (3:8,14).

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 22: Read [Psalms 107](#)

Perhaps a Psalm fitting for Thanksgiving day would be Psalm 107. Verse one is a familiar table prayer. From there, the Psalm launches into a series of scenarios where people see God’s providence, splendor or his power. Each scene ends with the same admonition -- “Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men”. Maybe one of the case scenarios is familiar to you in your life. Or, perhaps you can look back over this past year and recognize God’s special care, mercy or providence in your life. If so, do as the Psalmist suggests -- give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for you.

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.